

Lodge Waikato 475

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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 20th May 2021 at 7:30pm

Ceremony: - Initiation Ceremony - Mr Patrick Salmon.

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

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LODGE WAIKATO 475



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Lodge Waikato Monthly Diary - April 2021

Thursday, 6th May at 7:00pm. Management meeting .

Thursday, 13th May at 7:00pm. Lodge monthly practice.

Thursday, 20th May at 7:30pm . Regular Lodge monthly meeting.

Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays in May.

Keith Buick - 4th May 1972 (49yrs)
Dave Campbell - 4th May 1972 (49yrs)
Bruce Lye - 21st May 1986 (35yrs)
Trevor Reid - 3rd May 1993 (28yrs)
Stephen Hawkes - 15th May 1997 (24yrs)
Dennis Mead - 21st May 1998 (23yrs)
Trevor Langley - 15th May 2003 (18yrs)
Richard Kyle - 12th May 2009 (12yrs)
Geoff Cooper - 19th May 2011 (11yrs) .
Mark Bunting - 16th May 2019 (2yr)



Special Thanks —

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

James R. Hill.

Master's Report April 2021 –

Greetings Brethren,

I thought the April meeting was an enjoyable night with a relaxed Refectory. And a special night, first the presentation of three Master Mason Certificates Bro Brent Walker, Bro Mark Ashburner and Bro Mark Bunting, compliments for the perfect answering of the Test Questions. The Certificates were presented by VW Bro Evered, many thanks.



After closing the Lodge all attention was on WBro Tony Hilton, we admitted Tony 's wife Jill and daughter Lisa for the presentation. Thank you VW Bro Evered, the presentation had all the required decorum but was relaxed and enjoyable. It made for a good night.

Painting

Many thanks to the Brethren who attended the working bee. Good news, the building looks good and it is now too wet to paint. The last bits and a 2nd white coat we will achieve at the start of next summer. A big thank you to VW Bro Evered for questioning us very early on to consider painting the Lodge in darker heritage colours. - The end result is stunning.

Garage Sale

Many thanks for the dedicated team who supported the garage sale on the 17th April. Friday saw unpacking and setting tables with a great amount of goods to sell. Buyers were there at 6:30am on the Saturday morning, followed by a continued stream of folk to look, talk and buy. Final count should be around the \$1,100.00 mark. Had a few who were interested in looking through the Lodge room as well.

Digitising in June

Have delayed the digitising until June. When Brethren are available to assist, we can do the digitising of the photos of the Lodge Hamilton Masters which are hanging in the lobby. We will then store the photos and that wall will become the Lodge Waikato No.475 wall where Past Master photos and honours board will be hung.

2nd Visiting Team

Brethren I really request your help to establish a second visiting team.

When we visit we get visitors and keep Freemasonry vibrant.

As I love to be with my wife, I cannot go out every night of the week. So would like to hand out 2-3 visits to a second team that visits. I really do need your support in this as it will keep our Lodge and the visited Lodges vibrant. Ideally a group that visits regularly on the Wednesdays (Piako, Waipa, Taupiri). These Lodges really need visitors so please do let me know when available. Please see next page and calendar on back for months details and proposed visits.

Lodge Lunch

There was a Lodge lunch planned at Hayes common in Hamilton East. After booking they required a \$1000 deposit as minimum spend. So I cancelled as we normally get 20-30 members attending. Have made a booking at the Hamilton Gardens it has a nice, relaxed atmosphere. - **Sunday, May 16th, 12:30pm**

Please let me know of your intentions, for catering purposes.

This venue has proved very enjoyable, not only for the meal provided, but for the opportunity to visit the Gardens, and to see the Masonic garden now finished.

Good wishes

Andre Schenk WM.

Lodge Waikato No 475

Monthly planner

2021 -

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

The year ahead -

Ceremonial -

May -

11th Installation meeting, The Alpha Lodge No 81
Cambridge. 7:00pm

20th Initiation - Mr Patrick Salmon.

June Past-Master 's night. - Initiation

July **Lodge Installation.**

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

Month of May -

Planned visits - myself and any who would like to accompany me.

Tuesday 4 May	Lodge Tawhiri
Tuesday 10 May	Lodge Beta Waikato
Tuesday 11 May	Lodge Alpha Installation
Wednesday 26 May	Lodge Te Aroha

2nd Visiting team -

Wednesday 5 May	Lodge Piako
Wednesday 12 May	Lodge Waipa
Wednesday 19 May	Lodge Taupiri

Practises

Thursday 6 May	7pm MT meeting 7.30-7.45 Practise 1 st Degree
Thursday 13 May	7 pm Practise 1 st Degree
Thursday 20 May	7.30 Regular Meeting- 1 st Degree Mr Patrick Salmon

Lodge Lunch

Sunday 16 May, 12:30pm.
Sunday lunch at the Hamilton Gardens. Please bring wife/partner

WM

Yes ??

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

Working together is a success.

Henry Ford.

Report on Management Committee Meeting

Thursday 1st April 2021

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

There were eleven members present and six apologies. .

The Master 's Report: - The Master 's report was circulated prior to the meeting

The key points from the June meeting include:

The treasurer, D Seath, tabled a report with details of 2020 – 2021 comparisons and details of our financial position year to date this year. He indicated that from the results to date he considered the current fees at \$300.00 are adequate and there should be no need to increase. The treasurer also noted that rental income was down due to the Covid disruptions. He will also be recommending that we introduce a depreciation fund in the lodge accounts. Succession planning – The master reported a number of thoughts that had been highlighted from talking with members about our ongoing succession within the lodge. This generated a great deal of discussion. It was resolved that:

Our current Master, Andre Schenk, will continue for a further year in the office of Master, subject to support for his plan that includes other identified members taking specific responsibility for each separate degree working.

The Master agreed to discuss the individual circumstances of the other officers of the lodge with a view to retaining their current positions in some cases. He also agreed to set out a longer term succession plan and bring to the meeting for consideration.

Members discussed the need to care for our new members, especially when they are not able to observe the ceremonial work of the evening due to their rank.

Attention was also directed to the lodge list of officer duties that are considered to be a bit too complicated. The Master agreed to discuss the detail with W Bro M Loft.

Amplification in lodge room - The master suggested the need for some amplification within the lodge for members with softly spoken voices to use when participating in the work of the evening. He proposed that we purchase a Bluetooth microphone system from Jaycars at a cost of approximately \$140.00. The members agreed in principle and the master will further investigate the options.

Lodge Copernicus – A request from lodge Copernicus to support them with a candidate for a second degree was declined

Given that the April meeting will be centred on the presentation of Tony Hilton 's 60 Year Badge, catering for 40 will be arranged.

It has been requested that “ Membership ” should be a standing item on our management committee agenda so that we continue to monitor the support and encouragement for our newer members. This will be included from the May Management Committee agenda

The chairman noted the commitment made and the hard work and hours involved by the Master, W Bro Andre Schenk, and asked that we record a vote of grateful thanks for his leadership and commitment to the painting of the building, which is now looking most stunning and garnering very positive comments from members of the public. The Worshipful Master was applauded with acclamation.

Members were asked to note the garage sale to be held on Saturday 17th April in their diaries and provide assistance if they can.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and participation and the meeting was closed in Peace Love and Harmony at 8:25pm

Michael Tribe - Chairman, Management Committee

**Prince Philip:
A true English gentleman**

THE FREEMASONS ARE DEEPLY SADDENED TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF PRINCE PHILIP THIS MORNING AND WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND THE ROYAL FAMILY.



His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh started his life in Freemasonry in 1952, at the age of 31. He was initiated into Navy Lodge, No 2612, on 5 December. On 6 March 1953, HRH Prince Philip progressed to the Second Degree of Freemasonry, before advancing to the Third Degree on 4 May 1953. The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) issued his Grand Lodge Certificate on 7 May that same year and he has remained a member to this day.

The Duke of Edinburgh was born in Corfu on 10 June 1921, the only son of Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg. He therefore also held the title Prince of Greece and Denmark.

Prince Philip joined the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1939, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Prince Louis, who was Admiral of the Fleet and First Sea Lord.

He had a long and successful career in the Navy and rose to the rank of Commander.

Prince Philip was also a qualified pilot and was the first member of the Royal Family ever to fly out of Buckingham Palace in a helicopter.

The Duke of Edinburgh was known to drop into meetings at his Freemasons Lodge almost unannounced. Navy Lodge has a storied past and an amazing roster of luminaries appear upon its membership roll. The Lodge prides itself on being the premier Naval Lodge in the world, with an unparalleled history that includes four monarchs as past members – King Edward VII, King Edward VIII, King George VI and King George II of the Hellenes.

The Duke of Edinburgh was patron or president of some 800 organisations, with special interests in scientific and technological research and development, the encouragement of sport, the welfare of young people, and conservation and the environment.

Freemasons can also count other members of the Royal Family among their number, including HRH the Duke of Kent, who is the longest-serving Grand Master of the UGLE.

As well as members of the Royal Family, Navy Lodge can proudly name three winners of the Victoria Cross among its past and present members; numerous Admirals, Generals, Vice-Admirals and Senior Officers; as well as other notables such as Sir Ernest Shackleton, Robert Scott – known as ‘ S cott of the Antarctic ’ – and many more.

Elsewhere, there is also a Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No 1182, Liverpool, which was issued a warrant on 2 July 1867 and was consecrated on 1 August 1867. The Lodge was named after Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, who was then Duke of Edinburgh. He was born on 6 August 1844, the second son of Queen Victoria.

In addition, there is a Duke of Edinburgh Lodge in London, No 1259, which was consecrated on 4 May 1869. The Lodge was also named after Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, who became Duke of Edinburgh in 1866.

Great Night For All.
15th April 2021



**W. Bro Tony Hilton receives his 60yr bar
From District Grand Master, V. W. Bro John Evered.**

The occasion was special to have his wife Jill, and daughter Lisa in attendance.

**One can only imagine the pleasure Tony must have felt to receive his 60yr service bar
to add to his 50yr Badge received 10yrs ago.**

Tony was Initiated in Lodge Orakei No 270 on 11th April 1960.

Lodge Orakei was both his brothers and his fathers Lodge.

**When he was transferred to Hamilton, with his work, he joined Lodge Hamilton No 291
and was Master of that Lodge in 1976.**

**On the occasion of Lodge Hamilton closing he joined Lodge Hillcrest No 363 and
eventually became Master in 2008. Due to the Lodges amalgamation he became
a member of Lodge Waikato No 475.**

**Tony is also a member of Lodge Pukemiro No 301, the Waikato Lodge of Research No 445,
Hamilton Rose Croix No 323, Messenger Chapter Rotorua,
and The United Masters Lodge No 167 receiving the Centenary Jewel in 2009.**

Ed

Moving House.

It seems 2021 has prompted several Lodge brethren folk to shift to new homes.

**Gary and Kate Salmon have gone to Alandale, Don and Susan Seath
to Cambridge and Paul and Vanessa Sutcliffe to Hilda Ross Village.
(that I know of.)**

**We wish them all well in their new address and hope they enjoy their new
environment and getting to know their new neighbours.**

Ed.

Master Mason
Certificate Presentation.
15th April 2021



The future of the Lodge is in the hands of these younger members,
Bros. Mark Bunting, Mark Ashburner and Brent Walker.
We seriously wish them well for their Masonic future.

Ed.

' Great Garage Sale '



Thanks to all who gave goods to sell,
they were at the door at 6:30am. to buy.
Thanks to the dedicated helpers on
the day.

Final tally not in yet, but will be
well over \$1,100.00



MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Director of Special Projects John Hamill puts paid to some intriguing rumours that began circulating about Freemasonry after World War 11

Over the past thirty years a great deal has been done by Grand Lodge, Provinces and Districts to dispel some of the myths that grew up about Freemasonry after World War II, when our organisation lost the habit of communicating with the non-masonic world. It is necessary work as there is little doubt that the repetition of those myths in the media and other areas has deterred candidates from joining the Craft. But members themselves have also been guilty of propounding stories that have little, if any, basis in reality, two examples being public access to membership registers and the role of the black tie.

In the 1980s and 1990s, when politicians and public bodies were beginning to demand public registers of Freemasons, many brethren asked: 'Why do they need them? Grand Lodge already has to send lists of members to the police.' Not so, but there was a kernel of distorted truth at the centre of this one. In the 1790s, in the wake of the French Revolution, the government began to pass legislation to control radical political clubs, trade combinations and societies. This culminated in the Unlawful Societies Act of 1799, which made illegal any association or society that required its members to take an oath or obligation. Had it gone through in its original form, Freemasonry would have become illegal.

FIGHTING FICTION Timely intervention by Lord Moira and the Duke of Atholl, explaining Freemasonry's apolitical nature and that the only 'secrets' were the traditional signs, tokens and words used as a test of membership, led to clauses in the Act exempting Freemasonry, with one major proviso. Once a year, every lodge had to send to its local clerk of the peace a return of all the members of the lodge with their names, ages, addresses and occupations. These returns were available only to the magistrates. The provision continued in force until 1966, when the Criminal Law Amendment Act removed a huge raft of what was considered obsolete legislation, including the Unlawful Societies Act. When the Craft tie was introduced as an alternative to a black tie there was an outcry among members. When questioned as to why they thought we wore black ties, the usual response was because the Craft was in mourning, for a multiplicity of personalities – from Hiram Abiff to Queen Victoria.

The most prevalent claim, however, was that they were adopted in memory of those who lost their lives during World War I. Not true! The central memorial to those brethren is Freemasons' Hall itself in London. Fortunately, Freemasons have never been averse to being photographed and there is a wealth of evidence to show how they dressed for meetings. From late Victorian times up to the 1930s, lodge dress was white tie and tails. Towards the end of World War I, with cloth becoming scarce, brethren began to wear dinner jackets with black bow ties. It was not until World War II that long black ties began to appear, for two reasons. In the face of clothing rationing, Grand Lodge relaxed the dress code, and in areas that were subject to the attentions of the Luftwaffe, meetings began to take place in daylight so that the brethren could get home before the air raids started. Normal professional day wear at that time was a short black jacket, white shirt and club or regimental tie. On leaving their workplace to go to lodge, brethren simply changed their tie for a long black tie, instead of the usual bow – and so began the habit of wearing morning dress for masonic meetings. We learnt a valuable lesson about communication after the war. Nature abhors a vacuum and in the absence of fact, it appears that a half-heard story could fill that space when it came to Freemasonry.

In Freemasonry, the Eyes have it -

In Freemasonry, two symbols in particular have great symbolism. - They are the triangle and the eye.



Not every triangle has symbolic significance, however, because the triangle is one of the simplest geometrical figures.

A wide variety of interpretations exist for the symbolism of a triangle.

As civilization progressed triangles appeared frequently in designs in ceramics.

Those with the points pointing down were said to represent water (the direction of rain), and triangles pointing upward were said to represent fire, (the direction of the flame).

In Christianity the triangle has prevailed as a symbol for the Holy Trinity; the hand, head, and name of God, complemented by the eye, signifying the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. This ' God 's-eye ' within the triangle was particularly frequent in the baroque period; take a look at the eye with the triangle in the Great Seal of the United States, which is an artistic device (' the eye of providence '), not a Masonic symbol.

In Freemasonry, the ' all-seeing eye ' (which is not contained within a triangle) with the beams emanating from it, is also a symbol for God; the Great Architect of the Universe.

— By the way, the Masonic ' all-seeing eye ' is the left eye.

In many civilizations over the centuries the Sun is understood to be an ' all-seeing eye, ' which is sometimes symbolized by an ' eye, ' as in the case of Horus, the Egyptian sun-god. However, this is not to be confused with the symbolism of the Masonic all-seeing eye.

To the Mason the ' all-seeing eye ' could be a reminder that the wisdom of the Great Architect of the Universe (a euphemism for God coined by the theologian John Calvin, whose theology was the basis for the founding of Presbyterianism centuries ago), God penetrates all secrets.

Originally sent by Ven Bro Reg. Nicholson, (now deceased) Lodge Tawhiri 166.

' Welcome '

It has been very pleasing for the Master to welcome into our Lodge membership new members during this past year either by Initiation or as a joining member.

Some are now taking up positions of responsibility already, and we all encourage them to become involved and enjoy their Masonry.

Bros, Mark Ashburner, Mark Bunting, Brent Walker, Ged Guinto, Lowell Daquiouog, Jomar Figuerres, Robin Dunmall and Patrick Salmon.

Well-done brethren, yes, we do hope you will enjoy your Freemasonry, and do encourage that you not be afraid to ask the senior members for any help and advice on any matters of concern.

We are all here to assist you - Ed

**Neckerchief found in 150yr-old Shipwreck restored -
But remains in mystery.**



The Daring, a century-old schooner was rescued from Muriwai beach after it was unearthed by shifting sands in May 2018.

A tattered neckerchief discovered inside a [153-year-old shipwreck](#) on a West Auckland beach has been restored by heritage specialists. The neckerchief was found on the Daring, a schooner [uncovered by shifting sands](#) at Muriwai Beach in May 2018. As well as the ship being remarkably well-preserved, also found inside were a perfectly intact shoe, coins, a cup, clay pipes and wine bottle caps dating back to the 19th century.

It's taken several heavy duty moving trucks, five days and more than \$1 million to remove a 153-year-old shipwreck from a West Auckland beach.

The Daring, a schooner [uncovered by shifting sands](#) at Muriwai Beach in May, was successfully removed, fully intact, by the Daring Rescue Team on December 12.

Larry Paul, from the Classic Yacht Charitable Trust, said volunteers slept on the beach between tides as the ship was excavated over three days.

Paul, John Stewart and Baden Pascoe instigated the boat's removal after a Muriwai local stumbled across the ship.

The group organised the self-funded project because they believed the vessel was worth saving for New Zealanders to enjoy, Paul said.

"Otherwise it would have been in the sand for years."

The wreck was partially buried on the beach and inside the NZDF Kaipara Air Weapons Range. It had been driven ashore by a severe gale in 1865.

Paul said it took months of paperwork to get the right approvals to remove it.

On December 10, the removal of the Daring from the sand began – artifacts were taken out of the vessel and strops were put in. The Daring was taken to the edge of Muriwai forest and was hosed down by the Muriwai Volunteer Fire Brigade.

On December 14, the Daring was moved to a location in Hobsonville where it would remain until plans for its preservation and final destination were finalised.

"The boat was built in Mangawhai so they've shown interest to have it there, there's also been interest from Onehunga because she was based there.



Susanne Grieve Rawson specialises in object conservation and worked on the restoration of the neckerchief.

Rawson said she had been involved with the shipwreck since it was found and it was “fascinating” to watch the story unfold.

“The neckerchief looked like a grey little curled up ball when I first saw it. I cleaned off the sediments, carefully unfolded it and gave it a wash and dry.”

It was found the neckerchief (like a patch-work quilt) was made of pure silk and patches featured detailed images which appeared to relate to the Freemasons organisation.

Auckland Council Heritage Unit confirmed the wreck was identified to be the Daring – a schooner driven ashore in a severe gale in 1865.

A team from New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), Auckland Council archeologists and Department of Conservation staff visited the site on May 29 to cordon off the area and begin investigations.

The 17 metre-long schooner was a two-masted ship carrying a cargo of grass seed when it was driven onto the beach near South Head on the Kaipara Harbour.

It had been built just two years earlier in Mangawai and owned by an Onehunga man.

A historic news article from the National Library of New Zealand said the Daring was sailing from Taranaki to the Manukau when it found itself opposite the Kaipara heads.

Auckland Council Heritage Unit principal specialist Robert Brassey said the wreck was already being preyed upon by scavengers.

The wreck was on an archeological site protected under the provisions of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act. Public access to the range was banned at all times including when there was no military activity, council said.

“An archaeological authority from Heritage New Zealand is required before anyone can modify or damage this site,” Beverley Parslow of Heritage New Zealand Auckland Area said. “This wreck is part of the nation’s history and needs to be recorded in the first instance without being tampered with.” Its full story can then be told for all New Zealanders to appreciate and learn from. “That story is not as complete with parts of the wreck missing due to fossickers taking items that do not belong to them.”

‘Thanks to Geoff Cooper for this article “Stuff”

Education feature - 'The Deacons'

We meet in our Lodge room so often that it is easy for us to take for granted the things that we see around us there and which just take place. There are times however, when those who are new to Freemasonry, or who are getting more interested in what we do, want to know why certain things are as they are or happen as they do.

One of these things that we can take so easily for granted is why the 2 Deacons have wands, and the Director of Ceremony has a Baton.

The Deacons -

As with the very name of the office the source of our practice lies in what took place in the Old English Parish Churches. The 2 principal lay officers of each local Church had for a thousand years been called the Wardens, which name came from the old Northern French word "wardein". meaning 'to protect' or 'to Guard; and was the word the Anglo-Saxons used. The Wardens protected the rights of the people in the church and as a sign of their authority they were given rods which were later called wands.

In the middle ages the lodge of stonemasons on a working site was ruled by a Warden who protected the rights of the working craftsmen and as a sign of his authority he too had a rod. When the masons created their trade guild they followed the church custom of having a Master, instead of a Rector, and two Wardens, and all three of them had wands.

In some old lodges the wands were further adorned with a cross for the Master, moon for the Senior Warden and a sun for the Junior Warden. The cross originally represented Christ the head or cornerstone., the moon represented the close of the day and the sun at the meridian. After the 1813 Union the new form of ceremonial encouraged by the Duke of Sussex required that the three principal officers of a lodge should not leave their places as they had done in the previous century.

The office of Deacon which had been introduced into some of the Atholl, or Antients, lodges as assistants at the table, mainly for help with eating, drinking or bearing messages from the Master, were now given the duty of attending on candidates which had previously been discharged by the Wardens. To show that they were now acting with the authority of the Wardens they were given the wands of those senior officers.

It is when we understand how the Deacons originally behaved that we appreciate why, at the opening of a lodge, they are described as those who carry messages from the Master to the Wardens.

It is only right that we should know why the wands held by the Deacons no longer have a sun and moon. In some 18th century lodges the knowledge of the classics suggested that the figure of the messenger of the gods, Mercury, was a most apt symbol just because he carried messages and did so with promptness.

Hence many other orders still have wands with his figure on them. Following the Union there was a happy return to a very ancient aspect of English Freemasonry, the presence of Noah in the ceremonies.

**' Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon.?
The food was great, but there' s just no atmosphere. !! '**

Since the Dove was the creature that symbolized peace and was also the messenger that showed Noah a leaf of a tree emerging from the subsiding flood, this was adopted as the most common new attachment to the wands. Whilst these latter symbols accurately represent part of the Deacons ' tasks they have obscured the original source of the wand 's authority. At least we can now see them being used and appreciate better their significance.

What is even more intriguing is the fact that because the Worshipful Master was also not allowed to move from his place, his wand or rod was given to a new post-Union officer, The Director of Ceremonies. He was the one who now controlled the work on the floor of the lodge, made sure that all the officers were present and accompanied, or even introduced, any special visitors on entry.

It is worth noting that it was not intended that he should ever take charge of the gavel, which was placed in the hands of the Worshipful Master at his Installation.

As another matter of interest, it should be noted that the original rod or wand of a Church Rector was surmounted by a cross, so the wand entrusted to the Director of Ceremonies had a cross at its top.

It is also worth noting that the first conductors of an orchestra were provided with a wand but as this in time became unwieldy it was duly shortened to a baton or stick. That is why Directors of Ceremonies have a baton rather than a wand.

In the end, the authority it symbolises is the Master 's and not just that of the D.C. The latter always needs to remember whom he serves.

Rt WBro Merv Hallam P.DepGM. Victoria. Aust.

Education -

' The Colour Blue in Freemasonry '

Blue seems to have been highly esteemed since far back in antiquity as a beneficent colour, denoting immortality, eternity, chastity and fidelity, with pale blue representing prudence and probity. Exodus 28:31 states;

" Thou shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. "

In Medieval times, Christians regarded blue as symbolic of immortality, of perfection, of hope, and of fidelity. It has never been discovered how or when blue became the characteristic colour of Craft Masonry, but the most probable explanation is the simple analogy to the blue dome of heaven, the clouded canopy, or star-decked firmament.

In Masonry, blue indicates universal brotherhood and instructs us that those virtues should be as extensive as the blue arch of heaven itself.

No matter how the idea may have arisen, it seems that from the early 18th century, blue has been deemed the colour appropriate to the Craft degrees and Lodges, hence such terms as Blue masonry, Blue Lodge, Blue degrees have long been used, not only as a convenient method of expression but in recognition of a beautiful symbolism.




May 2021 (New Zealand)




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 <small>Bank Holiday</small>	26 <small>* Anniversary</small>	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4 Visit Lodge Tawhiri Barton St 7:30pm	5	6 Management Meeting and practice 7.00pm	7	8
9 <small>Monday Day</small>	10 Visit The Beta Waikato Barton St 7:30pm	11 Visit The Alpha Lodge Installation 7:00pm	12 Cambridge	13 Practice meeting 7.00pm	14	15
16 Lodge Luncheon Hamilton Gardens 12:30pm	17	18	19	20 Monthly meeting Initiation Ceremony Mr. Patrick Salmon	21	22
23	24	25	26 Visit Lodge Te Aroha Morrinsville 7pm	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Monthly Lodge meetings, visiting dates, and other activities.



June 2021 (New Zealand)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3 Management Meeting and practice. 7.00pm	4	5
6	7 <small>* Queen's Birthday</small>	8	9	10 Practice meeting 7.00pm	11	12
13	14 Visit The Beta-Waikato Lodge Barton St 7:pm Installation	15	16	17 Monthly meeting 1st degree working Past Masters Night	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Quote - "As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands,
One to help yourself, and one to help others."
Audrey Hepburn.