

# DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

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**Minutes of the Half-Yearly Communication  
of the  
District Grand Lodge of North Island, New Zealand.**

**Holden at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre,  
9A Robert Street, Auckland  
on  
Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013 at 3.40 P.M.**

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### HALF YEARLY COMMUNICATION

**Holden at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre, 9A Robert Street, Auckland, New Zealand  
on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013.**

#### Present:

RW Bro B.J. Westhead, .....	District Grand Master
VW Bro D. Roberts <i>PGSwdB</i> .....	Deputy District Grand Master
W Bro R.M. McKillop <i>MNZM VRD** PAGDC</i> .....	Assistant District Grand Master
W Bro W.E. Weir <i>PAGDC</i> .....	Assistant District Grand Master
RW Bro P.B. Gudsell, .....	Past District Grand Master
VW Bro C.A. Holst <i>PDDGM</i> .....	Past Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro G.D. Kane <i>PADGM</i> .....	Past Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro A.A. DeCosta .....	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro W.T. Andrew <i>PADGM</i> .....	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro G.W. Abbott <i>WM LI878</i> .....	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro R.R. Goldston .....	Past Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro R. Catlin <i>WM L670</i> .....	District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro F.J. Crossan .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro G.A. Gault .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro J.D. Groves .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro R.H. Fricker .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro C.V. Eade .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro J. Gozdz .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro S. Boyask .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro M.A. Chopping .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro D.J.M. Miller .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro E.F. Monks .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro G.J. McKandry .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro J.A. Hume .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro M.G. Lloyd .....	District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro R.F. Hulford .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro D.C. Rosieur .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro W.D. Maday .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro R.L. Teague .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro M.P. Layzell .....	District Grand Chaplain
W Bro J.C. Woodage .....	Past District Grand Chaplain
W Bro J.B. Vanstone .....	Past District Grand Chaplain
W Bro D.M. Lawrence .....	Past District Grand Chaplain
W Bro R.N. Clay .....	District Grand Registrar
W Bro J.B. Walworth .....	Past District Grand Registrar
W Brp M.J. Jensen .....	Past District Grand Registrar
W Bro G.S. Halewood .....	Past District Grand Registrar
W Bro F.A. Khan .....	President, District Board of General Purposes
VW Bro B. McMurtrie <i>PGSwdB</i> .....	District Grand Secretary
W Bro G.M. Byrne <i>PDJGW</i> .....	District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro C.J. Buchanan .....	Past District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro I. Dingwall .....	Past District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro M.A. Lea .....	District Grand Superintendent of Works
W Bro E.A.C. James .....	Past District Grand Superintendent of Works
W Bro J.M. Lewis .....	District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro R.R. Agnew <i>PDGChap</i> .....	District Grand Almoner
W Bro A.J.M. Macdonald .....	District Grand Charity Steward
W Bro R.A.deL. Everest <i>PAGDC PADGM</i> .....	District Grand Mentor
W Bro S.E. Roberson .....	District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R.B. Bovey .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R.L. Cross .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro M.G. Rivers .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R.H. Johnstone .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R. Pemberton .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro M.I. Crawford <i>PDJGD</i> .....	as District Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro M.L. Earl .....	Past District Junior Grand Deacon

W Bro R.J.P. Buxton .....	Past District Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro G.N. Martin .....	Past District Assistant Grand Secretary
W Bro R.F. Prothero <i>PDGChap</i> .....	as District Grand Organist
W Bro G. Forber .....	District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro R.R. Wilson .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro P. Parris .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro J.L. Bau .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro J.P. Brooks .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro T.J. Warren .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
Bro K.J. Thompson <i>JW L2180</i> .....	District Grand Steward
W Bro A. Gofton <i>PDSGW</i> .....	WM L689
W Bro N. Kirk <i>PDJGW</i> .....	WM L705
W Bro M.J. Cameron .....	WM L1188
W Bro G. Lim Lo Suy .....	WM L1338
W Bro A.P. Conlan .....	WM L1530
W Bro J.F. Robson .....	WM L1647
W Bro D.M. Sendrove .....	WM L1710
W Bro J.P. Pallet-Frame .....	WM L1721
W Bro B.J. Holland <i>LGR</i> .....	WM L1801
W Bro T.H. Hallen .....	WM L2180
W Bro T.L. Fortune <i>PDJGW</i> .....	WM L2221
W Bro J.R. Mitchell .....	WM L2300
W Bro A.B. Mansfield .....	IPM L1338
W Bro T.R. Stansfield .....	IPM L1710
Bro J.A.J.D. Karaka-Hazledene .....	JW L1710
Also in attendance	
Bro S.J. Osborne .....	MM L689
Bro R.D. Ellis .....	MM L2073

District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 3.40 P.M.

The District Grand Master was saluted.

The Past District Grand Master was saluted.

The Deputy District Grand Master, the Assistant District Grand Masters and Past Grand Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England were saluted.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge held at the Scinde Masonic Centre 206 Kennedy Road Napier on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

#### APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from the following Brethren:- W.Bro's. G.E.Arnell; R.H.Blaber; J.D.Bonifant; F.R.Bottrill; T.C.Brandon; R.M.Campbell; G.K.Chalk; P.B.Craig; D.L.Crump; A.D.Delves; K.G.Edmonds; S.Elliott; M.P.Faber; A.A.C.Fairweather; D.E.Gibson; A.D.Griffin; C.N.Hardy; J.E.J.Housham; B.L.Keiller; A.G.Lake; K.J.Langton; P.J.Lenihan; B.R.MacConnell; I.M.McGibbon; R.Mead; G.J.Moore; G.W.Overton; G.N.Pattenden; K.R.Perkinson; C.L.Perry; B.L.Poole; A.Renton-Green; A.Russell; A.Schenke; T.A.Stanbridge; T.L.A.Stent; W.E.Streater; I.V.Tantrum; C.M.Tisdall; J.B.Vanstone; G.R.S.Wilson; W.A.Wood.

#### ROLL OF LODGES.

The District Grand Secretary called the roll of Lodges:-

Lodge	Number	Represented by:
Mount Egmont Lodge .....	670 .....	Master
Waitemata Lodge .....	689 .....	Master
Tongariro Lodge .....	705 .....	Master
Port Chalmers Marine Lodge .....	942 .....	Past Master
Alexandra Lodge .....	1188 .....	Master
Prince of Wales Lodge .....	1338 .....	Master
Turanganui Lodge .....	1480 .....	Past Master
Wellington Lodge .....	1521 .....	Past Master
Eden Lodge .....	1530 .....	Master
Sir Donald McLean Lodge .....	1646 .....	Past Master
Star of the North Lodge .....	1647 .....	Master
Corinthian Lodge .....	1655 .....	Senior Warden
Remuera Lodge .....	1710 .....	Master

Rodney Lodge .....	1711 .....	Past Master
United Manawatu Lodge .....	1721 .....	Master
Saint George Lodge .....	1801 .....	Master
Northern Light Lodge .....	1878 .....	Master
Opotiki Lodge .....	1930 .....	Past Master
Zealandia Lodge .....	2072 .....	Past Master
Duke of Albany Lodge .....	2073 .....	Past Master
Lodge Franklin .....	2138 .....	Past Master
Lodge of Harmony .....	2180 .....	Master
Te Awamutu Lodge .....	2221 .....	Master
Aorangi Lodge .....	2300 .....	Master

### OBITUARIES.

The District Grand Secretary read the names of those members whose death had been advised since the last communication.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
W.Bro. K.G. Gold	PDGDC	Remuera	1710	21/10/12
W.Bro. D. Gardner	PDSGW	Harmony	2180	06/11/12
W.Bro. J.R. Crispin	PDSGW	Star of the North	1647	01/10/12
W.Bro. K.M. Coyte	PAGDC	Waitemata	689	25/11/12
W.Bro. W.I. Muller	PJGD	Wellington	1521	18/01/13
W.Bro. G.A. Anderson	PDSGW	Duke of Albany	2073	05/02/13
W.Bro. J.H.D. Snow	PDJGD	Remuera	1710	20/02/13
W.Bro. I.W. Johns	PDJGD	Sir Donald McLean	1646	02/04/13
W.Bro. A.H. van der Maas	PDJGD	United Manawatu	1721	12/04/13
W.Bro. G.P. Pearce	PDAGSec	United Manawatu	1721	17/04/13

The District Grand Master asked all those present to stand in silence for a few moments in respect of those Brethren who had been called to the Grand Lodge Above since the last meeting of this District Grand Lodge.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM GRAND LODGE.

The District Grand Secretary advised that since the last Communication he had received reports of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 12<sup>th</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012; UGLE Statement of Accounts; Grand Charity Report and Accounts. Copies of these have been distributed to all Lodges.

### REPORT OF DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER:

Brethren, since our last communication in November 2012, I have had the pleasure of representing our District at the following meetings:

**The Port Chalmers Marine Lodge No 942 Banner Dedication on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012** at The Scinde Lodge Rooms, Napier. I was accompanied by 30 Grand and District Grand Officers for the purpose of the Dedication of the Lodge Banner, a well attended ceremony supported by Bro D.C. MacFarlane D.G.M., R.W. Bro R.J. Whyte P.G.M. and V.W. Bro R. Bray D.G.M. I was invited to take the Masters Chair for the Ceremony of the Dedication of the Lodge Banner. The Banner was presented to me by Ex. Comp. Thomas Forster and supporting companions of the Aorangi Royal Arch Chapter No 2300, who so generously donated this magnificent Banner. During the ceremony the Banner was received, dedicated and delivered into the hands of W. Bro MacConnell Master of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge. A short oration was delivered by W. Bro Bob McKillop A.D.G.M. The History of the Lodge: 50 years was delivered by W. Bro John Miller. Thanks to W. Bro Noel Kirk who crafted the Banner Stand and W. Bro Bob McKillop who produced the Ceremony of the Dedication, the design of the Banner Crest and to oversee the embroiderers in its production.

**Lodge Ponsonby No 708 SC Installation Meeting on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2012** at the Scottish Lodge Rooms, Onehunga. I entered the Lodge accompanied by Grand and District Grand Officers and received a warm welcome from Bro Iain Robertson, Installing Master. The work of the afternoon, Investiture of Office Bearers, in a well conducted ceremony, sorry to report the Master Elect was in hospital, and I had the pleasure to address the Brethren. The refectory

was well supported by all the constitutions, a well catered meal, great comradery and hospitality from the Scottish Brethren.

**Onehunga Maungawhau Lodge No 168 NZC Installation on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2012** at the Neilson Street Masonic Centre, Onehunga. Supported by a small contingent of District Grand Officers, I received a very warm welcome from V.W. Bro Roy Stephen, Installing Master. Work of the evening was the Proclamation of W. Bro Ronald Reichs in a well conducted ceremony. On the First Rising I gave greetings and best wishes to the W.M. on behalf of the U.G.L.E. and of our District of the N.I.N.Z.

An enjoyable refectory and I had the pleasure to respond to the Toast, the Sister Constitutions.

**Lodge Ponsonby No 708 SC 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2012** at the Scottish Lodge Rooms, Onehunga. I entered the Lodge well supported by 25 Grand and District Grand Officers where we received a warm Scottish welcome by Bro Mackie P.M. acting W.M. All the Sister Constitutions were present and received greetings from Bro Campbell MacFarlane D.G.M. A very good 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree working and a very late refectory proceeded. As one would expect, an enjoyable meal and great hospitality from our Scottish brethren with a dram or two.

**Lodge Kauri No 474 NC Dedication and Inaugural Installation Meeting on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2013** at the Khyber Pass Lodge Rooms Auckland. Supported by a small contingent of Grand and District Grand Officers we were greeted by V.W. Bro Roy Stephen D.G.M. All the Sister Constitutions were present and received a warm welcome from M.W. Bro S.J. Cooper G.M. The Dedication of Lodge Kauri No 474 was conducted by M.W. Bro S.J. Cooper G.M. assisted by The Corn: M.W. Bro David Mace, The Wine: M.W. Bro Barry McLaggan, The Oil: R.W. Bro Mark Winger, The Salt R.W. Bro Edwin Eeles. The Lodge was called off for intermission, followed by The Installation. All Brethren entered the Lodge Rooms followed by the Sister Constitutions then the Grand Master and his Officers. The Installing Master V.W. Bro Roy Stephen installed the Inaugural W.M.W. Bro Paul Ashley in a well conducted ceremony. The Investiture of Officers was performed by Grand Officers of that rank, on the First Rising I had the pleasure to give greeting and best wishes on behalf of the U.G.L.E. and of this District Grand Lodge of the N.I.N.Z.

In the refectory I had the pleasure to sit at a table with many English Masons to enjoy great comradery, quenched with a very nice dram or two. I had the pleasure to reply to the Toast to the Sister Constitutions and take the time to talk to the Officers of Lodge Kauri.

**Hawkes Bay Daytime Lodge No 453 NZC Installation Meeting on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2013** at Omarunui Lodge Rooms Taradale. Supported by a small contingent of District Officers and our A.D.G.M. from Wellington W. Bro Bob McKillop, we entered the lodge in due ceremony. V.W. Bro Richard Bray gave us greetings and it was my pleasure to respond on behalf of the U.G.L.E. and in particular our D.G.L. of N.I.N.Z. The Installing Master V.W. Bro Bruce Binnie D.G.M. of the Taranaki District installed V.W. Bro Robert Maxted in a well conducted ceremony. On the First Rising I gave greetings to the Master and retired under the direction of the D.G.D.C. The refectory was well supported by visitors and their ladies. A lunch was served and I was seated in an informal manner.

**Northern Light Lodge No 1878 Installation Meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2013** at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre. Delighted to be supported by 20 Grand and District Grand Officers at a morning Installation Meeting and receive a very warm welcome from the Installing Master V.W. Bro Chas Holst.

I had the pleasure to welcome our three Sister Constitutions especially Bro John Aldcroft in his new role as R. W. Substitute District Grand Master. The ceremony of Installing W. Bro Graham Abbott and the Investiture of Officers was as professional as one would expect from these two experienced Grand Officers. On the First Rising best wishes and greetings were given to the Master Officers and Brethren of the Northern Light Lodge and we retired under the direction of Bro D.G.D.C. No less than 43 Brethren attended a most enjoyable catered served lunch together with the best of N.Z. wine.

**Lodge Franklin No 2138 Installation on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2013** at the Hikurangi Lodge Rooms supported by two Grand and three District Grand Officers, we entered the Lodge and received a very warm welcome from the Master and it was a pleasure to greet our three Sister Constitutions.

W. Bro E H Morris installed the Master W. Bro R.K. Parker for the second time, in a well conducted ceremony. It was a pleasure to address the Master and on the First Rising I gave greetings and best wishes to the Master Officers and Brethren of the Franklin Lodge. Under the direction of Bro D.G.D.C. retired with the company of V.W. Bro Bob Fricker, Bro John Aldcroft and V.W. Bryan Wiig to attend a stunning catered lunch with the company of the ladies.

I would like to thank the Brethren for supporting me at these important meetings, and a special thanks to all those Lodges we visited for their warm welcome and hospitality.

R.W. Bro Brian J. Westhead

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER****VW.BRO. D. ROBERTS PGSWDB**

R.W. District Grand Master, I have had the pleasure of representing you on four occasions since our November Communication.

**Saint Andrew Lodge No. 418 SC on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012:**

I had the pleasure of representing you at the above lodge meeting. The celebration of the festival of St. Andrew at which I was ably accompanied by five District Grand Officers.

The evening celebrations, included the rendition of the 1<sup>st</sup> first and second tracing boards, Scottish style.

It was certainly a daily advancement of Masonic knowledge. Most of the celebration occurred in the refectory, in which the consumption of the golden fluids, certainly helped to contribute to this very important item on the calendar of this lodge.

Several talks on the subject of St. Andrew, added some further historical details to the many visitors who attended this interesting meeting.

**Lodge Montrose No. 722. SC on the 13<sup>th</sup>.April 2013.**

I was escorted into the Lodge by eight Grand and District Grand Officers.

Bro. J.M. Aldcroft Wor Substitute District Grand Master, the Depute Master of this Lodge, performed a well rehearsed installation on Bro. G.W.C. Birch. PM.

The Lodge attracted many visitors of all Constitutions, including the New Zealand District Grand Master for Eastland District, from Napier.

The refectory was carried out, in house, at this very old well preserved Lodge room.

It was a pleasant repast, served with the usual haggis dish. The toasts were well conducted, and the whole evening was a convivial occasion, to be remembered by all and sundry.

**Star of the North Lodge No. 1647 on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April:**

It was my pleasure to represent you at The Star of the North Lodge on the 17<sup>th</sup>.April.  
For the installation of W.Bro. J.F. Robson. Master Elect.

I gave greetings on your behalf to the following distinguished guests: VW.Bro. R.H. Fricker Prov.SGW. Provincial Grand Lodge of NZ. Grand Lodge of Ireland. Bro.A.C. Powell Wor.Dist.SGW.Dist.GL of NZ north. Grand Lodge of Scotland, and VW.Bro. B. Wiig District Grand Master for Northland. Grand Lodge of NZ.

The Installing Master. W.Bro. D. Turner. Performed a very professional ceremony, as well as being in charge of the musical renditions during the various parts of the ceremonies. The newly Installed Master of this old lodge, has been a Master, many times in many different Lodges over the years, and will be ably supported by the members. He installed his Officers in a competent manner, and was fortunate to have a Master Mason, taking the chair of Senior Warden.

It never ceases to astound me in the country lodges, by the amount of support they receive from the wives and partners in the setting up of the refectory, and the copious amounts of food, which are produced for these celebrations. This lodge was no exception. The ladies bringing a pleasant atmosphere to this important part of our Masonic life.

Altogether a most pleasant evening spent with some very old faces from the northern part of our District.

**Saint Andrew No. 418 SC on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April:**

I represented you at the installation of Bro. B.D. Hilder. of the Saint Andrew Lodge No.418. Scottish Constitution.

I was accompanied by nine Grand and District Grand Officers. to a typical Scottish lodge installation.

I did not stay for the refectory, due to other engagements. However, W.Bro. Glen Kane kindly offered to represent the district on my behalf.

David Roberts PGSwdB

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS****W.BRO. R.M. MCKILLOP MNZM VRD\*\* PAGDC, ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTER:**

Right Worshipful Brian James Westhead, District Grand Master.

I have had the honour to represent you on the following occasions since our last District Grand Lodge Communication.

**AORANGI LODGE No 2300** The Installation meeting of AORANGI LODGE was held in the Masonic Centre in Johnsonville on Wednesday 14 November 2012, when Worshipful Brother John Mitchell was installed as the 125<sup>th</sup> Master of the Lodge. I was accompanied by fifteen Grand and District Grand Lodge Officers. As W Bro. Jim Lewis was Lodge Director of Ceremonies, W Bro. Ian Dingwall acted as District Grand Director of Ceremonies. Sister Constitutions were represented as follows:-

VW Bro. Warwick T Bell, District Grand Master, Hutt Wairarapa District (21) Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Bro. Robert McL Russell Hon Senior Grand Warden, Past RW District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge of New Zealand North, Grand Lodge of Scotland.

RW Bro. Rex R Newton, Provincial Assistant Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The was a large attendance by members of the Lodge as well as a significant number of visitors.

The ceremony was well run and enjoyable. The Working Tools were presented by the Masters of Tongariro, United Manawatu and Wellington Lodges. I had the privilege of delivering the Address to the Master with RW Bro. Newton delivering the Address to the Wardens and Bro. Russell the Address to the Brethren.

Refectory was a splendid buffet meal with good toasts and responses making for a very enjoyable conclusion to the evening.

The sad note of the evening was the eulogy and mark of respect paid to W Bro. John Daniel Martin, PDSGW who joined Aorangi Lodge in 1975 and was Master in 1983-84. He had been Second District Grand Principal in the District Grand Chapter. John Martin was a dedicated member of the four Aorangi orders and in addition to holding senior positions in all of them, continued to assist with his expertise in investments and accounting.

**LODGE OMARUNUI No 216 NZC** At the behest of VW Bro. Richard Bray, District Grand Master, Eastland District, Grand Lodge of New Zealand, our District has received invitations to the Installation meeting of the lodges in that District, which extends from Gisborne in the North to Woodville in the South. VW Bro. Bray is a frequent visitor to Port Chalmers Marine Lodge No 972 and was able to meet the members of District Grand Lodge who accompanied you to Napier for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations of that Lodge in November 2012. I had the privilege of representing you at the Installation of Brother Justin Barrington Bicknell as Master of Omarunui Lodge on Wednesday 13 March 2013. I was received by the Master of the Lodge prior to the GLNZ being received and was accompanied by three Provincial/District Grand Lodge Officers. It was a well-attended meeting during which VW Bro. Bray assisted by other Grand Lodge Officers conducted an interesting and well run ceremony highlighted by excellent ritual. The refectory which followed was well catered and most enjoyable.

**TONGARIRO LODGE No 705** It was again a privilege to represent you at the Induction of W Bro. Noel Kirk PDJGW at Master of the Lodge for the fourth time, having been Master in 1993 and 1994 and again in 2012. The Installing Master was W Bro. Gary Spooner, PAGDC, PADGM, who is an accomplished ritualist and led a very smooth and enjoyable ceremony. I was accompanied by twelve Grand and District Grand Officers and I was very pleased to have W Bro's. John Elliot and Phil Pearce from Palmerston North among their number, they having been unwell in recent months. Sister Constitutions were represented as follows:-

VW Bro. John Dormer, Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Bro. Clive Perry, Past Wor Depute District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge of New Zealand North, Grand Lodge of Scotland. It was a pleasant surprise to meet Clive Perry again, as he had indicated his intention to return to the South Island at the end of 2012, but those plans are a little delayed.

VW Bro. Colin Making, District Grand Master, Ruapehu District, Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Although not formally received, VW Bro. Making was invited to take his seat in the East and accorded the honours due to his Exalted Rank. He was accompanied by a large number of GLNZ brethren, which is indicative of the very cordial relationship which exists between the Lodges of all constitutions in the Taranaki/Wanganui/Manawatu area.

It was a pleasure to be able to welcome the Distinguished Visitors on behalf of the District.

This year marked a significant departure from the tradition of a Saturday Installation fixture; indeed a break with a tradition dating back to 1907. However, the Lodge was conscious of the fact that their younger members had work and family commitments which often precluded their attendance at weekends. It was decided to trial a Thursday evening Installation meeting and all but two of the Officers were invested during the ceremony. The Lodge will in the coming months assess the outcome of the change and decide if it is to be permanently adopted.

The refectory was very typical of those, which follow the Installation meeting of Tongariro Lodge. It was well catered and the toasts and replies were delightfully presented and well received.

Robert M. McKillop PAGDC

**W BRO. W.E. WEIR PAGDC ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTER:**

RW Bro. Brian Westhead, District Grand Master, since my report in November 2012, I have had the pleasure of representing you at the following occasions;

**1. Alexandra Lodge 1188, Installation Meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012**, at Hamilton, where I was accompanied by a large contingent of Grand and District Grand lodge Officers from Auckland and other parts of the District. Representatives of all our Sister Constitutions were also present and well represented.

We were warmly welcomed by W. Bro. Stephen Wood who carried out his duties as installing Master with dignity, running the meeting in a manner which demonstrated his years of teaching skills. The Master's apron used for the installation ceremony had been presented to the Lodge in 1922 by W. Bro. English on his completion as Master. Since that date the apron has been used to invest every incoming Master, except for a period in the early 1960s when it had been lost.

I later had the pleasant duty of presenting him with his Past Masters jewel. This was well deserved in recognition of his work, both inside the lodge and in having to manage difficult changes to the Lodges accommodation arrangements.

The Master-Elect was W.Bro Michael Cameron who invested his appointed Officers ably and not without a little humour. It was pleasing to see a large number of younger masons being invested as Officers, supported by a core of experienced members. This bodes well for the future of this highly regarded lodge.

Refectory proceedings were well carried out with warmth and humour. All came away with a feeling that a very enjoyable evening had been shared with our Waikato Brethren.

**2. Saint George Lodge No 1801, Installation meeting, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013** at the Masonic Centre, Northcote. A small but dedicated group of Grand and District Grand Officers accompanied me to the ceremony that was a real pleasure to attend. The representatives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Ireland also were accompanied by a small numbers of officers.

Both the installing Master W.Bro John Hirst and the incoming Master W.Bro. Barry Holland carried out an exemplary ceremony which would make any Director of Ceremonies' heart glow with pride. Their well-practiced performance showed in every part of the ceremony and it was a shame there were not more Brethren present to witness this great piece of work.

Most of the principal Offices were filled by Master Masons which is a delight to see, an indication of the good heart this Lodge is in.

The Saint George Lodge has a wonderful tradition of presenting to the Immediate Past Master a very old and special Past Masters jewel which the Lodge re-acquired in 2003. It was first presented to W.Bro Fitzhenry who was Master of the Lodge in 1901 as a "Token of esteem and Friendship". The Immediate Past Master wears this special jewel for one year before receiving his own Past Masters Jewel.

As such it was my pleasure to be able to present two Past Master Jewels. Firstly to the Immediate Past Master W.Bro Hirst with the Lodge's special jewel and the second to W.Bro Glen Forber with his own Jewel. The Jewel presented to W.Bro Forber (Master in 2010 and 2011) had first been presented in 1955 to W.Bro Carr who had been a garage proprietor in Dargaville dealing in Vauxhall and Bedford trucks.

The refectory was of the same high standard as the ceremony carried out inside the temple. A very enjoyable evening for all.

**3. Te Awamutu Lodge, No 2221, Installation meeting on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013** at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre. There was a strong support for this meeting as it was the last Installation of the lodge to be held at the Ellerslie Centre before moving to Taupo. Representatives of the Scottish and Irish Grand Lodges were also present.

We were all welcomed by the sitting Master W. Bro Brian Stanney who, with flair and style made this a very special Installation ceremony. Just as in all earlier ceremonies which W. Bro Stanney has taken part in since joining Te Awamutu lodge in 2006, he allowed none of his disabilities to limit him or his enthusiasm for all things Masonic. Later I was able, on behalf of the Lodge, to present him a new Past Master's Jewel following the past two years in Office. This jewel, I believe, will be much treasured by future Past Masters because of its association with his special courage and wonderful personality.

The incoming Master, W. Bro. Terrance Fortune, appointed amongst his Officers a number of the Lodge's new joining Taupo Brethren. A number of these Brethren had travelled up to Auckland for the meeting, to be invested into their new Offices and to support the Lodge with its location change.

A memorable refectory followed with much humour, tinged with excitement at what the future holds for the Lodge while also celebrating its long past.

The work of Immediate Past Master of the Lodge W. Bro Stanney and W.Bro Everest as well as the efforts of the President of the District Board of General Purposes W.Bro Khan was acknowledged in assisting the Lodge to make its transition to Taupo. Long may it continue to prosper.



4. **The Rodney Lodge, No. 1711. Installation meeting on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013.** I will be attending this meeting and will include in my report in November.

I would like to thank all those brethren who have supported me when I represented the District and thank the lodges for their hospitality.

Warren E. Weir PAGDC

#### **REPORT OF W.BRO. A.A. DECOSTA PAGDC**

R. Wor. District Grand Master, I have the honour to report as follows. On Saturday 9th April I represented you at the Installation Ceremony of Lodge Waikaremoana No 158 NZC.

W. Bro Allan Pickering was installed in the chair for the second time; the last being 2008. I was supported by a good number of Past District Grand Officers. (Three of whom came from Opotiki which was a mighty effort. It is a 3 hour plus drive).

VW Bro Richard Bray District Grand Master Eastland District No 17 welcomed us into the Lodge and made us feel very welcome, after all the visitors were received VW Bro Bray then proceeded to act as Installing Officer which was a very well conducted ceremony with no short cuts.

At the conclusion of ceremony I gave greetings and best wishes on your behalf.

V. Wor Bro Bray then asked us to retire with him once again showing the excellent relationship we have with New Zealand Constitution in our area. May it long continue.

We did not stay for the refectory as time was moving on and some of us had other engagements. It would have been 8.30 – 9.00p.m. before our Opotiki Brethren got home.

Anthony A De Costa P.A.G.D.C

#### **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY.**

RW District Grand Master, following is a list of all meetings since our last Communication meeting, at which you, or your representative, have attended: -

<u>Date</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
2012				
Sat 03 Nov	R.W.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Port Chalmers Marine	942	Sesquicentenary
Sat 10 Nov	V.W.Bro. C.A. Holst	Zealandia	2072	Installation
Sat 10 Nov	R.W.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Ponsonby	708 SC	Installation
Wed 14 Nov	W.Bro. R.M. McKillop	Aorangi	2300	Installation
Mon 26 Nov	V.W.Bro. D. Roberts	Saint Andrew	418 SC	St. Andrew's Night
Tue 27 Nov	R.W.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Onehunga/Maungawhau	168 NZC	Installation
Thu 06 Dec	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Alexandra	1188	Installation
Wed 12 Dec	R.W.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Ponsonby	708 SC	Special Meeting
2013				
Sat 16 Mar	R.W.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Kauri	474 NZC	Consecration
Sat 23 Feb	W.Bro. G.M. Byrne	Scottish District Grand Lodge		Communication
Sat 23 Feb	R.W.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Hawkes Bay Daylight	453 NZC	Installation
Sat 09 Mar	W.Bro. A.A. DeCosta	Waikaremoana	158 NZC	Installation
Tue 12 Mar	R.W.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Northern Light	1878	Installation
Wed 13 Mar	W.Bro. R.M. McKillop	Omaranui	216 NZC	Installation
Thur 21 Mar	W.Bro. R.M. McKillop	Tongariro	705	Installation
Mon 25 Mar	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Saint George	1801	Installation
Wed 10 Apr	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Te Awamutu	2221	Installation
Sat 13 Apr	V.W.Bro. D. Roberts	Montrose	722 SC	Installation
Wed 17 Apr	V.W.Bro. D. Roberts	Star of the North	1647	Installation
Sat 27 Apr	W.Bro R.M. McKillop	Gisborne	233 NZC	Installation
Sat 27 Apr	W.Bro. G.R. Spooner	Moutoa	195 NZC	Centenary & Install
Mon 24 Apr	R.W.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Franklin	2138	Installation
Sat 27 Apr	V.W.Bro. D. Roberts	Saint Andrew	418 SC	Installation
Wed 01 May	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Rodney	1711	Installation

**Membership Statistics:**

Annual returns have now been received from all our Lodges, and the figures to date show a decline in memberships of 32 with a total membership as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 of 718; down from 750. While this is still a 4% loss from the previous year the rate of loss has softened from the previous year. There were 21 initiations during 2012 as compared with 17 for the 2011 year. There were 24 Grand Lodge Certificates issued during 2012. Once again the figure for resignations and cessations was very high at 36 and 11 respectively. It is hoped that with the emphasis on mentoring, these figures can be reduced in the future. The total number of members, as opposed to memberships, in the District as at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 was 722, up from 716 at the same time the previous year.

**Dispensations:**

The following dispensations have been issued since the last Communication meeting in November 2012.

Wellington Lodge No. 1521	To change the venue for the April 2013 regular meeting to the Lodge room at the Wellesley Boutique Hotel in Maginnity Street.
Tongariro Lodge No. 705	To change the date of the Installation meeting to Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2013.
Te Awamutu Lodge No. 2221	To change the date, and venue of the regular May 2013 meeting to a suitable venue in Taupo.
Eden Lodge No. 1530	To wear regalia during the Annual Anzac Memorial Service while non Masons are present.

That completes my report R.Wor. District Grand Master.

Bruce McMurtrie PGSwdB, District Grand Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.****W BRO F.A. KHAN, PRESIDENT, DISTRICT BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES:**

RW District Grand Master, it is with pleasure that I make the following report.

**November Communications - Napier**

The last Communications meeting was held in Napier following the sesquicentenary meeting of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge and their Banner dedication ceremony, both of which were conducted in a most proficient and enjoyable manner. The success of the weekend which included a cocktail party on the Friday afternoon as well as the Communications meeting and the Dinner on the Saturday evening is in very large part due to the sterling efforts of the members of the PCML and in particular to their WM, W Bro Bruce MacConnell and to W Bro Andrew Renton-Green. The format of the Communications was similar to previous meetings in that most Reports were presented in written form with only this and the DGMs Reports being read in full.

**Te Awamutu Lodge**

Since the last Communications, a great deal of work has been going on behind the scenes with regard to the future of Te Awamutu Lodge. For a significant number of years, the Lodge membership has been in serious decline and despite positive moves by the District and many local Lodges to bolster its numbers, its future was looking bleak. However, at a meeting of Te Awamutu Lodge at the end of last year it was decided that the Lodge which had started in Te Awamutu, later moved to Parnell, then on to Ellerslie would now move south again and in future would meet in Taupo. This is a really positive and historic time for the Lodge under the Mastership of W Bro Terry Fortune, a third generation Te Awamutu Master. The Lodge has already had 11 joining members (all at one meeting) and a significant number of joining members and initiates are expected to follow (commencing with Terry Fortune's youngest son in July) The first official meeting of the Lodge in Taupo will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> June and it is hoped that there will be a significant number of Brethren from around the country attending that meeting. The RW DGM will, of course, be leading the District team so we hope to see all of you and many others there.

**Membership**

Membership of the Craft throughout the world continues to decline at a frightening pace. A significant number of losses can be put down to the undeniable fact that many of our Brethren are of advanced years. For example nearly 1 in 5 of our members is 80 or more years old and more than half of the rest are past retirement age. This inevitably means that the recruitment of new members from the workplace falls to a smaller number of Brethren and even social contact with eligible men is more difficult. Unfortunately, we can do little to stop the clock and prevent aging but what we can do is

to put every effort into ensuring that we retain the Brethren that we have successfully Initiated. A significant number of new Brethren resign from the Craft in the first few years of their membership. Many of these resignations have been because these Brothers have not felt the warmth of the Brotherhood or the excitement of moving through the Offices of the Lodge in a timely manner. This leads me nicely into the next topic with is Mentoring and Education.

### **Mentoring and Education.**

W Bro Bob McKillop has expended a considerable amount of time effort in developing both an educational program and a mentoring program aimed at improving the retention of members. In order to make Masonry more interesting to new Brethren, the meaning of the ceremonies together with some historical information about the Craft has been consolidated into a three part educational package, the appropriate part of which will be presented to the new Bro by his Mentor after each of the three Degrees. It is hoped that this will not only increase the new Bro's understanding of the Craft but will help to spur him into further enquiry and study. This is the first time that such a programme has been attempted in our District. I urge Lodges to give their support to it by not only ensuring that all new Brethren are given a copy to read and retain but also by feeding back to the District, comments, suggestions and ideas which will lead to improving and refining the package. Likewise, the Mentoring package is aimed at giving guidance both to the new Bro and his Mentor in developing the new Bro's interest and enjoyment of the Craft. It is expected that these packages will start to be issued to Lodges by the DGSec over the next couple of months.

### **District Newsletter**

The District Newsletter continues to go from strength to strength and the latest issue is a very professional looking document with some very good content. Praise must again go to W Bro Tim Stansfield for his excellent editing and on this occasion to W Bro Andrew Conlan who is responsible for the greatly improved look of the issue; we look forward to the continuation of this new partnership. Unfortunately, support for the Newsletter is not all that one could ask. Few Lodges have submitted their Calendars of events or indeed any other notable events. I cannot believe that nothing of interest to Lodges or their Brethren has occurred in the last few months! Perhaps those Masters who are proud of their Lodges and their members should make the effort of telling the rest of us in the District what they are proud of? If nothing else a short bio of the Master Elect would be appropriate.

### **The District Board of General Purposes**

First of all, I would like to express my thanks to all of the Board members who have given their time and effort willingly to Board activities and have often travelled long distances to participate in Board meetings. I would also like to thank those members of the Board who are acting as District Visiting Officers providing a two way conduit of communications between the District and Lodges; and I would ask Masters of Lodges to make use of these Board Members to as the first point of contact with the District.

The Board's objectives for the remainder of this year are to firstly to develop a suitable publicity campaign for the whole of the District but one that is tailored for individual Lodges. I have a subcommittee working on this at the moment; secondly to produce a plan for a suitable District charitable festival to bolster the Charitable Trust and thirdly to revamp and update the District website.

### **District Organ**

As a result of the generous donations from a number of Lodges and RA Chapters in our District, we now have a really excellent high quality organ for use by the all the Lodges and Chapters that meet at the EMC. The organ will be the subject of a small ceremony today followed by an organ recital by W Bro Prothero. Particular thanks must go to the Aorangi RA Chapter for their major contribution to the fundraising and organising of this excellent asset.

### **Next District Communications**

The next District Communications will be held in Kerikeri on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Wayne Mayday, the Vice President of the Board, has already started the planning for the weekend which has the potential to be a really exciting and enjoyable event. Information will appear in the Newsletter and be sent to Lodge Secretaries as the planning progresses.

Farouk Khan  
President of the District Board of General Purposes

## **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND ALMONER**

### **W.BRO. R.R. AGNEW PDGCHAP, DGALMONER:**

R.W. Bro. Brian James Westhead District Grand Master, may I report as follows :

It seems appropriate to me, to start this report by acknowledging the many hours of work put in by Wor. Bro. Bob McKillop, our Assistant District Grand Master, this past year, to re write the booklet 'A Guide for the Almoner', which

has now been sent out to our Lodge Almoners. This re write has been long overdue, and he has added to this resource, another booklet 'Applications to the Charities for Grants' which includes an Application Form and a step by step guide for easy use by our Almoners. I would like to make him aware how grateful we are for these booklets.

And what an appropriate time to receive these resources, as this autumn cold snap starts. A good time for us all to be checking in with our elderly brethren and widows, about their heating requirements at home, and health issues around the cold and winter. Some may feel this is the Almoner's task, and indeed it is, but we all bear the responsibility of looking after the welfare of everyone else in our community. This last fortnight has even seen small earthquakes felt here, and in Hawkes Bay. A reassuring phone call to our widows, after this event, would be a lovely sign to them that we care.

However with all the amazing devices we now have to communicate with each other, there is still nothing quite like meeting face to face, and sharing time together, especially for the lonely, and those with no one to be with. So many in our Masonic community have lost wives, husbands, partners, family members and treasure visits from those who they know, care about them. Do you feel there is such a person in your lodge who you could visit this month, with our without your almoner. Every little bit helps the process and load, for our Almoners.

R.W.District Grand Master, I know that our Almoners are in good heart, and keen to serve their brethren and the District.

We wish you R.W.District Grand Master, and the District well for the remainder of the year.

Ron Agnew PDGChap  
District Grand Almoner.

### **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The Annual Accounts for District Grand Lodge for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 having been distributed to members present were taken as read and received.

As the District Grand Treasurer was absent, V.W.Bro. McMurtrie commented on the financial report to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012.

V.W.Bro. B.McMurtrie PGSwdB: "R.Wor. District Grand Master, I move that the audited Annual Accounts of this District Grand Lodge for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 be adopted." Seconded by VW.Bro. D. Roberts PGSwdB, and carried. The Annual Accounts are printed at the end of these minutes.

### **DISTRICT GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS**

#### **ADDRESS BY THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD.**

Brethren, welcome to the midyear Communication of this District Grand Lodge; it is good to see so many of you here with many having travelled a long way to be with us.

I would like to talk to you about a subject that is dear to my heart, and that is Charity with particular emphasis on our own District Charity, the North Island English Masonic District Charitable Trust. This charity was started by our predecessors in 1877 for the express purpose of looking after our members and families who may have fallen on hard times and this is still its primary purpose or, in the modern vernacular 'Mason helping Masons'.

Over the years the Charity has had several name changes, starting as the Auckland Masonic Benevolent Institution and changing to the English Masonic Benevolent Institution on the amalgamation of the old Auckland and Wellington Districts in 1973. The name was again changed to North Island English Masonic District Charitable Trust in 1995. However, the aims of the charity remain the same and the income is entirely dependent on donations from members, although the capital of the Trust is invested wisely by the Trustees to bring in some income. But, to grow the Trust and to be able to assist where needed, we require all our Brethren to remember the NE corner address when you were initiated into Freemasonry and to cheerfully embrace the opportunity of practising that virtue you have professed to admire.

The District Grand Secretary who, as the secretary of the Trust is responsible for issuing tax receipts for donations made tells me that approximately only 250 to 270 of our 722 members receive a receipt each year. That is an appalling lack of charity among the majority of our members, and I exhort you all to look at your conscience and decide if you are truly embracing Freemasonry in all its forms.

To make giving easy, we have an automatic payment form that you can deposit with your bank that is available through your Lodge Charity Steward or Secretary. Most working members, I am sure can afford to donate the sum of \$10.00 per month; others more or less according to their own circumstances. If all of our 722 members averaged \$10.00 per month the Trust would have donation income of \$86,640.00 per annum instead of the \$19,959.00 shown in the Trust's accounts as presented at the AGM held prior to this meeting. Think seriously about it Brethren!

For those who have not heard, Te Awamutu Lodge No. 2221 has found it hard competing with the other Lodges meeting at the Ellerslie Centre, so the members have made the decision to relocate the Charter in Taupo and will, in future, meet on the fourth Wednesday. The last meeting in Auckland was the installation last month at which their oldest serving member W.Bro. Terrance Fortune was installed as Master. The May meeting in Taupo will be a settling in meeting, but the meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June will be the first 'official' meeting to present Grand Lodge Certificates to those new Taupo members and I will be attending to do the honours. I would like to think that many others from Auckland and areas surrounding Taupo will also attend to welcome Te Awamutu Lodge into their new home. The centre of the Island for a future District Communication meeting perhaps?

Finally, you will have noticed the new organ being played expertly by W.Bro. Richard Prothero from Wellington Lodge; a very well known and respected organist. This organ has been donated to the District Grand Lodge by a number of Lodges, but particularly by the Aorangi Chapter whose initiative it was, and who are the major donors to the project. At the conclusion of this meeting, the ladies will be invited to enter and a short dedication ceremony will be held after which W.Bro. Prothero will give a short recital.

R.W.Bro. Brian Westhead  
District Grand Master

As there was no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 4.20 P.M.

The ladies were then admitted, and a brief dedication ceremony of the new organ was held, after which W.Bro. Prothero spoke briefly about the organ and its many features. The assembled company was then entertained by a short recital by W.Bro. Prothero who is a very accomplished organist.

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE. NORTH ISLAND. NEW ZEALAND**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Readers of the Financial Report of the District Grand Lodge, North Island, New Zealand for the year ended 31 December 2012.

I have audited the financial report on Schedules 1,2 and 3. The financial reports provide information about the past financial performance of the District Grand Lodge, North Island, New Zealand and its financial position as at 31 December 2012. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 4 and 5.

**District Grand Lodge, North Island, New Zealand Responsibilities**

The District Grand Lodge, North Island, New Zealand is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the District Grand Lodge, North Island, New Zealand as at 31 December 2012 and of the results of operations for the year ended 31 December 2012.

**Auditors' Responsibilities**

It is my responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the District Grand Lodge, North Island, New Zealand and report my opinion to you.

**Basis of Opinion**

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- The significant estimates and judgements made by the District Grand Lodge, North Island, New Zealand in the preparation of the financial report, and
- Whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the District Grand Lodge, North Island, New Zealand circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand except that my work was limited as explained below. I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary. I obtained sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in my capacity as Auditor I have no professional relationship with or interests in the District Grand Lodge, North Island, New Zealand other than as a member of that organisation.

**Unqualified Opinion**

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

In my opinion the financial report on Schedules 1,2 and 3 fairly reflects the financial position of the District Grand Lodge, North Island, New Zealand as at 31 December 2012 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

My audit was completed on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and my unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

(Original signed)

B.W. Rogers A.C.A. (Retired) A.C.I.S.

**AUDITOR**

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE. NORTH ISLAND. NEW ZEALAND**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - SCHEDULE 1**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b><u>Income was received from:</u></b>		
District Grand Lodge Dues	52,464	50,714
Fees of Honour	240	280
Regalia Hire & Sales	1,351	848
Dispensations & By-Laws	210	268
Donations Received	-	<u>1,236</u>
	<u>54,265</u>	<u>53,346</u>
<b><u>Investment Income</u></b>		
Interest	12,610	9,461
<b><u>Contribution for Administration Costs:</u></b>		
E.M.D.C. and D.G. Chapter	<u>24,094</u>	<u>22,237</u>
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<u>\$90,969</u>	<u>\$85,044</u>
<b><u>Expenditure from this was:</u></b>		
Accountancy	1,278	1,247
Insurance & Accident Compensation Levy	637	(250)
(Surplus)/Loss on Communications & Functions	(531)	(431)
Office, Rent & Power	5,113	4,356
Printing, Stationery & Postage	6,767	7,905
(Surplus) / Loss on Sales of Rituals, etc	226	659
(Surplus) / Loss on Sale of Ties	680	95
Characters of Freemasonry Costs	-	261
Donations - CHCH Earthquake net	-	5,609
Maintenance	217	1,157
District Grand Master Installation	-	8,198
Salary & Honoraria	39,359	38,897
Sundry Expenses	1,621	979
Telephones & Tolls	2,476	1,780
Travel & Car Expenses	6,728	7,844
Equipment Lease	5,820	5,795
Contribution to building security system	-	<u>2,472</u>
<b><u>Total Expenditure</u></b>	<u>\$70,382</u>	<u>\$86,573</u>
<b><u>Leaving an Operating Surplus/(Loss) of</u></b>	20,587	(1,529)
Against which Depreciation was charged	<u>42</u>	<u>1,044</u>
<b><u>Net (Loss) Surplus Before Tax</u></b>	<u>\$20,545</u>	<u>\$(2,573)</u>
<b><u>Less:</u></b>		
Provision for Taxation	850	4289
Transfer to Regalia Replacement Fund	15,000	-
<b><u>Net (Loss) Surplus after Tax</u></b>	<u>\$4,695</u>	<u>\$(3,001)</u>

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, NORTH ISLAND. NEW ZEALAND****ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012 - SCHEDULE 3**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b><u>Capital is made up of:</u></b>		
<b><u>Accumulated Funds</u></b>		
Opening Balance	317,141	320,154
Taxation Adjustment 2010	-	(11)
Surplus (Loss) for the year	4,695	<u>(3,001)</u>
	321,836	317,142
<b>Regalia Replacement Fund</b>		
Opening balance	3,000	3,000
Transfer to Fund from Current Year's Surplus	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>18,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<b><u>Net Funds</u></b>	<b><u>\$339,836</u></b>	<b><u>\$320,142</u></b>
<b><u>Investments of these Funds are:</u></b>		
Ellerslie Masonic Centre Limited Shares	105,000	105,000
Investment Account - N.Z. Grand Lodge	53,820	39,372
Westpac Term Deposit	156,236	150,536
Investment Account - Westpac	<u>133</u>	<u>133</u>
	<u>315,189</u>	<u>295,041</u>
<b><u>Current Assets are:</u></b>		
Accounts Receivable	6	206
Stock of Publications and Ties	3,532	4,369
Westpac Bank	4,731	4,016
GST Receivable	<u>1,720</u>	<u>1,077</u>
	<u>9,989</u>	<u>9,668</u>
<b><u>Fixed Assets are:</u></b>		
Regalia at cost	18,141	16,808
Other Fixed Assets at Net Book Value	<u>297</u>	<u>339</u>
	<u>18,438</u>	<u>17,147</u>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>	<b>343,616</b>	<b>321,856</b>
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>		
Accounts Payable	1,230	1,406
Donations Received – Organ Replacement	1,700	-
Provision for Taxation	<u>850</u>	<u>309</u>
	<u>3,780</u>	<u>1,714</u>
<b><u>Net Assets</u></b>	<b><u>\$339,836</u></b>	<b><u>\$320,142</u></b>