

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 October 2022 at 7:30pm

Ceremony: - Double Third degree working - Bro M Namuag & Bro J Figuerres

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

Rt.W Bro. Gary Salmon - Hon Secretary

Nomination of prospective Candidate -

Mr. Luke Atherton Holder. Bricklayer, from Dinsdale, Hamilton. Mr. Luke Bateson. Project manager, from Hamilton East. Hamilton.

Rt. WBro. Gary Salmon - Hon Secretary

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I.P.M.- W Bro. Andre Schenk Sen. Deacon - Bro. Mark Bunting

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LODGE WAIKATO 475



To be Initiated - Mr Benjamin Ansel

 To be Passed to the Second Degree
 Bro Quintin Smith, Bro Patrick Salmon, Bro Mark Black & Bro John Gensik

To be Raised to the Third Degree - Bro Lowell Daquioag, Bro Geoff Taylor Bro Romal Soagyan, Bro Mark Namuag & Bro Jomar Figuerres

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Lodge Waikato Monthly Diary - August 2022

Thursday, 6th October at 7:00pm - Management meeting/practice Thursday, 13th October at 7:00pm - Practice meeting Wednesday, 19th October at 7:00pm - Special practice Thursday, 20th October at 7:30pm - Lodge Regular Monthly meeting.

Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays in October -

Peter Kimber - 1st October 1986 (36yrs) Brian Cowley - 15th October 2003 (19yrs) Dominic McDonald - 15th October 2009 (13yrs) Mark Namuag 15th October 2021 (1yr)



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 - October 2022

Greetings brethren and welcome to spring, the last few weeks have been pretty busy with visits to Te Aroha, Tawhiri and Waitomo, of course our regular meeting to pass Romal Soaygam and the big visit to Whitianga for many of us to their instillation. The brethren whom has visited with me a big thank you, and to those whom have visited other lodges on your own a big thanks.

W Bro. Norm Adams a former member of Hillcrest was given the 'Role of Honour' presented to him by our Grand Master, an acknowledgment of his amazing contribution to the craft. Recent grand lodge appointments for the next three years include W Bro A. Schenk and myself as Grand Stewards.



You are all well aware we have 17 degree workings to perform and a further two new initiates that wish to join us, so we need to all keep looking at what charges we want to do and please contact me if you wish to do so.

Our big night for our double third degree is fast approaching in October, brothers Namuag and Figuerres will be raised, this is essentially the last night for W Bro. de Bruin and we are expecting a big turn out so I will be calling for a bit of extra help in refectory.

The list of charges is in this edition of the Plumline, we will be having three rehearsals as this is a bit of a tricky ceremony, we expect to see you at least two of the three, so dust off those little 'Blue books' and let's perform a fantastic night.

"I would really like to have an excellent attendance as this is a big night for the Lodge."

Take a note of my visiting dates (when advised), I really want your company when visiting, you are all very welcome to join me. Let me know if you want a ride.

"Keep an eye out for e-mails from the Secretary, re: visitings."

Fraternally,

W Bro Darryl Gray - Master.

Attention Brethren -

As discussed, in October we will perform a double third degree on Mark Namuag and Jomar Figuerres, we will have our usual practice on 6th, 13th and AGAIN on the Wednesday 19th to ensure we do a well rehearsed performance.

This is Adrian de Bruin's last time in the chair for our lodge and we want it to be a degree working to remember.

All of the allocated charges are in the Plumline with your names attached, we expect to see you all at least one of the Thursday nights and definitely the Wednesday full dress rehearsal.

Please also note that we will be at tyling at 6.30 visitors 7.00,, look forward to seeing you ALL at this special occasion

WM.

Lodge Waikato No 475 Monthly planner

Proposal for Lodge Work.

The following is a proposed schedule for ceremonies for the coming twelve months following the installation in July. This proposed programme is based on the monthly meeting that is normally held on the third Thursday of each month.

Month	Date	Dronocod coromony	Brother/Brethren
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August	18 th	Presentation of 50 th year jewel. Role specifications	Don Morgan & Dave Campbell
September	15 th	Second Degree	Rommel Soaygan
October	20 th	Double Third Degree	Mark Namuag and Jomar Figuerres
November	24 th	Third degree	Geoff Taylor
December*	8 th	Social evening including speaker and food	Speaker to be confirmed
January		No Meeting	
February	16 th	Double Second Degree	John Gensik and Mark Black
March	23 rd	Third degree	J. Gensik or M. Black
April	20 th	Speaker	Speaker to be confirmed
Мау	18 th	Third degree	J. Gensik or M. Black
June	15 th	To be confirmed	
Installation	20 th		

Scheduled for 2nd Thursday

If there is seen to be a need for extra meetings to cover any unexpected ceremonies it should be noted that there are five Thursdays in September and March 22, and June 2023

Attention - Attention -

Brethren please take note as to whom of you are involved on October 20th.

Thursday the 20th October, double third degree for Mark Namuag and Jomar Figuerres.

Test questions - Adrian de Bruijn, and the communication of pass grip and pass word Ecclestiastes - Bob Ancell, Darryl Gray back up. Obligation - Steve Weller and Adrian de Bruijn Exhortation - Keith Buick Traditional history part one - Don Seath and Graham Hallam Charge to the brethren - Adrian de Bruin Charge after raising - Mark Bunting Secrets - Darryl Gray Investiture - Dennis Mead Charge after Investiture - Alan Harrop Traditional history - Gary Salmon Extended secrets - Murry Loft Working tools - Kirk Spragg and or Robin Dunmall Final charge - Dennis Mead

Brethren, this is a particularly special working, and to that end, It would be good if we can have your attendance at practices on 1st and 2nd Thursdays. and the Wednesday prior, Please be very aware of the Blue Book procedure. WM.

A note from VW Bro. John Evered,

District Grand Master. -

Greetings brethren,

The Special Olympics and the preparations for this event are now COMING FAST

Special Olympics NZ have now appointed a new Volunteer Coordinator and she has so far issued a reminder email to all those who had registered for last year's event, to either confirm their availability or non availability.

So if you HAVE NOT REPLIED YET, can I ask that you give this task some priority in the next few days, as the resourcing by way of volunteer help is one of the major issues that the organisers will face.

If you did not offer assistance last year but are now available to assist, I have attached the link below that will take you direct to the registration web site and the

Freemasons registration portion, You can use this log on for anyone that you can convince to take part as a volunteer, be it family, friends neighbours etc.

https://specialolympicsnz.rosterfy.co/invite/Freemasons_Volunteers

Questions or concerns please get back to me .



Kings Who Were Freemasons (The Kings of Freemasonry) (From

(From Masonic Find)

George IV, King of England

George Augustus Frederick was born on 12 August 1762 in London, England. In addition to his native English, he also spoke French, German, and Italian. He served as the thirty- seventh Grand Master of the Premier Grand Lodge of England from 1790 to 1813. He reigned as King of the United Kingdom and of Ireland from 1820 until his death on 26 June 1830.

William IV, King of England

William IV was born on 21 August 1765. He was initiated in Prince George Lodge No. 86 on 9 March 1786. The next year, he was given the honorary title of Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. He served from that year until 1830 as the Master of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 259 (which had been named after his brother George, who would later become George IV) He was coronated King of England in 1837 and died on 20 June later that year.

Edward VII, King of England

Edward VII was born on 9 November 1841. Charles XV, King of Sweden and Norway initiated him in the first six degrees of the Swedish Rite in The Swedish Grand Master's Lodge at the Royal Palace, Stockholm, by on 20 December 1868; the next four of the Swedish Rite degrees were conferred on him the next day; the eleventh degree of the Swedish Rite (Knight Com mander of the Red Cross) was also conferred upon him. He was a member of multiple lodges in England and Scotland. He served as the fourth Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) from 1874 until 1901. He then reigned over his country as King from 1901 until his death on 6 May 1910.

Edward VIII, King of England

Edward VIII was born on 23 June 1894. He was apparently a member of Household Brigade Lodge No. 2614. He reigned over the United Kingdom from 20 January 1936 until 11 December of the same year; his reign ended in his abdication of the throne, due to his desire to marry divorcée Wallis Simpson, which was not permitted at that time for British Royalty. He died on 28 May 1972.

George VI, King of England

George VI was born on 14 December 1895. He was initiated into Navy Lodge No. 2612 in December 1919; in 1921, he became a permanent Master of that Lodge. He joined several lodges. He was appointed Senior Grand Warden in the UGLE in 1923 and later as the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. He became the Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scot land from 1936 until his coronation, which occurred on 12 May 1937 Due to his brother Edward VIII's abdication of the throne, George VI reigned as King of the United Kingdom until his death on 6 February 1952.

Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh,

Queen Elizabeth's husband, was initiated into the Navy Lodge No. 2612

However, due to his commitment with the Queen, he did not seem to have a passionate interest involving himself with the organization, he rarely associated Freemasonry activity.

With the Queen's cousin, Duke of Kent is the most senior Freemason in the hierarchy, it is safe to point out the Royal Family's engagement in Freemasonry is still intact.

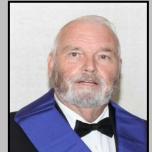
Congratulations to these Brethren who have been appointed to Grand Lodge Office positions for the period 2022 - 2025 Waikato District.

W Bro Len Jefferies P.GDC PM District Grand Master Lodge Piako No 81

W Bro David Shearer P.GS PM District Grand Director of Ceremony Lodge Tawhiri No 166

W Bro Andre A Schenk PM Grand Steward Lodge Waikato No 475

W Bro Gary M Price PM Grand Steward Lodge Tawhiri No 166









W Bro Darryl J Gray PM Grand Steward (Counties-Hauraki District) Lodge Waikato No 475

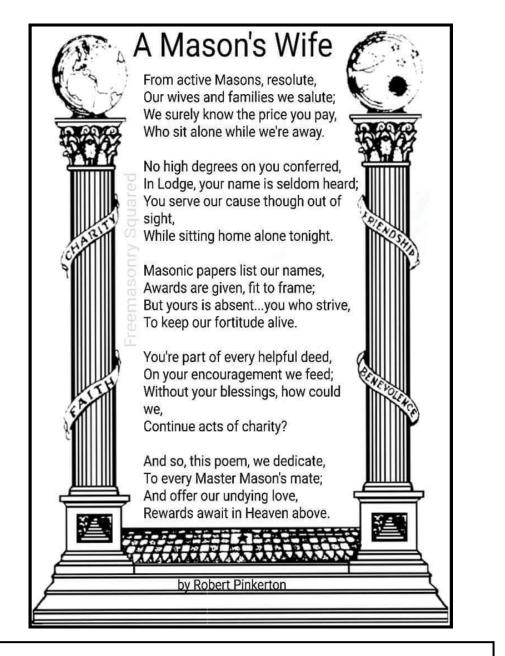
W Bro Bryan Bevege PM **Grand Bible Bearer** Lodge Tawhiri No 166

W Bro Bruce S Birnie RH PM Grand Organist Lodge Pukemiro No 106

W Bro W Merrilees PGS PM Past Grand Standard Bearer Lodge Piako No 81







Another event attended by Waikato Freemasons, this time we were a formidable team of basketball players created from several Waikato Lodges who had a fun morning and played 2 games of basketball. We were honoured by the attendance of our Grandmaster and the major of Hamilton for this event. And the best, each of the three teams won one game and lost one game, thus all ending in a shared first place. How good is that.



Waikato Freemasons went and watched a soccer game recently at Gower Park to support the Hamilton team and to be part of the photo below. This photo is part of a NZ wide competition and I was lucky enough that the team was short of one player so I could play as well. A fun event, all present thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

After this event I am really looking forward, and am counting the days until the Special Olympics Freemasons NZ begins.





The History of Freemasonry & the Hindu Religion

Hinduism is generally accepting of all worship or belief that strengthens a person's faith in God.

This is regardless of whether the belief is Brahaman or absolute. Hindu regards Freemasonry as a way through which an individual's belief in a Supreme power is strengthened. Just as Hindus accept Christ or Lord Krishna as a saviour, they accept Freemasonry as a spiritual practice. However, their cultural context in Freemasonry is different from that of the West.

In Buddhism, there isn't much that opposes Masonic ways either. Buddhism is based on finding inner peace, notable truth, and relating well with others. These ideologies are aligned with Masonic ideals, principles, teachings, and practices.

Some orders of Freemasonry, most notably Universal Co-Masonry, are very friendly with Eastern Philosophy. Vedas and I-Ching teachings are even used as volumes of sacred lore. It wasn't until 1872 when the first Hindu was initiated into the Brotherhood.

Prosonno Coomar Dutt was admitted into the English Lodge 'Anchor and Hope' after a nine-year campaign. Twenty-three years later, he rose in rank and became a District Grand Lodge Master. In particular, Swami Vivekanda made history as the youngest Hindu to rise to the degree of Master Lodge.

He is known as one of the greatest spiritual leaders ever born in India. He was the first person to have brought Hindu philosophy to the West World. He openly spoke about Hindu culture and religion at the world parliament.

On February 19, 1884, a young Narendranath Datta, also known as Swami Vivekandah, was initiated in the Anchor and Hope Lodge and became a freemason.

Three months later, the 21-year old young man was raised to the degree of Master Lodge.

Over the last three centuries, several prominent Indians and Hindu believers have joined Freemasonry.

In the world today, there are three countries whose majority population practices Hinduism Nepal, India and Mauritius.

In India, there are no laws against Freemasonry. Freemasonry in India can be traced back to the British Imperial Rule era. There is a widespread belief that Freemasonry partially contributed to merging East and West in India.

The introduction of the Order in India was through the East India Company (E.I.C.) in the 18th century. The company was famously known for its recognizable symbol of an interlaced 'Square and Compasses.'

E.I.C. established the first military lodge in 1730. Over the years, the membership has grown to nearly 30,000 registered members across the country.

The 'Square and Compasses', <u>one of the most recognizable symbols of the Masons</u> can be located in almost all cities in the country. Members of the Brotherhood are open.

In Nepal, the country isn't opposed to Masonic ways. Freemasons are actively involved in charitable activities and sending relief help.

In 2015, <u>when an earthquake hit the country</u>, Freemasons were among the first people who rallied to provide the necessary assistance.

As per 2017 population data, 51.9% of Mauritius population are Hindu. Hinduism in the country is one of the majorly practiced religions. Freemasonry was first introduced by the French, who occupied the island from 1715-1810.

The first Grand Lodge in the country was consecrated in 1778. Currently, there are over 3,000 registered members across the country. The country has no laws, rules, and regulations against Freemasonry.

The only opposition; if any, that the Brotherhood faces is from citizens who are against the organization due to societal myths and misconceptions.

In India, the country has almost 470 lodges, over 160 chapters, more than 180 Mark Lodges, over 140 R.A.M. in about 172 cities. The Grand Lodge of India is the main governing body of Freemasonry within India.

It was officially constituted on November 24, 1961. At the time, out of all 277 lodges in India, 145 opted for the G.L.I. Currently, G.L.I. alone has over 25,000 members. Before the establishment of its order, India was under three delegations; Grand Lodge of Scotland, Grand Lodge of Ireland and Grand Lodge of England.

The Masonic Fraternity administration in the country is also organized in Independent Grand Lodges that govern their jurisdiction or daughter lodges.

The lodges hold conferences, meetings and ceremonies to mark particular occasions. G.L.I. plays a part in contributing to India's Economy and charity work in both India and Nepal. For example, G.L.I. organizes classrooms for children in prisons and helps disaster victims.

It also took the initiative to light up 50 villages in remote areas of the country that didn't have any electricity access. It also constructed houses for Tsunami affected families and so many more charitable activities.

One of the famous lodges in Nepal is Lodge Kathmandu of Nepal 8194 which was consecrated back on March 4 1968. Nepal Grand Lodges work with the Grand Lodge of India (G.L.I.). Members of some lodges under G.L.I. attend initiations and other ceremonies in the country.

Initially, Grand Lodges in Mauritius were under the Masonic body of France, United Grand Lodge of England, Grand Lodge of Ireland and Grand Lodge of Scotland.

In 2005, during an occasion that marked the 37th Anniversary of the country and 227 years since the introduction of Freemasonry, the Grand Lodge of Mauritius was consecrated. This saw the transfer of eight lodges to the G.L.M. From 2005-2010, 8 more lodges were transferred. Today, the Grand Lodge of Mauritius is recognized worldwide and has 16 lodges under its roll. However, these lodges work under different rituals.

Article from NZ Masonic Forum



Freemasonry - The Importance of the Organ

Music has always been integral to English Freemasonry from the early years of the 18th century and the inclusion of songs set to music in James Anderson's first Book of Constitutions (1723) is clear evidence for this. Early Lodge music generally took the form of singing either unaccompanied or with portable instruments, as the Lodges were meeting in the private rooms of inns and taverns which had to be cleared at the end of a meeting. During the 19th century dedicated Masonic halls were built and a pipe organ was often installed – mainly a reflection of the Victorian vogue for pipe organs, which by then were installed across England in every ambitious church, chapel and meeting hall.

The previous century's tradition of Lodge music, with its echoes of tavern culture, was ill-suited to the new Lodge environment, and so the process of appropriating a new musical repertoire from the unimpeachable sources of church and chapel began. Christian hymns and psalms, and new music inspired by them, expressing sentiments thought to validate Freemasonry's fraternal tenets, began to dominate. A profusion of such material appeared in inexpensive, commercially-produced editions of Lodge music from the middle of the 19th century.

In the 19th century many provincial English cities established music festivals whose profits were used to provide finance for hospitals and other community facilities. The festivals also enhanced a city's status. As leading citizens were involved with these festivals, it is not surprising that we can find a number of musical Freemasons playing their part. One such case is Dr William Spark at Leeds.

The origins of the Leeds Music Festival can be seen in two events: the building of the town hall and the revival of Anglican church congregations in the 1830s when W F Hook, as Vicar of Leeds, redesigned the Parish Church, St Peters (with the assistance of Wakefield architect and Freemason, R D Chantrelli) and brought to the city a leading cathedral organist, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, in 1842.

In turn, Wesley brought with him from Exeter, a trainee organist, William Spark. Dr Spark, as he was to become, was one of the major figures in Leeds musical life until his death in 1897.

In 1819 the Lodge of Fidelity first occupied its own Masonic hall in rented premises in Sterne's Buildings, Green Dragon Yard, Briggate. These premises included an organ and, although the Lodge had moved from these premises by the time that Spark joined, the occupation of these premises prompted the Lodge to begin a tradition of attracting to its membership competent organists.

The move by this Lodge towards greater use of organ music is just one example of the growing use of pipe organs to provide music in Masonic Lodges that continued throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries. By the time that Spark joined the Lodge, it had a broadly based membership of local businessmen and professionals which included the Rev Augustus Perring, curate of St Paul's Church, where Spark was organist.

Spark was Master of Fidelity in 1875 and was appointed Provincial Grand Organist in 1858 and 1861.

Following the Lodge "tradition" he recruited a number of musicians including John Pugh Bowling, later Principal of the Yorkshire Training College of Music, George Haddock, a skilled amateur musician and collector of old instruments, the singers, Thomas Dodds, who later became the Lodge tyler, and Charles Blagborough, the latter a member of the Lodge for almost 50 years.

It was the Mayor, Peter Fairbairn, who, prompted by rivalry with Bradford, in 1858 initiated the first Festival, the profits of which were to go to Leeds General Infirmary, and established an organising committee comprising local aldermen and businessmen. A detailed comparison between membership of Leeds Lodges and the membership of the various organising committees remains to be undertaken, but there was certainly some involvement from an early stage.

There was an abortive attempt to organise another festival in 1861 which failed due to the rivalry between the city's two choral societies, the Leeds Choral Society led by Robert Senior Burton *iv* and William Spark's own Madrigal and Motet Society, and so it was not until 1873 that another festival got underway.

The musical director of these first festivals was the eminent London conductor (and Freemason) Sir Michael Costa. He and William Spark first met in 1852 in Bradford when the foundation stone of St George's Hall was laid, an event conducted with full Masonic ceremonial. They met again at the first Bradford Music Festival in the following year. Spark was the younger of the two men by about 10 years and admits in his book Musical Memories that he felt somewhat frightened by Costa's austere manner and sharp conversation. Although the pipe organs installed in Masonic halls were often modest affairs designed to support corporate singing, a modern researcher has recently called for them to be recorded

on the National Pipe Organ Register even if they cannot be retained.

"The tonal consistency of these modest English instruments, by whichever organ builder, across many decades and in all parts of the country, makes it possible to view these Masonic pipe organs of the 19th and early 20th centuries as a distinct type. They not only represent a significant part of English Freemasonry's cultural heritage but, arguably, they also make a distinctive contribution to the nation's wider cultural heritage. However, as a consequence of their private location and their modest scale, these instruments have been overlooked by the organ cognoscenti, and are unlikely to compete successfully for public funding towards the cost of their maintenance or restoration. Indeed, it is the costs of maintaining these otherwise modest and unremarkable instruments that has led to many being removed and replaced by electronic alternatives, without any systematic attempt to record what is lost" v Some pipe organs have been preserved.

One example is the organ by Norman and Beard Ltd of London (1912) in the Lodge room known as The Greek Temple, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street Station, London. This imposing and highly decorated Edwardian space is Grade 1 listed and so the survival of its otherwise typically modest Masonic pipe organ has been guaranteed by its being integral to the Lodge room's original design. Despite the completeness of the furniture and fittings in this Lodge room it is no longer used for Masonic meetings, but the instrument is intact and playable. At Freemasons' Hall itself, a fine one-manual chamber organ c. 1793 in an attractive mahogany case, by Robert & William Gray of London, is currently being carefully restored by Michael Broadway for use in Lodge Room 3.

Article from English Masonic Magazine MQ, - England. - Diane Clemen

