

Lodge Waikato 475

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JULY 2021

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Our Three wise men -

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VW.Bro John Evered

WM. Bro Andre Schenk



NOTICE PAPER



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Dear Brother,

**You are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Monthly Meeting of
Lodge Waikato, to be held in the Hamilton East Masonic Centre,
285 Grey St., Hamilton East , on Thursday 15th July 2021 at 6:30pm**

Ceremony: - Lodge Installation Ceremony - W.Bro Andre Schenk.

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| 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 |

Candidate for Initiation -

Mr Mark Anthony Namaug, Married with 3 children, aged 38yrs.

13 Parr St. Frankton, Hamilton. Clinical Nurse Specialist. WH.

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LODGE WAIKATO 475



To be Initiated - Mr Mark Namuag

To be Passed to the Second Degree - Bro Quintin Smith & Bro Patrick Salmon.

To be Raised to the Third Degree - Bro Lowell Daquioag, Bro Ged Guinto.
& Bro Jomar Figuerres

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Lodge Waikato Monthly Diary - July 2021

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

Thursday, 8th July at 7:00pm. Lodge monthly practice.

Thursday, 15th July at 6:30pm . Lodge Installation Ceremony

Lodge to tyle at 10:00am - call-off = call-on at 6:30pm.

Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays in July.

Gary Salmon - 12th July 1978 (43ys)
Graham Burgess - 4th July 1983 (38yrs)



Special Thanks —

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

James R. Hill.

Greetings Brethren,

I trust all had a good night on the 17th. We can be proud how the night went, I am confident that the Grand Master went away with a positive impression, that VWBro Don Seath and family had a good night and Bro Quintin Smith had a special introduction to Freemasonry.



A few thank you 's where they are due, Mark Bunting and other Stewards, thank you so much for the Southern touch and your hard work, Mark B, Mark A, Brent W and Ged G, many thanks for your perfect charges. For Mark B, Mark A and Brent W, this completes your 1st Degree Working Tools, well done and 3rd Degree WT next.

And with a total of \$800 raised for the Waikato Rural Farmers Trust which will be added to the \$2000 of Lodge Copernicus and doubled by GL we can be pleased with our efforts.

This was the last Regular Meeting of our Masonic year. Next month Installation. The next Masonic year is going to be busy for many, but I like to think fun as well. The first meeting will be a Past Master 's night under the experienced guidance of WBro Ancell followed by the 2nd part of the 1st Degree for the 2 Entered apprentices in September. After that there will be several Third Degrees which will be under the control of the Ceremonial Master of the night. We have still a few nights open for April and after, so any Past Master who is keen to take the Chair for a Ceremony, please contact me. We also still need a Master to run a Table Lodge, so when this is a specialty of you, please contact me.

We welcome Etienne Gray, a joining member from Tuakau. Etienne, we look forward to many years of fraternity as a member of Lodge Waikato.

And I am looking forward to the Social Olympics from 8-12 December. The 8th and 9th are weekend days so for those who are working, if you can spare 1 or 2 days, please volunteer, they will be among the better days of your life as it is fun and rewarding and you are involved in the community. Let 's do Freemasonry proud and get as many volunteers as possible.

Let 's have a Working Bee on 3 July to digitise the Past Masters of Lodge Hamilton and make sure that all is ready for the installation. We need about 6 people to get a smooth digitising line.

It is important for the new officers in offices to attend so we can make the Installation another night we can look back on with pride.

Thanks all -

Andre WM.

Yes ??

Coming together is a beginning. - Keeping together is a progress.

Working together is a success.

Henry Ford.

**Lodge Waikato No 475
Monthly planner**

2021 -

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

The year ahead -

Ceremonial -

July **Lodge Installation - 15th**

Once again we will have our monthly meeting at 10.00am
on the morning of the 15th - call off, then call-on at 6:30pm

Visits next month.

6 July, Lodge Tawhiri

12 July, Lodge Beta

13 July, Lodge Alpha

28 July, Lodge Te Aroha

Practises next month

1 July After standing committee approx. 8pm

8 July 7pm

Give me a ring or JW if you wish to come with me when visiting, there is always
A seat available, and your company would be very welcome.

WM.

Request for personal contact data

You all recently received a request from me to update your contact data.

The reasons for this request were, a lot of late or no payments of Lodge dues and brethren not receiving pertinent Lodge information. Also, a request that you include your next of kin contacts, the reason being that should you have a medical emergency at Lodge then we know who to contact.

Our contact system was out of date due to Brethren not advising their personal contact details when they move or make any changes. This makes it very difficult for both the Secretary and Treasurer to pass necessary documentation and information onto you.

Error log

2 x Postal addresses changed

3 x Email addresses changed

2 x Corrected email address

15 x Changes of home Address

4 x home phones removed

7 x Cell phones added

6 x Errors in home address

Many thanks to all those brethren who responded back to me.

Murray Loft

Report on Management Committee Meeting

Thursday 3rd June 2021

This report is a summary of the Management Committee, held in June

There were fifteen members present and ten apologies.

The Master 's Report:

Mentors: The master reinforced his desire to get this aspect of lodge up and running

Up coming ceremonial work:

The June meeting will centre on the visit to Lodge Waikato of the MW Grand Master

Members agreed with the Masters recommendation that we donate the money from our June regular meeting collection to the Waikato Rural Support Trust.

The first degree for Mr. Quinton Smith will be completed at the August meeting.

Garage Sale: The Master has a further \$75.00 to add to the garage sale funds after selling the spinning wheel on Trade Me.

Other key points from the June meeting include:

Treasurer 's report and financial matters:

The treasurer, D Seath tabled a financial report for May.

The Treasurer reported that we have 11 members with outstanding dues for this, and previous, years for a total of \$4,129.98. He further noted that we are about to start a new financial year, which will put further pressure on the individuals who have not paid. It also puts pressure on the Lodge financial position, as capitation dues must be paid for these members.

Following a discussion "in committee" it was agreed that some Brethren present would contact those who were in arrears and if payment arrangements have not been agreed by 16 June 2021, those members will be struck off at our regular meeting on the 17th of June 2021. This decision was not taken lightly but is seen as essential for the financial security of the Lodge.

Hot Water system: W Bro Cooper reported that work is progressing.

Grand Lodge USB stick: The secretary advised that two sample USB sticks had been ordered from the national office for us to evaluate.

Placemats: The master presented a sample of a new placemat. These will be purchased.

Lodge By-Laws: Following a presentation W Bro Loft it was agreed the updating of the bylaws was timely and that he present the paper for approval at our next regular meeting.

Refectory: The Master noted that our June regular meeting will be a big night and that we will cater for up to 100 at refectory. M Bunting has this under control, with others to assist.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and participation and the meeting was closed in Peace Love and Harmony at 7:55pm

Michael Tribe, Chairman, Management Committee

Nominations for positions of responsibility for year 2021 - 2022

These nominations for Lodge Installation meeting on July 15th 2021.

Master	W Bro Andre Schenk
Deputy Master	W Bro Dennis Aplin
IPM	W Bro Adrian de Bruin
Senior Warden	W Bro Alan Harrop
Junior Warden	W Bro Darryl Gray
Senior Deacon	Bro Mark Ashburner
Junior Deacon	Bro Mark Bunting
Inner Guard	Bro Brent Walker
Almoner	W Bro Wally Lee
Chaplain	W Bro Bob Ancell
Director Ceremony	W Bro Kirk Spragg
Ass. DC	W Bro Willy Willets
Secretary	R.W Bro Gary Salmon
Treasurer	V.W Bro Don Seath
Organist	Bro Norm Weir
Tyler	W Bro Graham Hallam
Senior Steward	Bro Ged Guinto

R.W Bro Gary Salmon, - Secretary.

LODGE BENEFIT

Lodge Waikato now has a Gilmours account.

Any member from our Lodge can now shop at Gilmours Cash and Carry.

The address is 13 Simsey Place, Te Rapa Park, Hamilton

The account number for Lodge Waikato is 2259460, this allows you to shop and pay at the counter. When you want to make use of this please download the STOCARD app onto your phone, search Gilmours and enter the account number. When shopping just show the Stocard app.

Please do realise that prices at Gilmours are excluding GST and that for small quantities prices can be dearer than the supermarket.

For catering quantities prices are not only cheaper but the quality is mostly far superior to a supermarket.

**Kind regards
Andre Schenk**

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



Special night at Piako for Bro Jomar Figuerres

Bro Jomar had a great night at Lodge Piako at Morrinsville, where the Lodge passed him to 'Fellowcraft Freemason.'

Not only did Lodge Piako have a good attendance, Lodge Waikato had very good representation as seen in photo.

Don 's special night
50yrs - 'Well-done '



Wonderful Lodge Night.

17th June 2021

Grand Master visit

50yr presentation

1st degree Ceremony.





Masonic Principles

As Masons, we often hear this explanation: Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, illustrated by symbols. We hear it so often, in fact, that we have come to accept it without thinking about what it means. I am going to try to change that today.

A Peculiar system of morality...

What about the Masonic Morality is peculiar? To understand that, we first need to look at what Freemasonry teaches. As I mentioned in Masonic Principles, Morals and Ethics, Freemasonry teaches us a set of PRINCIPLES as a foundation upon which we can erect of future moral and Masonic edifice.

Principles are fundamental to human life, regardless of where or how the humans live, or what understanding they have of g-d. Our principles are like the very air we breathe, they are essential to any human society. One way to quickly grasp the self-evident nature of the principles is to simply consider the absurdity of attempting to live an effective life based on their opposites.

Masonic Principle

Masonic principles, as taught in the degrees, are, for instance: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice, Integrity, Silence, Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, Hope, Faith, Charity, Freedom, Fervency, and Zeal. There has been a lot of discussion lately about morality, for morality, is, really, at the heart of whether a man is under the tongue of good report and can come well recommended.

There are some things upon which all of us can agree. Truth, integrity... do you say what you mean and do what you say? Faith, brotherly love, charity... these we can probably agree upon in broad strokes.

Masonic Morality

What about the sticky issues, the ones that an individual brother must grapple with in his soul, and find a position he can live with... for instance, abortion, gay rights, genetic engineering, giving a job to a brother mason instead of a stranger? Is it necessary that we agree upon every issue of morality for masonry to be an institution of morality?

I would argue that the answer is no, for we are a religious organization, without ascribing any one particular religious faith, but that faith upon which we can all agree... the fatherhood of god and the brotherhood of man. Morality, as much as religious faith, is matters of the individual brother.

Masonry takes no stand on the individual brother 's faith in god, how he knows Him, how he worships Him. However, morality, in many cases, is intricately intertwined with religious faith, dogma, and societal expectations and norms.

**May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons.
May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue, cement us.**

Defining Morality?

What and whose morality are we to use in making this decision? More fundamentally then, can we, as a fraternity, define morality? More to the point: SHOULD we, as a fraternity, even try to define morality? This is an intensely personal issue, and it seems to this writer, one of the peculiarities of the Masonic morality is that it is left to the individual brother to define for himself.

Culturally, at the time the lodges were forming, the prevailing opinion was that the church defined morality... and enforced it. The very idea that individuals, separate from the church could make and define their own morality and ethics was, to say the very least, threatening to the church, and very peculiar.

The lodges teach principles to her members and offers examples of morality, most notable that of Hiram Abiff and his death. An example of Masonic Morality is of restriction of political and religious discussion in lodges.

What is the Peculiar Morality of Freemasonry?

The explanation we are offered, that these are not allowed because they are divisive is indeed, a moral lesson. The Senior Warden notes: ... harmony being essential to all societies, especially our own. This is a moral lesson. In fact, the peculiar morality of Freemasonry may very well be that we encourage free speech, free thought, freedom of religion, the freedom to ask questions.

The problem is, we have come so far away from the social and moral climate of the early 18th century that we have forgotten how important that peculiar morality of our was... and is, and what a difference it made on western society. Today, the very ideas freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of thought, freedom of choice have become the very water and air of our society.

THAT is the change that Freemasonry 's peculiar morality has made, and is the morality of Freemasonry that we must preserve. Those who would impose their own personal morality, or their understanding of "societal morality " upon the fraternity revile and tarnish our ancient and honorable fraternity.

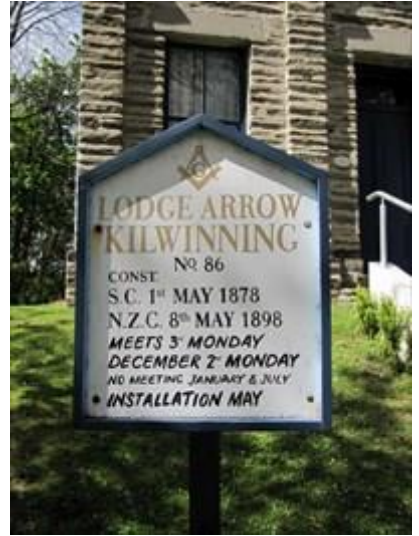
Freemasonry: It 's not about *me changing them*, *it's about me changing me*

W.Bro Theron Dunn (dec)

Just Remember -

The objects of Freemasonry are to help others, to build a society of trust, to develop good men into even better men, to be charitable and to embrace all races and religions in one family - one Brotherhood in the sight of whatever supreme power you believe in - and in all these things are good.

Anon



Arrowtown Lodge

The Arrow Kilwinning Lodge is a Category I building on the historic register and was built in 1888. The Freemasons started meeting in Arrowtown in the late 1870s at a hotel. By the 1880s discussion was to begun about building a purpose built building for a Lodge.

The Lodge was designed by George Brown and it was constructed by John McDonald and completed in 1888. The small single story Lodge building was constructed using locally quarried schist stone. The interior of the Lodge is decoratively painted in the lodge room which was restored in 2009. The buildings continues to serve the Freemasons of Arrowtown.

Thanks to W.Bro Adrian deBruin for this article.

" At the end of the day -

You only have control of 3 things in your life -

The thoughts you think - The images you visualize - The actions you take.

Alan Jones

“ Do you remember ” ??

“ Mum ’ s Long Clothes line, with centre pole

Mum ’ s basic rules for hanging out the clothes —

You hung pants by the bottom cuffs and socks hung by their toes. Shirts hung by the tail and if you were efficient you would use pegs for sharing with other clothes.

Clothes taken off the line were neatly folded for ironing!!



Mum ’ s Poem -

A clothesline was the best forecast to neighbours passing by
There were no secrets you could keep when clothes were hung to dry.

It always was a friendly link for neighbours always new
If company had stopped on by, to spend a night or two.

For then you ’ d see the ‘ fancy sheets ’ and towels upon the line,

You ’ d see the company table cloth with intricate design.

That line announced a baby ’ s birth, from folks who lived inside,

As brand-new infant clothes were hung carefully with pride.

The ages of the children could so readily be known

By watching how the sizes changed, you ’ d know how much they ’ d grown,

It also told when illness struck as extra sheets were strung

Then night clothes and a bathrobe too haphazardly were hung.

It also said ‘ on vacation now ’ when lines hung limp and bare

It told ‘ We ’ re back ’ when full lines sagged with not an inch to spare.

New folks in town were scorned upon if wash was dingy and gray,

As neighbours just raised their brows and looked the other way.

But clotheslines are of the past now, dryers make work less,

And what goes on inside a home is anybody ’ s guess.

I really miss that way of life, it was a friendly sign,

When neighbours knew each other best, when clothes were on the line.

Anon

(The thoughts of this poem may not be readily known to those under 60yrs of age)

Thanks to W.Bro Dennis Aplin for this article.

Being a Freemason doesn ’ t make you better than anyone else —

— It makes YOU a better YOU. ”

July 2021 (New Zealand)

August 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1 Management Meeting and practice 7.00pm	2	3
4	5	6 Visit Lodge Tawhiri Barton St.	7	8 Practice meeting 7.00pm	9	10
11	12 Visit Beta-Waikato	13 Visit Alpha Lodge	14	15 Monthly meeting 6:30pm Installation Ceremony W.Bro Andre Schenk	16	17
18	19 Barton St.	20 Cambridge	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Visit Lodg TeAroha	29	30	31

Monthly Lodge meetings, visiting dates, and other activities.

August 2021 (New Zealand)

September 2021

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A bar of iron cost \$5. Made into horseshoes, it's worth \$12. Made into needles, it's worth \$3500. Made into balance springs for watches, it's worth \$300,000.

*Your value is determined by what you
Are able to make of yourself
So do not short change yourself*

BRO S. H. BRADSHAW

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5 Management Meeting and practice 7.00pm	6	7
11	12 Practice meeting 7.00pm	13	14
18	19 Monthly meeting 7:30pm	20	21
25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4



Speak - up - Step - up - Show - up

