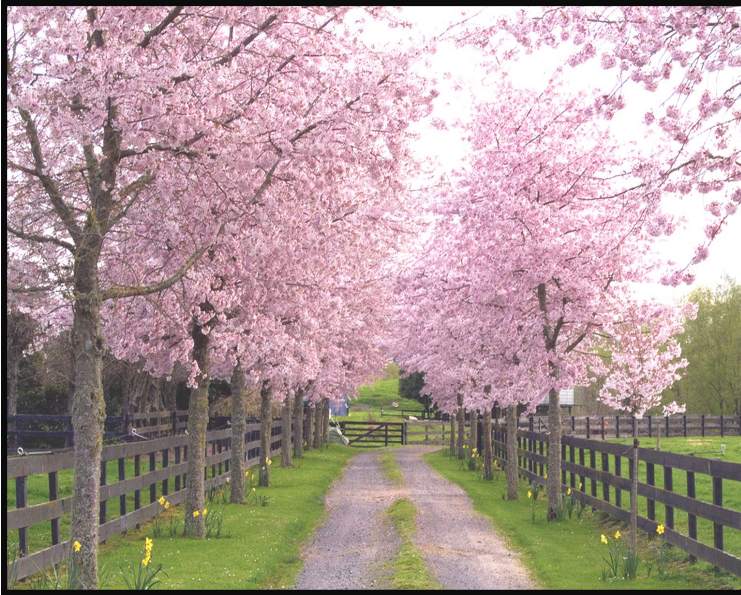


Lodge Waikato 475

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Let's enjoy the future"



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 16th September 2021 at 7:30pm**

Ceremony: - First Degree working - Past Masters Night.

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| 1. Confirmation of Minutes | 2. Accounts payable |
| 3. Treasurer 's report | 4. Correspondence |
| 5. Almoners Report | 6. Ballots |
| 7. General Business | 8. Notice of Motion |

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Lodge Waikato Monthly Diary - July 2021

Thursday, 2nd September at 7:00pm. Management meeting .

Thursday, 9th September at 7:00pm. Lodge monthly practice.

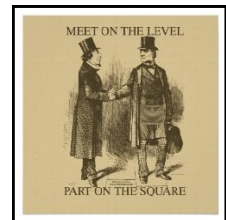
Thursday, 16th September at 7:30pm . Lodge Regular Monthly meeting

Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays in September 2021

Norm Adams - In. 15/09/1983 (38yrs)

Darryl Gray - In. 17/09/1992 (29yrs)

Trevor Service - In. 16/09/2004 (17yrs)



Special Thanks —

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

James R. Hill.

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren I hope you are all having a good lockdown.

A time to relax and do those jobs that have been waiting to be done.

I hope that the next Masonic month brings Level 2 and when we are lucky Level 1 so we can go back to relative normality. If the lockdown drags out I will plan Zoom meetings for the MC and a social meeting on our Regular night.

About Covid; we have to make sure that when we start our meetings again that we are strict with ourselves, we cannot afford any Freemason getting Covid. This means that if any Brother feels unwell or has a cold, please don't come to Lodge.

We are frequent visitors to other Lodges and the spread can go very quick. When we are all aware of our responsibility toward our fellow Brethren we should be reducing the risk to an acceptable level. It is my opinion that we should not have any meetings in Grey Street while in level 3 or 4, we will have to rely on Zoom meetings.

It was pity to be locked down 2 days before our Past Masters night. I was looking forward to the Initiation of Mark Namuag under the skillful direction of WBro Ancell.

As we have a mountain of work to do it would be nice if Covid would go away quickly.

Thanks for all who came to the Installation of WBro Heine Gradwell, it was a very enjoyable night, the gluhwein in the Lodge room was a treat and nice custom and the spread at the Refectory made every visitor feel very welcome. He recited his own Obligation so I certainly respect Heine for this.

As many of our Brethren are probably more on the computer than normal I have put a few basic shortcuts below which will help you to make some basic actions easier.

The most important shortcut is - Ctrl Z

It undoes the thing you did last and you can keep on pushing this combination to go multiple steps back. I use it every time I do something dumb and I can go back many steps. A life saver.

Some other handy short cuts are:

- Ctrl C - Copy the highlighted text
- Ctrl A - Select all text
- Ctrl X - Cut the highlighted text
- Ctrl V - Paste the copied or cut text
- Ctrl F - Find
- Ctrl P - Print the document

Fraternally

Andre WM



Lodge Waikato No 475
Monthly planner

2021 -

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

The year ahead -

At time of writing this Lodge Plumblin for September, It needs to be noted that it is during the Lockdown 4 for Covid, so details of happenings during September will be very much depend on the Covid dictates of the situation from the Government.

So be aware, times, dates and happenings may or may-not change due to unknown circumstances of which will be advised, if need-be.

As you are all aware, the Master has a monthly Lodge programme working ahead and necessary changes will be made as and if necessary. So dependant on the Covid situation, you will be advised as to when the next meetings will be held.

Master 's visiting programme - September -

Once again, and due to Covid situation, the Masters visits will hopefully be, and only when level is 1 or 2 and the Lodge has a meeting planned -

Monday, 13th - Lodge Pukimiro, Grey St. 11:30am
(This is their Installation with Bro Bruce Birnie going into the Chair.)
(May need to be shifted to the October meeting. ??)

Tuesday, 14th - The Alpha Lodge , Cambridge. 7:30pm

Wednesday, 22nd - Lodge Te Aroha, Morrinsville. 7:30pm

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

Our own management meeting and practises will need to be advised dependant on the Lockdown status.

WM.

As was mentioned last month, we just need to be aware that a few of the brethren are not keeping well and I 'm assuming most of you, by now, will have had the Covid inoculation.

If you have a spare minute of two, give a thought to those brethren who are not so well, just a phone call, or perhaps a short visit would be well received.

If you know any of the widows who are on their own do give them a call.

Please let me know, or one of the Almoners so contacts can be made and perhaps a visit.

Keep safe

Fraternally - Andre. WM.

" Special Thanks "

Have you noticed the lighting situation at the Lodge rooms.? Sincere thanks to Brian Dawson and Darryl Gray for the several days they have put in to install all the new lighting system in the Lodge rooms, what a huge difference it has made.

Thankyou very-much brethren.

While we say thanks -

I big thank-you to Carolyn Evered for the manner in which she keeps the Lodge rooms very clean and tidy, and cleans up after every meeting. Thanks Carolyn, your work is very much appreciated.

Thankyou.

WM.

' Lodge Waikato No 475 - Dues '

"The Lodge Waikato standard dues are set at \$300.00 per year.

Some Brethren pay reduced dues. All Brethren have been sent an account. You may pay this half yearly - \$150.00 now and \$150.00 before 1 January 2022.

You may pay \$25 Monthly by Direct Credit, or you may wish to pay whole account by Direct Credit, payments to Lodge Waikato Bank ANZ 06 0459 0989860 00 -
- Please include Surname and initials and the word 'Dues ' as reference.

Thank you to all those Brethren who have paid promptly. -

You have made my job easier. - Don Seath - Treasurer."

Request for personal contact data

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

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

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

Error log

2 x Postal addresses changed

3 x Email addresses changed

2 x Corrected email address

15 x Changes of home Address

4 x home phones removed

7 x Cell phones added

6 x Errors in home address

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

Murray Loft

‘ Worshipful ’

The words “worship” and “worshipful” as used in Freemasonry have no connection with their modern meaning of glorification, idolization and deification. In Church the congregation worships God; in a Lodge a brother is ‘Worshipful’ when he is Master; in Grand Lodge a brother is ‘Most’, ‘Right’, or ‘Very Worshipful’, the words being used in the old English sense.

The word ‘ship’ as a suffix (hardship, horsemanship, lordship) is from scip and/or skap-Old, Teutonic words indicating a rank or qualities that go with it.

Anglo-Saxons used words to describe value, hence, ‘Your Worship,’ and also the Masonic ‘Worshipful.’

“Honor thy father and thy mother” in the King James Bible, was “Worship thi fadir and thi modir,” in the Wycliffe Bible (Fourteenth Century).

Masonic usage of the word may be freely given as respected, or honored.

The Most Worshipful Brother is he who is most greatly honored or respected.

This is doubtless as much a descendant from ecclesiastical practice as from old English Phraseology; an Episcopal marriage service used “with my body I thee worship” meaning honor or reverence.

It apparently was first used Masonically at the Mother Grand Lodge; and Anderson’s Constitutions has a “Postscript” titled “Here follows the manner of constituting a new Lodge, as practiced by his Grace, the Duke of Warton, the preferent Right Worshipful Grand Master, according to the ancient Usages of Masons.”

The word was used in other than ecclesiastical circles at a very early date; Samuel Pepys’ “Dairy” notes, a clergyman having addressed his congregation as “Right Worshipful and dearly beloved” in 1661. In the seventeenth century, guilds in London called themselves Worshipful, as “The Worshipful Company of Grocers.”

The use of “Most”, “Right” and “Very” in Masonic titles seems a direct descent from the Church of England.

The heads of the Church are the Primate of Canterbury and of York. Their official title is The Most Reverend. Under them in the Hierarchy come the Right Reverend and the Bishops. The next title of honour in the Church is that of Very Reverend applied to Deans or heads of Cathedral Chapters.

In the English Parish is The Reverend Parish Priest who is assisted by two Wardens.

There is a very strong resemblance between the ceremony of the induction of the Priest into the benefice of a Parish and that of the Installation of a Master into a Lodge.

In the more formal appointment of a Canon the resemblance is more marked by the Ecclesiastical use of the word “Installation.”

The Bishop installs the new Canon with the ritual that comes with no novelty to one who has previously been installed as the Master of a Lodge.

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

BLEDISLOE; Charles Bathurst 1867 - 1958

Lawyer, Politician, Agriculturist, Freemason and Governor General of N.Z.

Charles Bathurst was born in London, England, on 21st September 1867. The son of Charles Bathurst of Lydney Park, Gloucestershire, and his wife Mary. He was educated at Sherborne school, Eton College and University College, Oxford. He studied Law, and graduated BA in 1890.

On 17th December 1898 in the Temple Church, London, he married the Hon. Bertha Susan Hapes, they were to have two sons and one daughter.

For recognition of his various works he was Knighted in 1917 and elevated to the peerage the following year, taking the title "Lord Bledisloe;" First Baron of Lydney. Lady Bledisloe died in May 1926 and in 1928 Bledisloe married the Hon. Alina Cooper-Smith, after-which he resigned from the Government. In 1929 Bledisloe was appointed Governor General of New Zealand, taking up office in Wellington on 19th March 1930.

Lord Bledisloe's most important and enduring action while in New Zealand was the purchase of the site where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. The property which included James Busby's house and 1,000 acres of land, was presented to the Nation in May 1932 as a National memorial.

The first ceremony to mark the signing of the Treaty on the 6th February, took place in 1934, when a large number of people gathered from all parts of the country for the laying of the foundation stone for a new Maori meeting house. Until then, Pakeha New Zealanders had taken little interest in the site or the Treaty.

By the end of his term as Governor General, there was a general acknowledgement of the qualities that Lord and Lady Bledisloe had brought to the Vice Regal office.

The Bledisloes returned to NZ in 1947 with a 'good-will' mission from the Royal Agriculture Society. For many following years the Early Settlers and Historical Assn. of Wellington continued to hold an annual Bledisloe day gathering.

Lady Bledisloe died in February 1956, and Lord Bledisloe died at the age of 90yrs, at Lydney, in July 1958.

Another feature of the Bledisloe stewardship was his promotion of various causes and events by the presentation of trophies.

Among these were the awards for landscape painting, for garden featuring NZ plants, for Maori excellence in farming, and the Bledisloe Cup, for the competition between the NZ and Australian Rugby teams, which was presented in 1931, and became the major event through which his name has endured.

Australia and New Zealand Rugby matches have taken place since 1903, but lacked a trophy until Lord Bledisloe, the Governor General at that time, donated the cup.

Historically, the contest was not held regularly, however since 1982 it has become an annual event. The Bledisloe series varies from one to three matches each time it is contested, and should there be a draw, the holding country retains the cup.



"It is also noted, the Lord Bledisloe was the Grand Master of NZ Freemasonry in 1932."
Ed.

Specialist Lodge ' Masonry on the Canal '

It was back in August 2002 that the idea of a Lodge for narrow boat owners and other enthusiasts was first formally put forward, resulting in one of the newest Lodges, but one representing an ancient tradition, in Grand Junction Lodge No. 9775, consecrated at Northampton in 2004.

The name ' Grand Junction ' was chosen as this was the name of the waterway from Brentford in West London to Braunston in Northamptonshire prior to the Grand Union canal being formed.

We believed that the inland waterway network of England was a unique possible source of new blood into Freemasonry, presenting a broad base with which to attract new members.

Because many members would be boat owners, it was felt that each meeting would be a weekend gathering rather than just an evening out.

Being a canal-based Lodge, it was decided that one venue each year would be held at a venue somewhere along the canal system, and it would be a white table, with ladies and other non-Masons invited. So, instead of an hour 's journey by road, it can take up to a day and a half by canal!

The temple can be described as ' compact ' or ' bijou ' as it is in the restaurant area of the Boat Inn at Stoke Bruerne, Northamptonshire, where the landlord is Andrew Woodward, the first Master. Andrew is co-owner of the Inn, and it has been in his family for more than 125 years.

However, holding Masonic meetings on licensed premises threw up an interesting hurdle on the way to forming the Lodge. Rule 117, Book of Constitutions, states:

No proprietor or manager of the tavern or house at which a Lodge meets shall hold any office in the Lodge without a dispensation from the Grand Master or in a Province or District from the Provincial or District Grand Master.

However, we had no problem in obtaining the necessary dispensation for Andrew Woodward to become the first Master.

There are brass boat hooks as insignia on all wands irrespective of office and the shafts are in liquorice stick design, reflecting the old working boat traditions of the canals, which I made, while Trevor Boswell made the pedestals.

Graphic designer John Sermon – a good name for our Chaplain? – designed the Lodge crest which adorn founders jewels and the banner.

Like all Lodges, we raise money for various charities, and among those that we have supported is the Northamptonshire St John 's Ambulance Mountbatten Crusader Fund, this being a canal boat for the disabled.

Such has been the success of the Lodge that we have had to hold extra meetings and ask other Lodges to help us out with ceremonies, and our meetings have proved very popular with visitors.

Ladies Festival venues, too, have taken on a special meaning, including trips to Lille and Bruges – yes, both have canals! This, plus the July white table meeting, ensures we are very much a ' community ' Lodge, with an outward-looking perspective of Freemasonry in the 21st century.

Mike King is a founder member and Past Master of Grand Junction Lodge

What We Mean By Symbols -

Freemasonry has been defined as a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. But many have asked why we use symbols.

Why don't we simply and plainly say what we mean. ?

The answer is that Masonic symbols serve the purpose that symbols in general perform: They are a visual shorthand, a way of conveying an idea, a concept, or a principle with images rather than words. Not only is teaching by symbols more vivid and effective, it allows us to think more deeply and consider more carefully their meaning.

Some approximation of this can be understood by those who remember the old radio dramas that we heard before television became pervasive. Our imaginations supplied details that make the program so much richer than when we saw them on TV.

Many of the symbols we use in Freemasonry to teach moral and ethical principles are drawn from the tools of the operative stonemasons of the Middle Ages; other symbols are drawn from various traditions of religious and esoteric beliefs.

These symbols have different meanings at different levels. They may mean one thing to the non-Mason, who is not schooled in Masonic symbolism; have a different meaning to a new Mason, and an even deeper meaning to the educated Mason.

For example, in Operative Masonry, a tool is an implement or device which either informs its user of facts not easily available or otherwise not perceivable to his five senses, or which alter the shape, form, substance, or position of materials. But in Speculative Masonry, these tools also inform our senses and our sensibilities, and they help shape our lives with important lessons of character and ethics.

In addition to using symbols that have both open and more veiled meanings, much of our ritual was not written. In part, this was to protect it from being provided to those Unauthorized to have it. But there was another reason as well, in contemporary society, we take for granted that a large majority of the population can read.

But in the late 17th and 18th centuries, at the time Freemasonry as we know it was founded, a large portion of the population could not read, and it was important to have a system of education that did not depend on the written word.

Nevertheless, in addition to the "mouth to ear" approach, there were many Masonic Rituals. These were compilations of lectures, including charts showing different collections of Masonic symbols. By using when we read something from a book with an easy to read typeface, printed on pages that are not too bright or glaring, our reading experience is using these charts, Master Masons could teach new brethren what the individual symbols looked like. By reproducing these symbols from these charts, the instruction could be performed as the ceremony was occurring.

It was felt that when Masonic Ritual was accompanied by pictures, or pleasing or intriguing representations of the symbols, the lessons of Freemasonry became easier for many to remember. And even if literacy increased, the visual display of symbols served to reinforce the lessons of the Ritual.

This is because all of us learn information in different ways and on different levels.

We learn by what we hear; by what we read; by what we see, and by what we appreciate from an aesthetic point of view.

When we read something from a book with an easy to read typeface, printed on pages that are not too bright or glaring, our reading experience is enhanced because it is a visual pleasure to read the information. That pleasant experience may make us more inclined to associate positive memories with the information we are reading, and possibly makes the information easier to recall.

In the late 18th and 19th century Lodge, it was common for these symbols to be reproduced in some impermanent medium, often outlined in a box of sand or drawn on a slate with a piece of chalk or charcoal. When the meeting was concluded, it was simple to obliterate all trace of the Masonic symbols by brushing over the sand or by erasing the designs.

When the Masonic Lodges were no longer renting rooms in taverns, inns and common areas; and began to occupy their own buildings, there was no need to worry about removing the symbols when the meeting was concluded. So Tracing Boards became more permanent fixtures and began to be printed in oils, either on canvas, or directly on the walls of the Lodge room. Often the work was performed by a Brother who was not a great artist, but one who simply wanted to serve the Lodge. But in other places, trained and talented artists were available to translate their impressions of the symbols of Freemasonry into inspiring images and to construct Tracing Boards that not only greatly beautified our Lodges and buildings but also helped to teach the new Mason.

But we must go beyond the beauty of the tracing board and the beauty of the ritual. Never was it clearer: what we get out of Freemasonry is directly related to what we put into it, for it is only by careful study of our symbols and reflection on the lessons taught in our ritual that we can grow intellectually, morally and spiritually.

Freemasonry Today

Dates of Interest to Freemasons In September

- 5th Start of the great Fire of London in 1666. Most of the city is destroyed. Then a Freemason, Sir Christopher Wren, designs the present St Paul 's Cathedral.
- 6th On this day in 1940 the Nazis force King Carol of Romania, a Freemason, to abdicate.
- 8th Peter Sellers, Freemason and popular English comedian, is born on this day in 1925.
- 10th Arnold Palmer is born on this day in 1929. He will become a Freemason and a leading American golfer.
- 13th Born today in 1860 is John Pershing, who later becomes a Freemason and is placed in charge of US forces in W. War I.
- 14th US President William McKinley, a Freemason, dies today in 1901 after being assassinated in Buffalo, New York.
- 19th US President James Abram Garfield, a Freemason, is assassinated today in 1881 having been in office just four months.
- 21st Died today in 1832: Sir Walter Scott, Freemason and author.
- 22nd Gene Tunney beats Freemason Jack Dempsey today in 1927 in a controversial boxing match.

Masonic Philosophy - Hope

From time-to-time I look back over what I have written in this section of the summons. Initially I focused on topics which I intended to convey some further enlightenment on an aspect of Masonic history and philosophy. I drew heavily on the writings of Harry Carr and Bernard Jones, among others, and often would research some small topic which had raised a query during one of our rehearsals, or Lodge meetings. An article on the word "bark" was one such. If I recall I managed to find a suitable sketch of a barquentine! In recent years, however, no doubt in keeping with my duties in Grand Lodge and other Orders, and with my increasing interest in promoting education, understanding and enlightenment about Freemasonry and its part in our lives, I have found them tending to something more philosophical and even editorial. I am grateful to have been afforded the opportunity of expressing my thoughts and I hope that those who have read them over the years have found them worthwhile.

The opportunity has been especially important to me because I see education, understanding and enlightenment as being fundamental to ensuring that our Order survives in what, at present, looks to be a gloomy future. I recently expressed the opinion, in a paper published in the New Zealand Freemason, that the essential steps in the way forward are to understand our Order; to manage it; and to promote it. But, I commented, if just one of those steps is neglected, the future is very bleak. My articles in this forum have been aimed at the first step—understanding—based on the assumption that if we do not understand Masonic philosophy we have little hope of convincing others that they should join us: that is we cannot promote it. But we cannot extend understanding if we do not have a solid and properly managed program of education. There is that word "manage"—it applies to everything we do—the business of the Lodge; our ritual and ceremonial; and our education. It is sad that education has been badly neglected in many of our lodges.

Someone recently said that 1% of Freemasons are interested in Masonic education and of them, less than 1% do something about it. Perhaps it is a sad reflection on our present state that I incline to the view that that 1% is probably, now, an underestimate: as our numbers decline those we retain, and those who join us are more likely to be interested in our philosophy and will seek to learn more about it.

Education can take many forms: personal reading; participation in ceremonial and ritual; lectures; discussions; visiting other lodges; participation in forums and other web resources; membership of lodges of research and instruction. Above all, though, it relies very heavily on enquiry. If something puzzles you: ask! Someone will likely have an answer. But often we don't ask—which is a pity. I used to tell those I lectured to that they should not forbear from asking a question lest they feel they make a fool of themselves. Rather they should forbear lest they make a fool of me! Generally, we don't make it easy for a newcomer. If he is lucky his lodge will have someone who is capable of, and is prepared to mentor him. Otherwise, he is likely to be left to his own resources and that well known phenomenon, osmosis! If, as I suspect, those new members are interested in philosophy and education, we need to ensure that they are provided with the resources to satisfy their desire for understanding and information. This is an obligation we must all be prepared to take on board. And it must be *managed*.

Too often we hear that a lodge does not have time to pursue education because it is too busy with ceremonial work. Good for them, if that is the case. But they could think outside the usual boundaries. If the lodge thinks education is important (even if they don't have the "time" to pursue it) perhaps they should "manage" their affairs a little differently. Why not, for example, allocate a definite time each meeting for something educational? It need only be 10 minutes, and it could be allocated to every member in the lodge on a rotating basis. But it should be part of a definite program and plan.

Why not work ceremonies at emergency meetings, and have a lecture or discussion relating to the ceremony at the following regular meeting—perhaps the formal lecture of the Tracing Board followed by a lecture or discussion of it?

The future is in our hands. It is up to us to ensure that the Order survives. You may not agree with me, but I believe education in Freemasonry is an essential ingredient in our survival. Would you be prepared to wager that I am not correct?

Gary Kerkin

V.W.Bro Gary Kerkin

Past Gr. Lecturer.

My In-conclusive travel plans for 2021

*I have been in many places, but I've never been in **Cahoots**.*

*Apparently, you can't go alone. you have to be in **Cahoots** with someone.*

*I've also never been in **Cognito**. I hear no one recognizes you there.*

*I have, however, been in **Sane**. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there.*

I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

*I would like to go to **Conclusions**, **but** you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.*

*I have also been in **Doubt**. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.*

*I've been in **Flexible**, but only when it was very important to stand firm.*

*Sometimes I'm in **Capable**, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.*

*One of my favourite places to be is in **Suspense!** It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!*

*And, sometimes I think I am in **Vincible** but life shows me I am not.*

*People keep telling me I'm in **Denial** but I'm positive I've never been there before!*

*I may have been in **Continent**, but I don't remember what country I was in.*

It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

Don Thomas

Have you signed in to offer your help to "Special Olympics" in December,

'Yes' - right here in Hamilton. ????

Imagine That !!!!

If you have lived as a child in the 50 's, 60 's, 70 's and 80' s , looking back, it is hard to believe we have lived as long as we have.....

As children we would ride in cars without seat belts or air-bags. Our cots were painted in bright coloured lead-based paints. We had no child-proof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cupboards, we rode our bikes we had no helmets. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. - Horrors, we would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then ride them down a hill, only to find we forgot the brakes. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back for dinner, no one was able to reach us all day. We got cuts and broken bones and broke a teeth, or two, and there were no law-suits from these accidents.

Yes, they were accidents, no one was to blame, but us. We had rights and punched each other, got black and blue and learned to get over it. We ate bread and butter, and drank Cordial, we were never overweight.....we were always outside playing. We shared one drink with four friends, from one bottle and no-one died. We did not have play-stations, Nintendo, Video games, 65 channels pay TV. Videos, surround sound, mobile phones, Computers, Internet-chat-rooms.....no...we had friends. We rode our bikes or walked to a friends house, knocked on the door, rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them.

Imagine such a thing..... Football and netball had trials and tryouts, and not everyone made the team. Those who didn 't had to learn to get over the disappointment..... our actions were our own.

Consequences were expected, we had no-one to hide behind, the idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law.....imagine that. !!

This generation has produced some of the best and greatest risk takers, problem solvers and inventors, ever, and the past 60yrs have seen an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, we accepted failure, we enjoyed success, we new about respect and responsibility..... and we learned how to deal with it all.....

.....And amazingly enough.....you are one of them !!!!!

Congratulations....

Education —

Three lesser Lights

During the first degree ceremony the candidate is informed of the three lesser lights in Freemasonry, namely —

the Sun, the Moon, and the Master of the Lodge.

The sun to rule the day, the moon to govern the night and the Master to rule and direct his Lodge.

These lights are situated respectively, in the South, West and East parts of the Lodge.

In early speculative times, the three lesser lights (in the form of candles) were in general use but no specific group title was attached to them until approximately the middle of the 18th century.



“ Of-course, you remember ?? ”
The day that changed America - 20yrs ago.
9 - 11 - 2001

‘ Count you blessings ’

It began with an overheard snatch of conversation in a street one day,
One woman was speaking to another -
“ It ’ s all very well saying I should count my blessings, but..... ”
Then they were gone out of earshot — well, all the way home that partial
sentence stayed with Agnes, so she spent an hour searching her book shelf,
she came up with these words from Lord Allton.....

“ If you have never been in war, imprisoned, or suffered from starvation,
then you are better off than five hundred million other people.
If you can read, then you are better off than two billion who are unable to do so.
If you can attend a Church without fear of harassment, or worse, then
you are better off than three billion people in the world.
If you have food in the fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head
and a place to sleep, then you are richer than three quarters of your fellow
human beings.
If you have money in the Bank or your wallet or purse, then you are among
the top eight per-cent of the worlds wealthy. ”

When it comes to counting your blessings..... there is no “ but. ”
“ Hope smiles on the threshold of the year to come,
whispering that it will be happier. ” - “ Let ’ s hope so. ”
Anon

September 2021 (New Zealand)

October 2021						
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28	29	30	31			

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				Management Meeting and practice		
5 Father's Day	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Practice meeting 7.00pm		
12	13 Visit Lodge Pukemiro Installation - 11:30am Bro Bruce Birnie Hamilton East	14 Visit Alpha Lodge Cambridge	15	16	17 Monthly meeting - 7:30pm	18
19		21	22 Visit Lodge Te Aroha Morrinsville	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Monthly Lodge meetings, visiting dates, and other activities.

October 2021 (New Zealand)

November 2021						
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		26	27	28	29	30
		2	3	4	5 Oak Pointe Night	6

To my children:

Never make fun of having to help me with computer stuff.



I taught you how to use a spoon.



Speak - up - Step - up - Show - up

