

# Lodge Waikato 475

OF FREE AND ACCEPTED FREEMASON

FEBRUARY 2020



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' Lets hope that 2020 has lots  
of good things to offer. '



# 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 20th February 2020 at 7.30pm**

**Ceremony: - Lodge - Third degree working - Bro Brent Walker**

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Accounts payable
3. Treasurer 's report
4. Correspondence
5. Almoner 's report
6. General Business
7. Lodge Notices

**W.Bro Richard Kyle - *Hon Sec***

### **Officers of the Lodge**

I.P.M. - W.Bro Graham Hallam

Sen. Deacon - W.Bro Wally Lee

Chaplain - W.Bro John Dickson

Secretary - W.Bro Richard Kyle

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Dep. Master - W.Bro Steve Weller

Jun. Deacon - Bro Jerry Newell

Almoner - W.Bro Graham Hallam

Ass Secretary - W.Bro Bill Newell

Ass. D.O.C. - W.Bro Kirk Spragg

Inner Guard - Bro Geoff Cooper

Senior Steward - Bro Aaron Peters

# LODGE WAIKATO 475



To be Initiated -

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

To be Raised to the Third Degree - Bro Brent Walker, Bro Mark Ashburner,  
Bro Mark Bunting

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Lodge Notices. - Masters visiting programme during February 2020  
as seen with his monthly report., and as on calendar on back page.

Lodge Waikato Monthly Diary - February 2020

Thursday, 6th February at 7:00pm. Management meeting and practice

Thursday, 13th February at 7.00pm. Monthly practice

Thursday, 20th February at 7:30pm Regular Lodge meeting

## Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays in January - 2020

Cornellis de Bruin (Ces ) 9/01/1953 ( 67yrs )

John Dickinson 12/01/1959 ( 61yrs )

## Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays in February - 2020

Colin Wapp - 2nd February 1953 ( 67yrs )

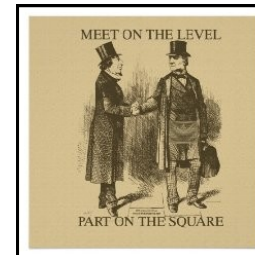
Norm Weir - 19th February 1970 ( 50yrs )

Bill Newell - 4th February 1985 ( 35yrs )

Barry Prior - 27th February 1989 ( 31yrs )

Steve Weller - 16th February 1995 ( 25yrs )

Chad Lipsytaylor - 2nd February 2015 ( 5yrs )



## Special Thanks —

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

FAIRVIEW MOTORS - JAMES R. HILL

## Master's Report February 2020

### Greetings Brethren

Welcome back to a new year and a new decade. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year break and managed to catch up with family and friends.



Recapping December, I would like to thank the Brethren who visited Lodge Alexandra Installation with me - it was my first visit to an English Constitution Lodge as their meetings clash with ours. I enjoyed the Ceremony and different signs that they use as well as meeting new Brethren.

Our own December meeting was an enjoyable evening with the 2nd degree training board presentation by Bro Alex de Rooe given to Bro David Panirau and final charge presented by V.W. Bro Don Seath. Inside the refectory we had a great turnout of ladies attend to hear our guest speaker Erin Stewart explain the support you can receive from the Nationwide Health Services. This was followed by strawberries and ice-cream and a Christmas carol or 2.

February 16th we have a pot luck BBQ at W. Bro Bill Newell's place St Kilda in Cambridge. This is always a nice relaxed afternoon, so it would be great if you can attend. Also, the following Sunday, 23rd February the D.G.M. has arranged a lunch at the St Andrews Golf Course for Brethren and their partners to attend to show your support for the past D.G.M. V.W. Bro Don Seath and his wife Susan in recognition of their time as our D.G.M.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the support I have had so far as Master and look forward to your continued support over the next 6 months.

**Yours fraternally**

**Adrian de Bruin Master.**

### My Planned Visiting - February 2020

**Tuesday, 4th, Tawhiri Lodge no 166, Barton St. Hamilton. 7.30pm**

**Wednesday, 12th, Waipa Lodge no 119, Albert Park Drive, Te Awamutu. 7.30**

**Wednesday, 26th, Lodge Te Aroha no 52, Moorhouse St. Morrinsville. 7.00pm**

### Visiting - March 2020

**Tuesday, 10th, The Alpha Lodge no 81, Bryce St. Cambridge. 7.30pm**

**Wednesday, 18th, The Taupiri Lodge no 118, William St. Huntly. 7.00pm**

**Wednesday, 25th, Lodge Te Aroha no 52, Moorhouse St. Morrinsville. 7.00pm**

***Mark these dates on your calendar, and contact JW to arrange transport or arrange a ride, always a seat available, do try and come with me.***

**WM.**

**Lodge Waikato  
Monthly Planning 2020**

**February -**

Thursday 6th, Management meeting 7.00pm  
Thursday 13th, Practice of 3rd degree working 7.00pm  
Thursday 20th, Monthly meeting, 3rd degree - Bro Brent walker

**February Sunday 16th - 'Pot-Luck' BBQ - St Kilda 3.30pm  
Alan Livingston Drive, Cambridge.**

**March -**

Thursday 5th, Management meeting 7.00pm  
Thursday 12th, Practice of 2nd degree working 7.00pm  
Thursday 19th, Monthly meeting, 2nd degree - Bro David Panirau  
**Presentation of 50yr medal to Bro Norm Weir.**

**Sunday 29th - 'Pot-Luck' BBQ, Adrian and Debbie.  
265a Hakarimata Rd., Ngaruawahia. - 3.30pm**

**April -**

Thursday 2nd, Management meeting 7.00pm  
Thursday 9th, Practice of 3rd degree working 7.00pm  
Thursday 16th, Monthly meeting, 3rd degree - Bro Mark Bunting

**May -**

Thursday 7th, Management meeting 7.00pm  
Thursday 14th, Practice of 3rd degree working 7.00pm  
Thursday 21st, Monthly meeting, 3rd degree final.  
**Social night - Whiskey tasting - fund raising.**

**Saturday 2nd May, GARAGE SALE ——— !!!**

**Come to our Lodge BBQ!!**

**BBQ at Bill Newells St. Kilda home, 3:30pm  
Alan Livingston Drive, Cambridge.**

Just bring a plate (preferably with something on )  
to share with many others,  
be it a main or a sweet. Bring your own drinks,  
and remember, Lodge will supply all the meats.

**This is a family BBQ, so come-one-come-all.**

**Ed**



**.Report on Management Committee Meeting  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

This report is a summary of the December Management Committee, held in November, as there was meeting conflict on the scheduled evening. The Secretary has circulated the minutes of this meeting in draft form.

There were eleven members present and eight apologies. The good turnout, given the circumstances was noted and appreciated.

**The Masters Report**

The next regular meeting will be a continuation of the First-Degree Ceremony for D Panirau. Erin Steward National Health Service, arranged to speak for the 12<sup>th</sup> December meeting followed by carol singing and Strawberries and Ice Cream

February Meeting Will be a Third-Degree Ceremony for either B Walker, or M Ashburner dependent on availability of candidates

Thanks Were expressed from A de Bruin to those Brethren who attended The Alpha lodge No 81 in November with him

*The key points from the December meeting include:*

**Core Business**

Financial Management

The current position with subscriptions is that 58 members paid or under instalment and 24 subscriptions are still unpaid.

Reminders will be sent to those who have made no apparent attempt to pay their dues.

Property Management.

Windows to be repaired ( 29/11/19 ), A de bruin, G Hallam, to meet with glazier

Health and Safety to be administered by G Cooper from today onwards

Lodge seating has been raised in east, with work ongoing.

Strategic Long term Planning.

Still ongoing, as previous meeting

Charity, Almoning and Community Activities

**Almoning.**

One brother is awaiting surgery and another is making a steady recovery from recent surgery and illness. R Harper has sold his residence in Hillcrest and will be moving into Tamahere Eventide Home & Village, R Kyle is recovering well from concussion and gradually resuming lodge duties with his foot surgery expected 17<sup>th</sup> December.

G Hallam also brought in Gift packs for widows and elderly masons.

**District Almoning Joint Meeting:**

13 Representatives from the district were present,

The hospital packs are getting low and a new pack is being considered for the next dispatch, it was noted that our own brethren are fairing well in comparison.

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**Communication.**

No new developments

Prospectus and Information Management

No additional information at this stage. An investigation into alternatives being undertaken  
Member Education.

Erin Steward to speak on behalf of the National Health Service after the December meeting. A de Bruin expressed his intention to include one up practices in the New Year. M Loft to continue distribution of "thought of the day", which has been well received by all brethren, especially the younger members.

**Social Programme.**

Pot Luck function at St Kilda on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020.

District luncheon will be held at the St Andrews Golf Club. A flyer will be distributed to all members.

**Code of Practice.**

No New developments

**General Business**

By - Laws.

Refectory – specific requirements

Given the special nature of the meeting and the visitor the refectory requirements will be changed. A Peters will be notified of what is needed.

**Results of remits from Communication**

J Evered gave a verbal report of the Grand Lodge Installation meeting and a summary of the outcomes of the submissions

**Explanation of Degree ceremonies W. Bro. Loft**

Thanks, were expressed from the Chairman for M lofts ongoing work on the ceremony.

J Evered Highlighted Section 72 of The Book of Constitution 26<sup>th</sup> edition with Amendments.

It was noted that without an exemption all ceremony must adhere to those published by Grand Lodge, without exception.

Given that Lodge Waikato has developed its own ceremony and In light of the information received is consequently acting outside of the constitution it was moved:

J Evered / D Aplin

*" That the Management Committee Recommends that Lodge Waikato No 475 adopts the Third-Degree Ceremony: Alternative Version. "*

Carried.

**Any Other Business.**

Discussion on Masonic Playground projects was raised by G Hallam, Mention made of a Steel park development with lodge input.

Reminder by A de Bruin of the Alexandra Installation on the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019, and that Visitors are received at 7:00pm on the night.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and participation.

Closed in PLH @ 8:15 pm.

**Michael Tribe**  
**Chairman**

**Dear Bro Graham,**

You may not be aware but I am a regular reader of Plumblin thanks to Murray Loft who I met in May this year when I was over from UK to visit my son in Cambridge, I had a wonderful visit to Lodge Copernicus 505

I thought you may be interested in my Dorset Freemasonry, I am a member of Broadstone Lodge 8641 we have 74 members, and was consecrated in 1976 we meet in the old town of Poole our Mother Lodge is Amity 137 which was consecrated in 1765 and we have a lot of the old artefacts from that time.

At our last meeting we presented a sixty year certificate to Bro Terry Middleton and the photograph shows him and four of our Founders with our WM and Officers in back row with me second from right, it was a special meeting for us which included a Second Degree ceremony. You can see part of our Lodge the old mahogany panels were presented to Amity by Lord Wimborne in 1912 and are quite splendid you can perhaps see our two old globes on either side.

We are looking forward to our Christmas meeting on 17th Dec when our wives join the Traditional Festive Board with one real difference our weather is very cold and frosty but the same Masonic brotherhood.

Can I congratulate you on your wonderful publication it is truly remarkable and I really enjoy reading it

On behalf of all our members I send warmest Christmas greetings to you all and your families and hope we can keep in touch, I would be happy to send you our Dorset News from time to time if there is any interest.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

**Rob Smith**

**PPrJGW Broadstone Lodge 8641**





## THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

**Imagine that you had won the following \*PRIZE\* in a contest:**

Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use.

**However, this prize has Rules:**

**The set of Rules:**

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend It.
4. Each morning, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over!"  
It can close the account, and you will not receive a new one.

**What would you personally do?**

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself - right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

**Actually, This Game is Real !**

Shocked ??? Yes!!!

Each of us is already a winner of this \*PRIZE\*. We just can't seem to see it.

**The PRIZE is "TIME"**

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds, as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is Refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time - WITHOUT WARNING...  
.....SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.  
Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. - Start spending....

**"DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD -**

**SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!"**

## **Introducing Prince Hall Freemasonry The African-American Connection**

In recognition of Black History Month we are shining a light on some of our collection that reflects on the black experience in freemasonry. One fundamental aspect of this experience is undoubtedly what is known as Prince Hall freemasonry.

### **What is Prince Hall freemasonry?**

Prince Hall freemasonry is the collective name given to a group of grand lodges, mostly in North America, whose membership is predominantly African-American.

### **Who was Prince Hall?**

An African-American, Prince Hall wrote to Grand Lodge in 1784 for a warrant to form a new lodge, known as African Lodge, after the American Revolutionary War (American War of Independence), which enabled other African-American Bostonians to join. It is difficult to find details about Prince Hall as several contemporary Boston residents had the same name. It is possible that Prince Hall was initiated as a freemason in a travelling, military lodge meeting under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Prince Hall contacted William Moody, Worshipful Master of Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 55 meeting in Tottenham Court Road, London, to act as a go between to help the Lodge obtain a warrant from London. Prince Hall sent lodge members, Brothers Reed and Menes, to London to obtain the warrant.

### **Why did Prince Hall freemasonry come about?**

After the War of Independence, American freemasons broke away from British grand lodges and formed their own State grand lodges. The new Grand Lodge of Massachusetts would not allow African-Americans to join their lodges, which is why Prince Hall turned to England to obtain a warrant. With African-Americans in Philadelphia, Providence and Rhode Island, also wishing to form lodges, Prince Hall assumed the role of a Provincial Grand Master and opened several new lodges. After the creation of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813, all the American lodges were removed from the English roll lodges, including African Lodge. With its contact with England severed and no chance of entry into the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, African Lodge became a Grand Lodge in its own right and changed its name to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The movement expanded, with grand lodges appearing in more States and now lodges meet across the world.

### **How did other Grand Lodges in America react to Prince Hall freemasonry?**

Freemasonry remained non-inclusive in many states until the 1960s and Prince Hall freemasonry remained unrecognised by the predominantly white state grand lodges. In 1898 William H. Upton persuaded the Grand Lodge of Washington state to recognise Prince Hall freemasonry. They accepted, though it was reversed the following year after hostile reaction from the majority of other white American grand lodges. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts recognised members of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1994, which paved the way for reconciliation between other grand lodges in the USA and their Prince Hall counterparts.

**Saturday 2nd May, GARAGE SALE ——— !!!**

Until 1994, the United Grand Lodge of England could only recognise one grand lodge in a state but since then it has started recognising Prince Hall Grand Lodges in other American states.

**What about the rest of the world? Was there support abroad?**

Lodges meeting under Prince Hall freemasonry expanded across America, Canada, into the Caribbean, Liberia and Europe. Prince Hall Lodges have been formed and have met at American air force bases established in the UK.

**Is there a lasting legacy that we should be aware of?**

The Museum of Freemasonry archive collection includes eleven letters sent by Prince Hall to the Moderns' Grand Lodge in London from 1779 to 1798, in addition to other papers relating to African Lodge and to black freemasonry in other American states. Two letters mention John Marrant, African Lodge's chaplain, who was ordained as a minister in Bath, England in 1785 and later established a chapel in Islington, London where he died in 1791. There are also letters from African-American grand lodges in other states seeking to communicate with the United Grand Lodge of England. Some letters contain references to prejudice that existed against African-American freemasons, despite the abolition of slavery in the USA in 1865.

**COMMEMORATING THE BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON**

On February 22, 1983, America celebrated the birthday of its first President and benefactor, George Washington. In all American history he alone deserves the approbation, "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Fourteen Presidents of the United States have been Freemasons, but only George Washington was both President and Master of his Masonic Lodge at the same time. During his adult life Freemasonry was his constant guide and support. He became a Mason in the Masonic Lodge at Fredericksburg,

Virginia, on August 4, 1753, when he was twenty-one years old. When Alexandria Lodge, Virginia was chartered in 1788, George Washington became its Charter Master.

The Lodge at Fredericksburg permits the Bible on which Washington took his obligations as a Freemason to travel to other Lodges, always with an honour guard.

When Washington was inaugurated the first time as President of the United States in New York City, April 30, 1789, Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, Grand Master of Masons in New York, administered the oath of office with the President's hand resting proudly upon the Bible from St. John's Lodge.

Acting as Grand Master pro tem of the Grand Lodge of Maryland on September 19, 1793, George Washington laid the cornerstone of the Capitol at Washington, D.C. He was buried with Masonic ceremonies at Mt. Vernon by Alexandria Lodge on December 18, 1799.

George Washington was continuously responsive to Freemasonry. As an example of his deep interest, he wrote to a Masonic Lodge in Rhode Island in 1790, "Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity. I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society and to be considered by them as a deserving brother". In the American history of Masonry, older in years than the Declaration of Independence, and the United States Constitution, no Mason has been more deserving of the title 'brother' than George Washington.

## ETIQUETTE IN THE LODGE

by Rt.W.Bro. A.A. Israel.

The following lecturette was prepared at the request of our Worshipful Master as a result of several discussions which he, W. Bro. Evans and I had regarding the different customs and styles we encountered whilst occupying the chair of Master of our respective Lodges. Many of the differences we encountered were, I am sure, due to the different established customs which exist within certain lodges, and, more particularly, between different districts. But others, I am certain, exist because of a lack of direction in this area.

As a visitor, one's first encounter with formal Masonic activity is of course one's entrance into the Lodge. It is correct for Masters of visiting Lodges to be received into the Lodge room before any other visitors, i.e. the Master of a visiting Lodge is received before a Past Master of Lodge. It is perhaps germane at this point to digress and mention the often erroneously used term - sitting Master - - -. For the period a Worshipful Brother occupies the Chair of King Solomon in his Lodge, he is the Master of that Lodge and you will note that I have said that all Masters, not all sitting Masters are received before other visitors. There can be only one Master in any particular Lodge and therefore the term Master indicates clearly that he is in active office at that time.

It is also strictly correct for the visiting Masters to be received in inverse order of their respective Lodge's seniority on the register of Grand Lodge of NZ i.e. the junior Lodges before the senior e.g. the Master of the Waikato Lodge of Research No. 445 would be received before the Master of Lodge Kaimanawa No. 426, working up to, of course, the Master of Lodge Ara No. 1. Whilst this is strictly correct, Tylers should not be overly hidebound by this statement since, particularly in the Waikato area where distances between lodges are great, allowance is going to have to be made for the fact that because of the distance travelled and the nature of his occupation, a Master of one of the more junior Lodges may have trouble arriving in time to be received among the foremost of the visitors. Nevertheless, having due regard to that statement, it is important that all Masters are received before any other Brethren are admitted. An adherence in this regard, particularly at Installation Meetings where large numbers of visitors are received, will obviate the rather 'Jack -in -the -box' appearance within a Lodge room when the entrance of visiting Masters is interspersed with those of other Masonic rank.

The announcement of visiting Brethren varies much both within and outside the district. The truly correct form is - - - the Master of The Waikato Lodge of Research number four hundred and forty-five, Worshipful Brother Verrall - - -. Note that he is not announced as the Worshipful Master, he is THE MASTER of Lodge etc., he is Worshipful Brother Verrall. It is a matter of personal preference as far as I am concerned that Masters, and other Worshipful Brethren whose names are announced at the door of the Lodge and by the Junior Warden, have their Christian names included, i.e. Worshipful Brother Peter Verrall, since I think this results in a slightly more friendly introduction, in accordance with the fraternal attitudes of the Craft. Note too, that the Lodge number is announced in its correct numerical form of 'four hundred and forty five'. This is not a telephone number and should never be announced as 'four four five' or 'double four five'.

Visiting Masters are, of course, always conveyed to the East for a personal introduction to the Master of the Lodge where they receive a formal welcome. For this purpose the Director of Ceremonies should be standing close to the position from which the visiting Master salutes so that he is clearly visible and ready to convey him to the East for the introduction. .

In spite of constant admonitions to the contrary, it is still not uncommon to observe, particularly at Installations, the reprehensible custom of visiting Masters, after having saluted on their entrance into the Lodge, turning to the Senior Warden or Master Elect to greet or congratulate him, prior to being conducted to the East by the Director of Ceremonies. This is very definitely not only Masonically incorrect but verges on disrespect as they are then turning their backs on the Master of the lodge. It is not, of course, incorrect for visiting Senior Wardens and other Brethren who have accompanied their Master on a visit on proceeding to their seats after their Master has been received in the East, to briefly greet the Senior Warden

Should visitors be received in any other Degree than the first, they must salute not only with s..p and s... of the Degree in which the lodge is open, but also all below it. This, of course, applies not only to visitors but to any Brother on his first admission into the Lodge, e.g. any member of the lodge who was not present when the lodge was opened but is admitted at a later portion of the ceremony when the Lodge has been raised to a Superior Degree. Many of our Brethren assume that this custom is reserved solely for Installations but, in fact, a perusal of the general instructions in the front of our ritual books will reveal that this applies at all times.

It is perhaps in the area of greetings taken at the Third Rising at the close of the ceremony that the widest differences are encountered. Some years ago, Grand Lodge issued an instruction that, particularly at Installations, greetings be held to a simple form and not be permitted to become overly extended and flowery. A usual form of greeting from a visiting Master is, -Worshipful Master, I bring you fraternal greetings and hearty good wishes from Lodge Tauhara number three hundred and seven - - -. Note that, as Master, he, to all intents and purposes is the Lodge, and it is unnecessary and indeed wrong for him to employ the phrase "from the Officers and Brethren of Lodge etc. As Master of his Lodge any statement he makes in his official capacity is deemed to be coming from his Lodge in its entirety. I personally do not consider it improper when greetings are given at an Installation meeting, for him to add the phrase "and congratulations ", or some words of similar import. When congratulations are doubtless being conveyed by other Brethren it would sound churlish indeed for him to omit these. likewise at Christmas meetings it is common to also convey 'and best wishes for the festive season ' where again the omission would sound ill-mannered. Again, brevity is the key -note and such phraseology as "wishing you, your Officers and Brethren, their families etc, ' is tending towards the verbose, and not in accordance with the Grand Lodge recommendation. It is not considered good form at an Installation meeting where a Master may have been asked to present the Working Tools or act as a Presenting Officer, for him to thank the Master "for permitting me the honour of playing some part in the ceremony '. Where the visitor conveying greetings is not the Master, it is quite proper for him in this situation to convey greetings from the Master of his Lodge where he has been requested to do so by his Worshipful Master. In this case, his greeting normally takes the form "Worshipful Master, I bring you fraternal greetings and best wishes from the Master, Officers and Brethren of Lodge etc '. This is the form also employed when a Brother or Worshipful Brother has been requested by the Master to represent him at a meeting. In all other cases the normal greeting is simply from Lodge.

Whilst the foregoing lecture does not purport to be a directive in these matters, it was compiled after a series of discussions with experienced and senior members of the Craft, and may perhaps be of interest as a general guide, rather than a set of rules, and may stimulate further discussion in the areas covered.

**Dates of interest to Freemason in February.**

- 4th Born on this day in 1902: Charles Lindbergh, who will grow to be a leading United States aviator and Freemason.
- 6th On this day in 1840 fifty Maori chiefs accept British sovereignty in New Zealand. Died on this day in 194: King George VI, who is a much loved sovereign and Freemason.
- 7th Grand Lodge of Alaska organized today in 1981.
- 9th Harry S. Truman receives his first degree today in 1909.
- 11th Born today in 1904: Keith Jacka Holyoake, later to be Prime Minister ( and then Governor General ) of New Zealand. Keith became a Freemason in 1931 and later became a Grand Master and received his 50-year service badge.
- 15th Born today in 1874: Ernest Shackleton, British explorer, who will one day become a Knight of the realm and Freemason.
- 18th Today in 1909, US President William Howard Taft receives his first degree.
- 9th Grand Lodge of District of Columbia is formed on this day in 1811.
- 23rd Today in 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle receives his second degree.
- 24th Died on this day in 1815: Robert Fulton, US engineer and Freemason. Also on this day in 1853 the Grand Lodge of Minnesota is formed.
- 26th On this day in 1903 is born Richard Gatling, who will grow up to be a Freemason and inventor of the famous "Gatling Gun" .

**As Joseph Fort Newton "The Builders" writes,**

"A society without standards will be a society without stability and it will one day go down. Not only nations but whole civilisations have perished in the past for lack of righteousness. Hence the importance attached to the square of virtue, and the reasons why Masons call it the symbol of their Craft. It is the symbol of that moral law upon which life must be based if it is to continue."

So we as Masons know that the square and compasses are not just abstract symbols, but through their symbolism they show us that every day, no matter with whom we are or where we are, we should "Square our actions and keep them within due bounds".


**' 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars.  
Today, everyone has a car and only the rich own horses. ' !!!!**

A JEWEL IS BUT A ROCK UNTIL IT IS  
POLISHED BY FRICTION



SIMILARLY, WE ARE BUT ROUGH  
STONES, UNTIL LABORING  
TOWARDS PERFECTION BY  
PURIFYING TRIALS OF FIRE

## February 2020 (New Zealand)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 ☾ 1st Quarter	3	4 Visit Lodge Tawhiri 166 Barton St. Hamilton	5	6 * Multiple Occ	7 Management & Practice - 7.00pm ' Waitangi Day '	8
9 ☉ Full Moon	10	11	12 Visit Waipa Lodge 19 Te Awamutu	13 Lodge practice 7.00pm	14 Valentine's Day 	15
16 ☽ 3rd Quarter	17	18	19 Visit Te Aroha Lodge 52 Morrinsville	20 Regular meeting 3rd degree - 7.30pm Bro Brent Walker	21	22
23 P/L - Lodge BBQ St. Kilda 3.30pm	24 ● New Moon	25	26	27	28	29

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 ☾ 1st Quarter	4	5 Management & Practice 7.00pm	6	7
8	9	10 ☉ Full Moon Visit The Alpha Lodge 81 Cambridge	11	12 Lodge practice 7.00pm	13	14
15	16 ☽ 3rd Quarter	17	18 Visit Taupiri Lodge 118 Huntly	19 Regular meeting 2nd degree - 7.30pm Bro David Panirau 50yr - Bro Norm Weir	20	21
22	23	24 ● New Moon	25 Visit Te Aroha Lodge 52 Morrinsville	26	27	28
29 P/L - BBQ Master's home 3.30pm	30	31	1 ☾ 1st Quarter April Fools	2	3	4

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