

# Lodge Waikato 475

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MAY 2020

## “ The Old Black Shoes ”

The old black shoes are looking glum as I pass the lobby door,  
"What's wrong with you?" they seem to say, we're going out no more.  
We've taken not a single step, not third or even first,  
And ne'er a sign we've seen you give, has Masonry been cursed?"  
"It has", I said, "by virus vile, we have to stay at home  
Until such time the plague has passed, then once more we can roam. ”

The Masons' Halls are empty, Regalia put away,  
Gavels now stay silent and DCs hold no sway.  
Volumes of the Sacred Law on pedestals redundant,  
Now Brother Jim contacts his friends by social posts abundant.  
No handshake, word or secret sign, no friendly Festive Board  
No Tyler's song to say Goodnight, no organ's well-loved chord.

"Black shoes," I said, "do not despair, our Chain is firm and strong  
Our flag of love remains unfurled we'll sing again our song. ”  
And though our Brethren may have passed to Grander Lodge Above,  
We'll look upon their memories with everlasting Love;  
And in their name, we'll offer help and soothe the burdened heart;  
We'll comfort those who are distressed, thus Masons play their part.

And when this crisis is resolved we'll sing the old refrain,  
**Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part, Happy to meet again."**

‘ From an old Queenslander’



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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 21st May, 2020 at 7.30pm.

Ceremony: - Lodge - No meeting

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  
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## LODGE WAIKATO 475



**To be Initiated -**

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

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

Please contact the **Lodge Almoner**, - W.Bro Graham Hallam, in all cases of difficulty and where any help is needed. - ph 07 8555198

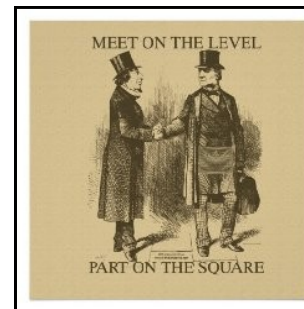
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### Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays in May.

Keith Buick - 4th May 1972 (48yrs )  
Dave Campbell - 4th May 1972 (48yrs )  
David Clow - 1st May 1986 (34yrs )  
Bruce Lye - 21st May 1986 (34yrs )  
Trevor Reid - 3rd May 1993 (27yrs )  
Stephen Hawkes - 15th May 1997 (23yrs )  
Dennis Mead - 21st May 1998 (22yrs )  
Trevor Langley - 15th May 2003 (17yrs )  
Richard Kyle - 12th May 2009 (11yrs )  
Geoff Cooper - 19th May 2011 (9yrs )  
Jarod Saxton - 15th May 2014 (6yrs )  
Mark Bunting - 16th May 2019 (1yr )



### 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**

### **A message from your Master -**

Our PLumblin Editor has put together an interesting PLumblin for you to read in the place of having no Lodge meetings.



So it gives me the opportunity to speak to you all and let you know what is actually happening from those that are appointed to run the Lodge. Of-course with no Lodge meetings of our own, and all other Lodges in the same position, it is very quiet as far as visiting is concerned, we will have a bit of catch-up with some degree workings and I 'm guessing as all other Lodges will be the same boat, I 'm sure, with a little of for-thought and planning we will get through the year OK. At the moment along with myself, I keep in touch with the Sec, Treasurer, Committee Chairman, Mike Tribe and the Dist GM, when we just discuss the days and weeks ahead. Naturally our garage sale due in early May will be postponed for another day and time.

I haven 't heard from any of you as far as health is concerned, so I 'm assured you are all keeping in your own 'bubble' and doing as is expected of you, during this virus time. I 'm aware late in March our editor needed some time in hospital as he had a severe 'P perforated appendicitis, and spent 8 days in hospital. He 's home now and tells me he is well on the mend. I just hope he does as he 's told from his Dr. and Susan. I know Murray has not been quite his old self, has good and bad days, Geoff is slowly getting better from his knee operation and not always keen to listen to Shirley. Ivan and Ruth are much better, Ruth has retired now, so I 'm hoping the slower pace may suit them better. Dick is in a better place now he has finished therapy and it is good to hear he wants to get back to bowls once they are open. I know Kirk and Maria are in their new house now, so I expect the lawns and garden will nearly be finished. If you know of any Lodge members who might appreciate a contact or phone call, just do it.

As nature works in it 's way, we lost a couple of Masons known to most of us, during this early part of the year. RtW.Bro Ian Nathan who was the organist on many Installations, RtWBro Graeme Houston who was the Grand DC, and visited with the Grand Master at our Lodge rooms. He had a fine singing voice and put out his own CD. RtWBro Tony Israel from Taupo, who had visited many times to Lodge Hillcrest.

It 's a pleasure to keep in touch with you all at this time, I 've no idea what the future of the Lodge will be on a monthly basis as we look ahead, but I 'm sure we have time. Thanks to the Editor for putting this together and giving me the opportunity to contact you all. Please keep in touch with myself or the Almoner, or just another Freemason, if you want a word or some help, please don 't be back-ward in coming forward.

So keep safe in your bubble, we 'll wait to see how 'stages '3 - 2 ' happens and I, like many of you, are really looking forward to being able to spread a bit further than from the lounge or the dining room.

**Keep smiling**

**Best regards to you and all your families,**

**Your Master**

**WBro Adrian deBruin.**

### Almoner Report

We have several brethren who are keeping well, but under Dr care.  
Murray Loft has spent a night-or-two in Hospital due to his on-going health problem, and the other issues he has had, so keep chin-up Murray.

Ivan and Ruth Smith are much better. Ruth has retired now so  
I hope the slower pace will suit them both.

Dick Morgan is now at home and is very cock-a-hoop with his personal attainment and has now had a clearance from the Hospital, so he now just has to look after himself and 'do as he 's told. '!!!!

Edwin Clark is now training for the next marathon since his hip operation.

I 'm sure Kirk and Maria will be pleased to be in their house now  
and I 'm sure the grounds will be pleased to see the rain.

We wish John Dickson and John Dickinson good wishes for their continued good health.

Many of you will be aware of the passing of Ian Nathan.  
Ian attained the rank of Past Grand Warden, but many of us remember him playing the organ at many Installation ceremonies in our area.  
He spent his early years in the railway and then went into the Military, where he was involved in Korea and Singapore and attained the rank of Major. Ian had been in several Lodges and was Master on many occasions. Ian was 93yrs of age.

We also lost Graeme Houston. He was Grand Director of Ceremony for some 5yrs and was at many Lodge ceremonies when the Grand Master was in attendance. Graeme may have been short in stature but he made up for it with other attributes he displayed. He had a very easy listening singing voice, and entertained on many occasions, he even put out his own CD of his singing.  
Graeme was 74yrs of age.

Many of you would have seen and heard Graeme on the TV Masonic programme 'Speak-up' with Barry Rushton.

Tony Israel was our Provincial GM quite some years ago  
and I remember in 1997 he installed myself as Master.

All these men were fine examples of a Freemason, and very nice men,  
they will be sorely missed by many.

( I 'm sure you all know of other Masons that have passed away,  
but I just give you a few known to most of us and of all we have known. )

Thank-you to those of you who have contacted me about my own situation,  
and have spoken to Susan. Some of have contacted to make me aware of the health situation of several brethren, much appreciated.,  
I trust, like me, you have made a few phone calls as at the moment we can 't visit.  
Please keep in touch with me, and each other, if you know of a reason to do so.

We are at a very interesting time in all our lives, so I sincerely trust you all  
keep in your bubble, be sensible and use common sense when venturing out.

**WBro Graham Hallam**

**Almoner**



#### **Visit Lodge Rangitikei No 38**

During February Susan and I drove to Palmerston North and stayed a couple of nights. Firstly so I could go to the Installation evening at the Rangitikei Lodge in Marton, and also to visit a cousin who lives in PN.

Due to my occupation, in the year 2006 I met a young man Rima Puki who was the organist at most services at the Catholic Cathedral here in Hamilton. We met on many occasions and he made me aware he was interested in Freemasonry, and how did he go about it, to join.

Rima was Initiated into Lodge Hillcrest 363 in 2007 and was passed to the 2nd Degree in Lodge Pukemiro No 301 in 2008.

I was very disappointed when he rang me to say he was shifting to Marton and assured me he wanted to continue with his Freemasonry.

He left Hamilton as Fellowcraft and after time in Marton he went overseas to Singapore and other places eventually coming back to live in Marton once again. A few years ago, Graeme Hill, Sec of Rangitikei Lodge, rang to ask about Rima as Rima had contacted him to become a joining member of that Lodge.

And so it transpired that Rima did join the Lodge, was JW in 2018, SW in 2019 and became Master of the Lodge on 13th February 2020.

**Photo shows,**

**W.Bro The Very Reverend Alistair Kelly, Myself,  
W.Master The Most Reverend Rima Wakarua Tamaiparea-Puki  
V.W. Bro A.F. Williamson. District Grand Master**

**Ed.**

*' WORDS FOR TEENAGERS'*

Always we hear the cry from teenagers, "What can we do, where can we go.?"

**My answer is this:** Go home, mow the lawn, wash the windows, wash the car, learn to cook, build a raft, get a job, visit the sick, study your lessons, and after you 've finished, read a book.

**Your town does not** owe you recreational facilities, and your parents do not owe you fun.

**The world** does not owe you a living, you owe the world something.

**You owe** it your time, energy and talent so that no one will be at war, in poverty or sick and lonely again.

**In other words** grow up, stop being a cry baby, get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone.

**Start behaving** like a responsible person.

**You are important** and you are needed.

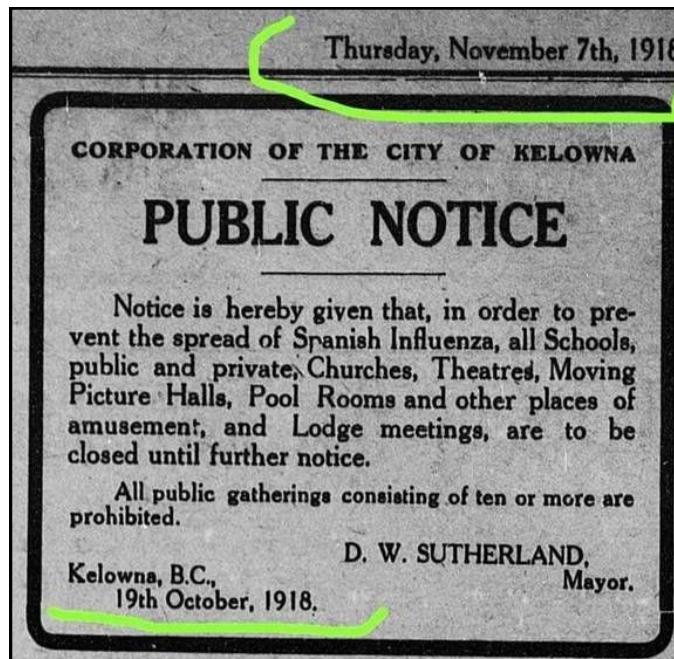
**It 's too late** to sit around and wait for somebody to do something someday.

**Someday is now, and that somebody is YOU.**

Mr. John Tapene  
Principal, Northland College.

' Seems it all stays the same'

— Thanks Geoff



## Freemasons of history

*“ ...and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced that even monarchs have been promoters of the Craft; have not thought it beneath their dignity to exchange the Sceptre for the Trowel; have become members of our Society, and taken part in our assemblies. ”*

.....Throughout history some members of the fraternity have made no secret of their involvement, while others have not made their membership public. Following is an abridged list of Freemasons, many of whom for various reasons have become household names. They come from all walks of life; from carpenters to Kings, mechanics to musicians; they also span the spectrum of the world 's religions Catholics and Protestants, and from Anglicans to Zionists. Whether in the public eye, or without, Freemasons are individuals, yet bound together to make a difference within society, and the vast majority have vowed to attempt to improve the lot of those in distress - wherever and whoever they may be. — enjoy the read.....

**Abbott, William 'Bud' (1897-1974)** – Bud Abbott was one half of the famous Abbott and Costello comedy duo. He was a comedian, actor and producer. Teaming up with comedian Lou Costello in 1936, Abbott was the 'straight man' and, between 1940 and 1956, they made 36 films together and, since they took a share of the profits from each movie, . Abbott was a member of Daylight Lodge No. 525, Michigan.

**Abd al-Qadir al-Jaza'iri, Sufi (1808-1883)** – A Sufi (Islamic mystic), Abd al-Qadir or Abd al-Qadir al-Jaza'iri, was an Algerian who led a struggle against the French invasion in the mid-nineteenth century, for which he is seen by some Algerians as their national hero. In 1864 he was a Freemason in Lodge Henri IV in Paris, .

**Aguinaldo, Emilio (1869-1964)** – As President of the Philippine Islands, Aguinaldo declared their independence in 1898. Aguinaldo was a member of Pilar Lodge No.203 (now Pilar Lodge No.15) at Imus Cavite; he was also a founder of Magdalo Lodge No.31 .

**Aldrin, Edwin Eugene 'Buzz' (1930 - )** – Buzz Aldrin is a mechanical engineer, an ex- USAF fighter pilot and an astronaut. On 20 July 1969, as the pilot of Apollo 11 's Lunar Module, he famously became only the second human to walk on the moon. At the time of his lunar landing, Aldrin was a member of Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417, Seagate, Texas and, in the wake of Aldrin 's space mission, the Grand Lodge of Texas formed Tranquillity Lodge No. 2000, named after Tranquillity Base,.

**Apple, Rabbi Raymond (1935 - )** – As Chief Rabbi in the Great Synagogue in Sydney (1972-2005), Raymond Apple became the leading spokesman for Judaism in Australia. Apple is the Past Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and a writer on subjects Masonic, including 'Studies, Speeches and Sensibilities' .

**Appleton, Sir Edward Victor (1892-1965)** – Appleton was an English Physicist, who won the Nobel Prize in 1947 for his investigations of the physics of the upper atmosphere. He was a member of Isaac Newton Lodge No.859, Cambridge, England.

**Arne, Thomas Augustine (1710-1778)** – Arne was the leading British theatre composer of the 18th Century working at Drury Lane and Covent Garden. He is probably best known for the patriotic song 'Rule, Britannia!' (1740) but he also wrote a version of 'God Save the King' (1775), Arne was a Freemason and active in the organisation, which has long been centred around the Covent Garden area of London.

**Arnold, Benedict (1741-1801)** – Arnold was an American Revolutionary War General and a member of Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Connecticut.



**Arouet, François-Marie 'Voltaire' (1694-1778)** – Arouet was a French Enlightenment essayist and philosopher, better known by his pen name Voltaire. Famous for his wit, he was an outspoken supporter of social reform, despite strict censorship laws. He was initiated in 1778, by the then Worshipful Master, Ben Franklin, at Loge des Neuf Sœurs in Paris, but sadly was a Mason for less than two months prior to his death.

**Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn (1850-1942)** – Born in Buckingham Palace on 1st May 1850, Prince Arthur was the 3rd son of Queen Victoria. He joined the British army aged 16 and served with distinction in various parts of the Empire for 40 years, during which time he was made Duke of Connaught and Strathearn. He also served as Governor General of Canada in the early part of World War I.

**Ashmole, Elias (1617-1698)** - Antiquary, astrologist, alchemist and politician, Elias Ashmole became a Freemason in 1647, being initiated into Warrington Lodge, Warrington, Cheshire, England. Ashmole is the earliest Freemason thus recorded in England. He was a founder of 'The Royal Society of London' with Sir Robert Moray and King Charles II. and founded the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

**Astor, Johann Jacob 'John' (1763-1848)** – From lowly beginnings, being a poor German immigrant to the U.S., at one point John Astor was considered to be the wealthiest man in America. Astor became Master of Holland Lodge No.8 in New York, NY in 1790 and served as Grand Treasurer for their Grand Lodge.

**Atatürk, Mustafa Kemal (1881-1938)** – An army officer, revolutionary, statesman and writer, Kemal Atatürk is the national hero and founder of the modern Republic of Turkey. He was also the first Turkish president. Kemal fought at Gallipoli against the Australian and New Zealand (ANZAC) Forces. He was a member of Macedonia Risorta Lodge No.80.

**Austin, Stephen Fuller (1793-1836)** – A colonizer and political leader, Austin first worked to make Texas a state of Mexico, but later helped the American and European settlers of Texas gain their independence (1836). He is acclaimed as "The Father of Texas" and the city of Austin, Texas is named after him. Austin was a keen and dedicated Freemason, a member of Louisiana Lodge No.109 in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.

**Autry, Orvon Eugene 'Gene' (1907-1998)** - An American actor who made some 90 films from the 1930's through to the 1950's, Gene Autry was a cowboy singer. His new found wealth was such that it enabled Autry to own the California Angels baseball team. Gene Autry was a member of Catoosa Lodge No.185, Oklahoma and, according to his Masonically inscribed gravestone, Brother Autry was "a true gentleman".

**Bach, Johann Christian (1735-1782)** – The eleventh and youngest son of the celebrated composer, Johann Sebastian Bach, Johann Christian was a composer of the Classical era. Brother Bach belonged to Lodge of Nine Muses No.235 in London.

**Baigent, Michael (1948- )** – Born in Christchurch, New Zealand, Michael Baigent's upbringing was Catholic and he was tutored in Catholic theology from the age of five. Michael Baigent belonged to the Lodge of Economy No. 76 in Winchester, where he was initiated, and also to Prince of Wales' Lodge No. 259, London.

**Ballard, Harold E. (Given name: Edwin Harold Ballard) (1903-1990)** – Born in Toronto, Canada, Harold Ballard was the feisty owner the Toronto Maple Leafs National Hockey League team from 1961 until the time of his death. His mother lodge was Lodge Corinthian No. 481, GRC, Toronto, Ontario.

**Bathurst, Charles – 1st Viscount Bledisloe (1867-1958)** – Born in London and educated at Eton and Oxford, Charles Bathurst, a qualified barrister, became a Member of Parliament and served as a Privy Councillor to King George V. For his services to King and country during and post-World War I he was made a Knight Grand Cross and, in 1930, appointed Governor General of New Zealand. As Lord Bledisloe, Charles Bathurst arrived in his new post at the very start of The Great Depression but handled his position well and, being a man of social conscience, became well liked and respected by all who met him. He contributed greatly to the improvement of Pākehā – Māori relations and, as a mark of the respect he held for the Māori king, purchased the site on which ‘The Treaty of Waitangi’ was signed and, in 1934, Bathurst presented the land to the nation as a memorial.

*A tremendous aficionado of rugby union, and enjoying the friendly rivalry constantly in vogue between Australia and New Zealand, in 1931 Lord Bledisloe conceived the idea of a rugby trophy competition over which the two nations could fight. In 1932, the first of three ‘Bledisloe Cup’ matches were played in Australia where the All Blacks emerged victorious and, since that date, the Kiwis have won the cup 40 times. Physically the Bledisloe Cup is the largest trophy in rugby: it was designed in New Zealand by Nelson Isaac and crafted in London by prestigious jewellers, Walker & Hall. Lord Bledisloe was a dedicated Freemason and, during his tenure as Governor General, he served as the Grand Master of the New Zealand Constitution (1930-33).*

**Banks, Sir Joseph – 1st Baronet (1743-1820)** – This noted naturalist accompanied Captain Cook on his journey from England across the South Pacific to New Zealand (1768-1771). A botanical advisor to King George III. Joseph Banks is credited with introducing acacia ‘Banksia’, eucalyptus and mimosa to the Western world. The beautiful, Banks Peninsula on the east coast of the South Island of New Zealand is named after him as are Banks Islands in Vanuatu.

**Barnardo, Dr. Thomas John (1845-1905)** – Founded in 1866 by this Dublin-born doctor to relieve the suffering of homeless starving children in London’s East End, by the time of his death in 1905 Dr. Barnardo’s Homes cared for 8,500 youngsters in 96 locations. 140 years later, this caring Irishman’s charity work with children still, sadly, needs to go on.

**Bartholdi, Frédéric Auguste (1834-1904)** – This French Freemason was the sculptor responsible for New York’s Statue of Liberty. His ‘Mother Lodge’ was Lodge Alsace-Lorraine, Paris. During the construction of the copper-clad monument, Bartholdi leaned heavily on another Freemason’s expertise, that of Gustave Eiffel, designer of the Eiffel Tower, for the intricate steel skeleton supporting the soaring statue.

**Barton, Edmund (1849-1920)** – The first Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, New South Wales, Edmund Barton was the Attorney General and judge of the Australian High Court.

**Basie, William James ‘Count’ (1904-1984)** – A brilliant, African-American orchestra leader and composer, Basie led his band almost continuously for 50 years! Basie was also a friend of Frank Sinatra, with whom he recorded in 1962 and 1964. A member of Wisdom Lodge No.102 (Prince Hall), Chicago, Basie was also a noted ‘Shriner’.

**Bell, Lawrence (1894-1956)** – Lawrence Bell was the head of the Bell Aircraft Corporation, one of whose aircraft, the X-1, piloted by Captain Charles ‘Chuck’ Yeager, famously broke the Sound Barrier in level flight on 14 October 1947. Subsequent Bell aircraft developments went on to exceed Mach 6.72 or 2,021 metres per second (7,273Km/h – 4,519mph), test pilot Pete Knight. NASA astronaut and the first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, was also a Bell X-15 pilot.

**Beneš, Edvard (1884-1948)** – Elected in 1935 as President of Czechoslovakia, Beneš led his nation's government into exile after the outbreak of World War II and ran the country from offices near London (1940-1945). He resigned in 1948 when he was forced to yield to a Communist directed cabinet, but died of natural causes the same year. Beneš belonged to Ian Amos Komensky Lodge No.1, Prague.

**Beresford, Admiral Charles William de la Poer – 1st Baron Beresford (1841-1919)** – Of Irish decent, Charles Beresford combined the two careers of being in the navy and being a Member of Parliament, making a reputation as a hero in battle and champion of the navy in the House of Commons. Beresford was driven to become First Sea Lord.

**Berlin, Irving (Real name: Israel Isidore Baline) (1888-1989)** – Composer, lyricist and a long-time member of Munn Lodge No.190 in New York, Brother Berlin is widely considered the greatest song writer in history. This American-Jewish genius wrote more than 1,500 songs, including '*Alexander's Ragtime Band*' (1911), the Oscar® winning '*White Christmas*' (1940), and several musical comedies such as '*Annie Get Your Gun*' (1946) and '*There's No Business Like Show Business*' (1954).

**Besant, Sir Walter (1836-1901)** – Walter Besant was a novelist and historian who lived largely in London. A dedicated Freemason, he served as Master Mason in the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, London from 1873. Together with 'Jack the Ripper' investigator, Sir Charles Warren, he conceived the idea of a Masonic lodge of research, the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No.2076, of which he was first treasurer from 1886.

**Bishop, Sir Henry Rowley (1786-1855)** – Henry Bishop was an English music composer most famous for the songs '*Lo, Hear The Gentle Lark*' and '*Home! Sweet Home!*' a song which was very popular with soldiers during and after the American Civil War. Bishop was also the composer or arranger of some 120 dramatic works, including 80 operas, light operas, cantatas, and ballets.

**Blanc, Mel (Real name: Melvin Jerome Blank) (1908-1989)** - If you have heard cartoon characters '*Bugs Bunny*', '*Wile E. Coyote*', '*Elmer Fudd*', '*Barney Rubble*' (of the Flintstones), '*Daffy Duck*', '*Porky Pig*' and '*Sylvester the Cat*', then you've heard the voice of Mel Blanc, who brought so much pleasure to so many children Mel Blanc joined the Order of DeMolay as a young man, and was a Freemason for 50 years.

**Bolívar, Simón (Given name: Simón José Antonio de la Santísima Trinidad Bolívar y Palacios Ponte y Blanco) (1783-1830)** - Commonly known as Simón Bolívar: together with José de San Martín, Bolívar was a Venezuelan military and political leader. Simón Bolívar was a Freemason. He was initiated in 1803 into the Masonic Lodge Lautaro, this lodge operated in Cadiz, Spain. In May 1806, he was conferred the rank of Master Mason in the 'Scottish Mother of St. Alexander of Scotland' in Paris. During his time in England, he frequented 'The Great American Reunion' lodge in London, founded by Francisco de Miranda. In April 1824, Simón Bolívar was given the 33rd degree of Inspector General - Honorary. It is also recorded that he was a founding brother of Lodge Order and Liberty No. 2, Peru in 1824.

**Boone, Daniel (1734-1820)** – Of English and Welsh decent, Daniel Boone was born in Pennsylvania and, as a pioneer, explorer (especially of Kentucky) and frontiersman, he became one of America's first revered folk heroes. Although his Masonic membership is difficult to prove, here is what Nathan Boone had to say about his father's funeral: "Father's body was conveyed to Flanders Callaway's home at Charette, and there the funeral took place. There were no military or Masonic honours, the latter of which he was a member, as there were then but very few [Freemasons] in that region of the country."

**Borgnine, Ernest ( *Born*: Ernes Effron Borgnino ) ( 1917-2012 )** – Ernest Borgnine was a skilled film and television actor, receiving in 1955 the Best Actor Oscar® for his lead role in the film ‘*Marty*’. He was more famously known to a generation of television fans for his role as the Skipper in ‘*McHale ’s Navy*’. Borgnine generously served Freemasonry and was the Honorary Chairman of a programme to support the ‘Scottish Rite Childhood Language Centre’ in Richmond. Ernest Borgnine was initiated into Abingdon Lodge No.48, California, and there is evidence that he was also a member of Melrose Lodge No.63 in California. .

**Bowell, Mackenzie ( 1823-1917 )** – The English-born, 5th Prime Minister of Canada ( 1894 -1896 ), Bowell instigated the first meeting of British Colonies and territories ( between Australia and Canada ) in Ottawa in 1884. Bowell was a Freemason *AND* an Orangeman, becoming Grand Master of the Orange Order of British North America, 1870-1878.

**Bowie, James ‘ Jim ’ ( 1796-1836 )** – Jim Bowie was an American-born frontiersman and Mexican colonist who joined the so called ‘Texian’ forces during their struggle for the independence of Texas from Mexico. He is credited with being the inventor of the famous ‘Bowie Knife’, .. Frontiersman Captain William Y. Lacey, who spent eight months living in the wilderness with Bowie, described him as a humble man who never used profanity or vulgarities. In the 21st Century, all that can be determined is that Jim Bowie was a most extraordinarily tough man indeed and well entitled to his world renowned status - It has to be said, “What an extraordinary individual.” During ‘The Battle of the Alamo’ on the 6 March 1836, though servirly ill with typhus at the time, Bowie died as bravely as he had lived, alongside other notable Freemasons, Davy Crockett and Jim Travis. Jim Bowie was a member of L ‘Humble Chaumiere Lodge No.19, Opelousas, Louisiana.

**Bowes, William Eric ‘Bill’ ( 1908-1987 )** – Bill Bowes never looked like a cricketer. Indeed he was a cricketing odd-ball: a very poor batsman and an ‘iffy’ fielder. Yet, once he had ball in hand, on a good pitch, no world-class batsman could feel confident ( especially when facing a new ball ), Bowes bouncers, and deceptively swerving deliveries, claimed the best.

**Bradley, Omar Nelson ( 1893-1981 )** – A leading US general during World War II, Omar Bradley played a major part in the Allied victory in Europe. Following ‘The Battle of the Bulge’ in 1944/45, Bradley commanded the 12th Army Group, a force of 1.3 million men. He was a member of West Point Lodge No.877, New York.

**Bradman, Sir Donald George ‘Don’ – ( 1908-2001 )** – With a Test average of 99.94, Don Bradman is unquestionably cricket’s greatest batsman and, arguably, the greatest cricketer ever. Indeed, Bradman was so far ahead of the competition as to render comparisons meaningless as he transcended the game he graced.

Bradman was a firm believer in the British Empire; he was a Protestant, a Freemason, an imperialist and a conservative who strongly opposed what he saw as the anti-British tendency of Irish Catholics in Australian cricket. As a captain, he endorsed the values of sportsmanship – “the very essence of this great game” as he later wrote in ‘The Art of Cricket’ - which had a profound resonance with a broad swathe of the British public and, his qualities today are, more often than not, mourned.

**Brahms, Johannes ( 1833-1897 )** – Brahms was a German composer and pianist, and one of the leading musicians of the Romantic period. Born in Hamburg from a poor background, Brahms spent much of his professional life in Vienna, Austria, where he was a leader of the musical scene. In his lifetime, Brahms’ popularity and influence were considerable; following a comment by the 19th Century conductor Hans von Bülow, Johannes Brahms is sometimes grouped with Johann Sebastian Bach and Ludwig van Beethoven as one of ‘The Three Bs’.

**Brearley, David (1745-1790)** – Brearley was a delegate to the U.S. Constitutional Convention and signed the U.S. Constitution on behalf of New Jersey, he was also the first Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey.

**Brodie, Sir Israel (1895-1979)** – The Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and the Commonwealth (1948 – 1965), Brodie served as a Rabbi of Melbourne Hebrew Congregation in Australia from 1923 to 1937. During World War II, he was evacuated from Dunkirk (1940), and finished the war as Senior Jewish Chaplain. Brodie had impeccable English connections and was an ardent Freemason, rising to the senior appointment of Grand Chaplain in the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE).

**Brougham, Henry Peter – 1st Baron Brougham and Vaux (1778-1868)** – Born in Edinburgh, Henry Brougham (*pronounced 'broom'*) was a Scottish lawyer and abolitionist of the slave trade. He became Lord Chancellor (1830-1834). He also founded the 'Edinburgh Review' to which he contributed many articles while popularising the French port of Cannes. Brougham was raised in Fortrose Lodge, Stornway, Scotland.

**Brown, Joe Evans (1895-1973)** – Of Welsh descent, Joe E. Brown was an immensely popular American actor and comedian – "*the man with the enormous smile*". In World War II he entertained troops at the front, travelling largely at his own expense. Brown was a multi-talented individual, he toured widely and appeared in many films including; '*Show Boat*' (1951) and '*Some Like It Hot*' with Marilyn Monroe in 1959.

**Bruce, Andrew Douglas Alexander Thomas – 11th Earl of Elgin, 15th Earl of Kincardine (1924- )** - In addition to being the Chief of the Clan of Bruce, Andrew Bruce is the Convenor of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, retired Brigadier General in the Scots Guard Reserve, and is a Knight of the Thistle. He is a former Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (1961-1965) and has been head of the Royal Arch Chapter in Scotland.

**Bruce of Kinnaird, James (1730-1794)** – James Bruce of Kinnaird was a Scottish explorer who made an epic voyage to Abyssinia in the 18th Century. Not as widely known, however, is that he was a considerable scholar who brought back from Abyssinia three copies of the 'Book of Enoch', the apocryphal book that relates to the Royal Arch Degrees, certain of the Scottish Rite Degrees and to the Royal Order of Scotland. He was a member of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge.

**Buchanan, William Edgar (1903-1979)** – Originally a successful dentist, Edgar Buchanan was captivated by the theatre and turned his dentistry practise over to his sister and turned to acting - it became his passion and his profession. He appeared in films such as '*Penny Serenade*' (1941) with Cary Grant and '*Shane*' (1953) with Alan Ladd.

**Buchanan, James (1791-1868)** - 15th President of the United States (1857-1861), James Buchanan was of Irish-Scottish extraction. Following the death of his fiancée, Buchanan became a life-long bachelor, the only U.S. president to be so. Under President James Polk, he was U.S. Secretary of State and, on becoming president, he fought hard to maintain peace between the North and the South. Active as a Freemason throughout his life, Buchanan was initiated on 11 December 1816 into Lancaster Lodge No.43, Lancaster, Pennsylvania becoming Worshipful Master in 1825. He was exalted in Royal Arch Chapter No.43 in 1826 and became Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

**Burke, Arleigh (1901-1996)** – During World War II, Arleigh Burke became a highly decorated U.S. Navy officer whose leadership helped win the war in the South Pacific. As an Admiral he later became Chief of Naval Operations during the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations. The Arleigh Burke-Class of guided missile armed destroyers is named in his honour. His nickname was "31 knot Burke."

**Burke, Edmund (1729-1797)** – Born in Dublin, Edmund Burke was a statesman, author, orator and political theorist, and formed the basis of the Conservative Party. He supported the American Revolutionaries, but decried the French Revolution. He was a very long-standing Whig in the House of Commons.

**Burns, Robert (1759-1796)** – The National Poet of Scotland, Robert Burns' lyrics, written in dialect and infused with humour, celebrate love, patriotism, and rustic life. Freemasonry was more important to him than any other institution in Scotland and the 'piping in' of the Haggis is still performed in every Scottish Constitution Lodge during the Master's Installation. When he was 22, Burns was initiated into St. David's Lodge No.174 in Tarbolton on 4 July 1781. He was passed and raised on 1 October 1781. Later his lodge became dormant and Burns joined Lodge St. James Tarbolton Kilwinning No.135. The location of the Temple where he was made a Freemason is unknown.

Although regularly meeting in Tarbolton, the "Burns Lodge" also removed itself to hold meetings in Mauchline. During 1784 he was heavily involved in Lodge business, attending all nine meetings, passing and raising brethren and generally running the Lodge. Similarly, in 1785 he was equally involved as Deputy Master. At a meeting of Lodge St. Andrew in Edinburgh in 1787, in the presence of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Scotland, Burns was toasted by the Grand Master, Francis Chateris. He was fêted by the Edinburgh Masonic fraternity in early 1787, and named "*Poet Laureate of the Lodge*" – a title which has since been accepted by Freemasonry in general. The Edinburgh period of Burns' life was of great consequence, as further editions of the Kilmarnock Edition were sponsored by the Edinburgh Freemasons, ensuring that his name spread around Scotland and subsequently to England and abroad.

On his tour of the south of Scotland, as he was collecting material for The Scots Musical Museum, he visited lodges throughout and became an honorary member of a number of them. On his journey home to Ayrshire, he passed through Dumfries. On 25 July 1787, after being re-elected Depute Master, he presided at a meeting where several well-known Masons were given honorary membership. During his Highland tour, he visited many other lodges. During the period from his election as Depute Master in 1784, Lodge St. James had been convened 70 times. Burns was present 33 times and was 25 times the presiding officer. In a TV poll in 2009, Robert Burns was voted by Scottish people "The Greatest Scot."

**Butlin, Sir William Heygate Edmund Colborne 'Billy' (1899-1980)** – Sir Billy Butlin was "*the Father of the British Holiday Camp*", creating his first Holiday Camp in 1936 at Skegness. Knighted in 1964, Butlin eventually sold his company to the Rank Organisation in 1972 for £43 million (worth around £430 million pounds today).

**Burton, Sir Richard Francis (1821-1890)** – Burton was a British explorer, translator, writer, soldier, orientalist, ethnologist, spy, linguist, poet, fencer and diplomat. A larger than life character, he was known for his travels and explorations within Asia and Africa as well as his extraordinary knowledge of languages and cultures. According to one count, he spoke 29 European, Asian and African languages.

**Bush, Vannevar (1890-1974)** – The "godfather of the internet", as he is considered by many to be, Vannevar Bush was a pioneer in development of atomic and nuclear energy. A Vice-President and Dean of Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Bro Bush was also a frequent speaker at Massachusetts' Masonic Lodges of Instruction.

**Campbell, Sir Malcolm (1885-1948)** – Malcolm Campbell started his career racing motorcycles but subsequently began hunting World Speed Records on land and on water, holding both records during the 1920s and 30s. At Bonneville Salt Flats in 1935, this English speedster became the first man to drive an automobile in excess of 300mph (480km/h). Bro. Campbell was a member of Old Uppinghamian Lodge, England.

**Campbell, Donald Malcolm (1921-1967)** – Following in his father's footsteps, Donald Campbell set both the Land Speed Record AND the Water Speed Record in the same year (1964). He died, again attempting the Water Speed Record, on Coniston Water, Lancashire, England in 1967, when his boat '*Bluebird*' flipped, crashed and broke up at more than 320mph (515km/h).

**Canning, George (1770-1827)** – Canning described himself as "*an Irishman born in London*" and he became a major force in the British parliament during the rise of Napoleon Bonaparte's tyrannies in Europe. A statesman as well as a politician, in 1798 he advocated militarily resisting Napoleon and effectively argued against peace negotiations. In 1807, he planned the 'Second Battle of Copenhagen' resulting in the capture of the Danish fleet, thus removing any threat posed by it to the Royal Navy's dominance of the seas. Canning was once wounded in a duel and, much later and in failing health, became the shortest serving Prime Minister of Great Britain – 119 days in 1827.

**Cantor, Eddie (Real name: Israel Iskowitz) (1892-1964)** – Cantor was a popular vaudevillian, actor, comedian, singer-songwriter, and was nicknamed "*Banjo Eyes*" for his eye-rolling, song-and-dance routines. He had hits with songs such as, '*Makin' Whoopee*' (1928) and '*MA! He's Makin' Eyes At Me*' (1921). Canton was raised in Munn Lodge No.190, New York City.

**Carson, Christopher 'Kit' (1809-1868)** – A U.S. pioneer frontiersman, scout and explorer, famed for his expeditions into the American West, Kit Carson was fluent in Spanish, Navajo, Apache, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Shoshone. Carson scouted for John C. Frémont, a hard soldier and exploration leader, sent on missions under orders from President Polk. Kit Carson married Josefa Jamerillo and they had eight children, whose descendents still live in Colorado. Kit Carson's lodge was Montezuma Lodge No.109, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Casanova de Seingalt, Giacomo Girolamo (1725-1798)** - Giacomo Casanova, the legendary Venetian-born adventurer, womanizer and gambler was, in 1750, recorded as being a member of the Lodge of the Duke of Clermont in Paris. In 1794 Casanova published his autobiography, *Histoire de ma vie*, which is regarded as one of the most authentic sources of the customs and norms of European social life during the 18th century. He has become so famous for his often complicated and elaborate affairs with women that his name is now synonymous with "womanizer". He spent his last years in Bohemia as a librarian in Count Waldstein's household, where he also wrote the story of his life.

**Chagall, Marc (Real name: Moïse Shagal) (1887-1985)** – Marc Chagall was a Russian - Jewish artist famous for being the pioneer of 'Modernism'. He was one of the greatest figurative artists of the 20th Century. Chagall was initiated into Freemasonry in 1912.

**King Charles II - King of Great Britain and Ireland (1630-1685)** – Assisted by Sir Robert Moray. Charles II founded The Royal Society of London in November, 1660 from the members of the 'Invisible College'. During Charles' reign political fall-out over his religious view pushed him into exile, and a brief period where Britain was Governed as a 'defacto republic' lead by Oliver Cromwell. Charles was invited back from exile and reinstalled as Monarch in 1660 after the death of Cromwell in 1658.

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**' Our Heroes '**

I'll tell you a tale that's been recently written  
Of a powerful army, so Great it saved Britain  
They didn't have bombs and they didn't have planes  
They fought with their hearts and they fought with their brains  
They didn't have bullets, armed just with a mask  
We sent them to war, with one simple task  
To show us the way, to lead and inspire us  
To protect us from harm and fight off the virus

It couldn't be stopped by our bullet proof vests  
An invisible enemy, invaded our chests  
So we called on our weapon, our soldiers in blue  
All doctors, all nurses, your country needs you!  
We clapped on our streets, hearts bursting with pride  
As they went off to war, while we stayed inside  
They struggled at first, as they searched for supplies  
But they stared down the virus, in the whites of its eyes

They leapt from the trenches and didn't think twice  
Some never came back, the ultimate price  
So tired, so weary, yet still they fought on  
As the virus was beaten and the battle was won  
The many of us, owe so much to so few  
The brave and the bold, our heroes in blue  
So let's line the streets and remember our debt  
**We love you, our heroes, lest we forget**

**Matt Kelly**