

# **DISTRICT GRAND LODGE**

**OF**

## **NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND**

**UNDER THE**  
**UNITED GRAND LODGE**  
**OF ANTIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.**



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**VW.BRO D ROBERTS PGSWDB DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER**  
**W.BRO W.E. WEIR PAGDC ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTER**  
**W.BRO J.M. LEWIS ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTER**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2014 at 3.30 P.M.**

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### HALF YEARLY COMMUNICATION

**Holden at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre, 9A Robert Street, Auckland, New Zealand  
on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2014.**

#### Present:

RW Bro B.J. Westhead, .....	District Grand Master
VW Bro D. Roberts <i>PGSwdB</i> .....	Deputy District Grand Master
W Bro W.E. Weir <i>PAGDC</i> .....	Assistant District Grand Master
W Bro J.M. Lewis .....	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 D.A. Stuck .....	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 L1878</i> .....	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro M.J. Jensen .....	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro M.T.O. Harding .....	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro M.A. Chopping <i>PDSGW</i> .....	as 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 R.H. Fricker .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro C.V. Eade .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro A. Gofton .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro D.J.M. Miller .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro C.N. Hardy .....	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 P.B. Hindle .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro W.A. Wood .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro J. Orbell .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro W.D. Maday .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro I. Dingwall .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro J.B. Walworth .....	District Grand Chaplain
W Bro J.C. Woodage .....	Past District Grand Chaplain
W Bro D.M. Lawrence .....	Past District Grand Chaplain
W Bro B.M.R. Smith .....	District Grand Treasurer
W Bro G.S. Halewood .....	Past District Grand Registrar
W Bro R.N. Clay .....	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 M.T. Bartlam .....	Past District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro E.A. Allan .....	District Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro B.J. Holland <i>LGR WM L1801</i> .....	as District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro A.J.M. Macdonald <i>PDJGW</i> .....	District Grand Charity Steward
W Bro R.A.deL. Everest <i>PAGDC PADGM</i> .....	District Grand Mentor
W Bro A.P. Conlan <i>WM L1530</i> .....	District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro M.P. Layzell <i>PDGChap</i> .....	as 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 R.H. Johnstone .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro G.E. Arnel .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro M.I. Crawford <i>PDJGD</i> .....	as District Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro Z Horvat .....	District Assistant Grand Secretary
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 <i>PDGStdB</i> .....	as District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro G. Rogerson .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro P. Parris .....	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
W Bro T.R. Stansfield .....	District Grand Pursuivant
W Bro A.A.C. Fairweather .....	District Grand Tyler
W Bro S. Boyask <i>PDSGW</i> .....	WM L1338
W Bro S. Chandra <i>PDSGW (Zambia)</i> .....	WM L1521
W Bro D.S. Ironside .....	WM L1801
W Bro S.R. Hammerton <i>PDGTyler</i> .....	WM L2072
W Bro W.C. Harris <i>DGStdB</i> .....	WM L2180
W Bro M.T.J. Watson .....	WM L2300
W Bro J.F. Robson .....	IPM L1647
W Bro A.B. Mansfield .....	PM L1338
W Bro S. Elliott .....	PM L2300
Bro S. Willins .....	SW L1801
Bro R.D. Ellis .....	JW L2073

District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 3.30 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 Kerikeri Masonic Centre Kerikeri on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

### APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from the following Brethren:- W.Bro's. R.R.Agnew; J.L.Bau; B.O.Belcher; R.J.P.Buxton; M.J.Cameron; R.Catlin; A.S.Cross; W.K.Dalzell; K.G.Edmonds; J.C.Elliott; R.R.Goldston; J.Gozdz; Z.Horvat; J.E.J.Housham; E.A.C.James; J.A.J.D.Karaka-Hazeldene; B.L.Keiller; N.Kirk; D.P.Laery; A.G.Lake; R.M.McKillop; I.Metcalf; G.J.Moore; E.H.Morris; G.W.Overton; I.A.Payne; C.L.Perry; B.L.Poole; S.E.Roberson; D.C.Rosieur; A.Russell; A.Schenke; D.E.Scollick; R.L.Teague; C.M.Tisdall; D.N.Turner; H.I.Turner; D.M.Wilding; R.R.Wilson.

### ROLL OF LODGES.

The District Grand Secretary called the roll of Lodges:-

Lodge	Number	Represented by:
Mount Egmont Lodge .....	670 .....	Not Represented
Waitemata Lodge .....	689 .....	Past Master
Tongariro Lodge .....	705 .....	Past Master
Port Chalmers Marine Lodge .....	942 .....	Past Master
Alexandra Lodge .....	1188 .....	Senior Warden

Prince of Wales Lodge .....	1338 .....	Master
Turanganui Lodge .....	1480 .....	Past Master
Wellington Lodge .....	1521 .....	Master
Eden Lodge .....	1530 .....	Master
Sir Donald McLean Lodge .....	1646 .....	Past Master
Star of the North Lodge .....	1647 .....	Senior Warden
Corinthian Lodge .....	1655 .....	Not Represented
Remuera Lodge .....	1710 .....	Senior Warden
Rodney Lodge .....	1711 .....	Past Master
United Manawatu Lodge .....	1721 .....	Past Master
Saint George Lodge .....	1801 .....	Master
Northern Light Lodge .....	1878 .....	Master
Opotiki Lodge .....	1930 .....	Master
Zealandia Lodge .....	2072 .....	Master
Duke of Albany Lodge .....	2073 .....	Junior Warden
Lodge Franklin .....	2138 .....	Past Master
Lodge of Harmony .....	2180 .....	Master
Te Awamutu Lodge .....	2221 .....	Past Master
Aorangi Lodge .....	2300 .....	Master

### OBITUARIES.

The District Grand Secretary read the names of those members of District Grand Lodge 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. B.A. Smith	PSGD-PDDGM	Prince of Wales	1338	25/11/13
W.Bro. E.F. Edwards	PDSGW	Star of the North	1647	20/01/14
W.Bro. M.F. Turner	PDSGW	Harmony	2180	30/01/14
W.Bro. B.P. Matthews	PDGSwdB	Turanganui	1480	06/03/14
RW.Bro. I.E. Whale	PDGM	Prince of Wales	1338	19/03/14
W.Bro. K.J. Langton	PDSGW	Harmony	2180	01/04/14

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 11<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013; UGLE Statement of Accounts; Grand Charity Report and Accounts. Copies of these have been distributed to all Lodges.

R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: "Brethren, as has become our practice, the reports have been made available to you in written form so they will not be read. However, it is my pleasing duty to inform you that the Grand Master, HRH the Duke of Kent has been pleased to appoint W.Bro. Michael Jensen of the Aorangi and United Manawatu Lodges, and W.Bro. Mervyn Harding of the Turanganui Lodge to the Rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. These ranks became effective as at the Investiture meeting held in London on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and nothing further needs to be done. However, it is our custom to mark the occasion with a short clothing ceremony. Bro. DGDC would you please place W.Bro. Jensen and W.Bro. Harding before me."

The District Grand Master then clothed W.Bro. Jensen and W.Bro. Harding with the regalia of their new rank, and invited them to address the District Grand Lodge.

### **REPORT OF DISTRICT GRAND MASTER**

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

Brethren, since our last communication in November 2013, I have had the pleasure of attending these meetings on behalf of our District.

**Zealandia Masonic Lodge No 2071 Installation Meeting on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2013** at the Masonic Lodge Kerikeri. On this very special occasion I was accompanied by 48 Grand and District Grand Officers, what a start for this special day. I received a very warm welcome from W. Bro Steve Hammerton and in turn I was able to give greeting to our visiting Constitutions. The Installing Master W. Bro F Henley Proclaimed W. Bro S.R. Hammerton as Master in a short well run ceremony. W. Bro Bob McKillop A.D.G.M. gave the Address to the Master, his last official working as the District A.D.G.M., thank you Bob. We retired to a very special lunch and our thanks to the ladies of our three Northern Lodges for not only the catering but their support for this whole weekend.

**The Installation Meeting on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2014** at the Masonic Rooms Dunedin. The Installation of Bro Merv Gilkinson R.W.D.G.M. New Zealand South Grand Lodge of Scotland.

**Lodge Montrose No 722 SC Installation Meeting on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2014** at the Masonic Temple Gisborne. I entered the lodge accompanied by 12 Grand and District Grand Officers and received a very warm welcome from Bro G.W.C. Birch Installing R. Wor. Master. Bro John Aldcroft was installed as Master by Bro Chesney Birch in a well run, well conducted ceremony. I had the pleasure to address the Brethren. I would like to thank those Brethren who travelled so far to attend this meeting, we outnumbered the Scotts, must be the first time, and it was worth it, to support Bro John Aldcroft, a Scottish Brother who gives so much support to our English Lodges. We retired to an enjoyable refectory and had a dram or two.

Thank you to those Brethren who have given me their support during this term, and a special thanks to those Lodges we visited for their welcome and hospitality.

RW. Bro Brian J. Westhead

### **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER**

**VW.BRO. D. ROBERTS PGSWDB**

RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead, District Grand Master I have had the pleasure of representing you at the following installation meetings

**Alexandra Lodge No. 1188 at Hamilton on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013:** I was escorted into the lodge by a great many Grand and District Grand Officers from throughout our District, who represented most the local Lodges.

I welcomed the following distinguished guests. VW.Bro. Andrew McGregor. Provincial Junior Grand Warden, Provincial Grand lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland. Bro. A.C. Powell. Wor. District Senior Grand Warden. District Grand Lodge of North Island New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Scotland. I also informally greeted the local District Grand Master representing the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, along with his many supporting Officers.

The installation ceremony was conducted in a confident manner by W.Bro. S.W. Wood the Lodge secretary. The Master W.Bro. J. Cameron being proclaimed for a further year, with many of the Lodge Officers being invested being Past Masters, with the junior Officers being Master Masons.

The refectory was carried out in a satisfactory manner. There were a great many visitors, which added to the atmosphere of a successful evening.

**Northern Light Lodge No. 1878 at Ellerslie on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014:** The following distinguished guests were in attendance. The Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Grand Lodge of Ireland by. RW.Bro. G. Drury. Provincial Deputy Grand Master. The District Grand Lodge of North Island New Zealand, Grand lodge of Scotland by. Bro. R. Campbell Wor District Grand Director of ceremonies, and the Grand lodge of New Zealand by VW.Bro. P. Goodwin. Past District Grand Master.

This is very pleasant daylight Lodge installation to attend, especially as I am a member. The Installing Master W.Bro. G.W. Abbott performed as you would expect from an old Past Master, who has had many years under his belt. The incoming Master was likewise not new to sitting in the chair of King Solomon.

As you are well aware this lodge has many past Grand and District Grand Officers in its ranks, which is obvious when you read the list of those taking office. It was a pleasing sight to see all of the Sister Constitutions in attendance who make a big contribution to any installation meeting.

The refectory proceedings were controlled by the new Lodge DC, W.Bro. R. Tulloch. This being a dining Lodge has a great atmosphere which does attract many older brethren and I am sure more older, local Masons would become members as time goes by.

Many of the members who live in the far north still attend on a regular basis and are the backbone of this fine old Lodge.

**Tongariro Lodge No. 705 at Wanganui on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014:** I was escorted into this very old lodge with a group of local and visiting District Grand Officers.

The following distinguished guests were received and greeted. RW.Bro. M.B. Smith. Provincial Assistant Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland. Bro. C.L. Perry. Wor. Substitute District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge of North Island New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Scotland. VW.Bro. D. Johnson District Grand Master for Ruapehu, Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

W.Bro. Noel Kirk installed his successor in a confident manner. The newly installed Master is a brother of W.Bro. Garry Spooner, who is a widely known Mason having served as an Assistant District Grand Master in the early part of the millennium. The Lodge Officers were likewise invested into their particular Offices, the deacons and inner guard being Lewis Master Masons, giving the lodge a strong family connection.

W.Bro. N. Kirk received a Past Masters jewel, which is an unusual rare event in this Lodge.

It was encouraging that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand representative delivered his contribution during the board.

The refectory was very lively, with a great many visitors from the local lodges swelling the numbers attending this popular installation.

David Roberts PGSwdB



**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS****W.BRO. W.E. WEIR PAGDC, ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTER:**

RW Bro. Brian Westhead, District Grand Master, since my report in November 2013, I have had the pleasure of representing you on the following occasions;

**Lodge FRANKLIN No. 2138, Installation Meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014**, at Hikurangi Lodge Rooms, where I was accompanied by a mixed contingent of Grand and District Grand Officers from Northland and Auckland. Representatives of all Sister Constitutions were also present and were formally received.

We were all warmly welcomed by the Master W.Bro. Rex Parker and the Lodge. It was my pleasure to be able to formally greet the representatives of the other constitutions on behalf of yourself, including the District Grand Master for Northland, VW.Bro. Rex Alexander.

W.Bro. Parker installed his successor, W.Bro. Harry Turner with dignity. I later had the pleasant duty of presenting him, on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel. This had previously been presented in 1970 to W.Bro. S. Laird. This presentation was well deserved recognition of his past two years work.

The new Master W.Bro Harry Turner invested his appointed Officers ably. The Lodge is ably supported by a core of experienced members and this is reflected in the quality of the new Officers of this highly regarded lodge.

Refectory proceedings were well carried out with warmth and humour in the local hall. Ladies were present at this well catered festive board and their presence added to this very happy festive occasion.

In the refectory I was able to speak about an earlier Franklin Past Master, W.Bro. Joseph Gordon Coates, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1925 to 1928. He was also the holder of the Military Cross and Bar and a Privy Councillor. It was 90 years ago in 1924 that this remarkable Mason was installed into the chair of Franklin Lodge. In October, this year the Northland Kauri Museum and later the Auckland Museum will be hosting an exhibition about his life which will include his Masonic career.

All came away from this Installation meeting with a feeling that a very enjoyable day had been shared and the Lodge was in good heart.

I would like to thank all those Brethren who have supported me when representing the District and thank Franklin lodge for their hospitality.

Warren E. Weir PAGDC

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

R.Worshipful District Grand Master, I have the honour to report as follows;

On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014 I represented you at the Installation Ceremony of Lodge Gisborne No 233, New Zealand Constitution. W.Bro Peter Henry Pole was re-installed in the chair for his second term

We entered the Lodge room and were warmly received. I had the support of our newly appointed Grand Officer.

Very Worshipful Bro A.B. Lock Past District Grand Master welcomed us to the meeting which was great. The ceremony was carried out by several members of Grand Lodge. It was a very well run ceremony and it was a most enjoyable afternoon. I must congratulate all who took part in it. They had all done a great job.

At the first rising I gave greetings on your behalf and after V.Worshipful Brother Lock had retired we also retired once again showing the excellent relationship we have with the New Zealand Constitution we have in our area.

A Refectory was held at the conclusion of the meeting which was most enjoyable. It is just sad to see the members are getting less each year.

Anthony A. DeCosta PAGDC

### **REPORT OF W.BRO. G.W. ABBOTT PAGDC**

RW.Bro. Brian James Westhead, District Grand Master It was my pleasure to represent you at the Installation of Saint Andrews Lodge No. 418 SC on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at Grey Street, Onehunga.

I was accompanied into the Lodge by eight Grand and District Grand Officers including our Deputy District Grand Master, Very Worshipful Brother Dave Roberts, PGSwdB. We were warmly received by the Right Worshipful Master together with The Right Worshipful District Grand Master Brother Campbell MacFarlane.

A most enjoyable installation took place and I had the pleasure of addressing the brethren of the Lodge.

A very happy refection took place with the usual Scottish flavour including the ode and toast to the Haggis.

Thank you for the honour of representing you on this occasion.

Graham W Abbott PAGDC

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

#### **VW.Bro. B. McMurtrie PGSwdB**

RW. District Grand Master it was an honour and privilege to represent you at the Installation meeting of Star of the North Lodge No. 1647 at Whangarei on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

My thanks to W.Bro. Graham Abbott for acting as DGDC during the ceremony.

We entered the Lodge room accompanied by around 20 Grand and District Grand Officers and were welcomed by the Master, W.Bro. Jack Robson who then proceeded to install his successor Bro. Ian Metcalfe; good to see a first time Master going into the chair of this Lodge. All the Sister Constitutions were represented.

All the Officers in this Lodge are Past Masters, but they are a very active and dedicated group of Masons, which bodes well for the future of the Lodge.

The refection proceedings were enjoyable, and it was good to see the ladies present and adding some lustre to the occasion.

#### **Representative visits.**

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>
2013				
Sat 02 Nov	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Zealandia	2072	Installation
Sat 09 Nov	W.Bro. F.A. Khan	Ponsonby	708 SC	Installation
Wed 13 Nov	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Aorangi	2300	Installation
Mon 25 Nov	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Saint Andrew	418 SC	St. Andrew's Night
Thu 05 Dec	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Alexandra	1188	Installation



2014

Tue	11	Mar	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Northern Light	1878	Installation
Thur	21	Mar	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Tongariro	705	Installation
Mon	31	Mar	VW.Bro. C.A. Holst	Saint George	1801	Installation
Sat	12	Apr	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Montrose	722 SC	Installation
Wed	16	Apr	VW.Bro. B. McMurtrie	Star of the North	1647	Installation
Sat	26	Apr	W.Bro A.A. DeCosta	Gisborne	233 NZC	Installation
Wed	23	Apr	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Franklin	2138	Installation
Sat	26	Apr	W.Bro. G.W. Abbott	Saint Andrew	418 SC	Installation
Sat	26	Apr	W.Bro. J.M. Lewis	Te Awamutu	2221	Installation

### Membership Statistics:

Annual returns have now been received from all bar two of our Lodges, and the figures to date show an increase in memberships of 8 with a total membership as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 of 723; up from 715. However, there were 13 foreign joiners for Te Awamutu Lodge due to its move to Taupo that needs to be taken into account when comparing numbers. There were 25 initiations during 2013 as compared with 21 for the 2012 year. There were 24 Grand Lodge Certificates issued during 2013. Once again the figure for resignations and cessations was very high at 30 and 7 respectively. It is still hoped that with a growing 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 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 was 720.

### Dispensations:

The following dispensations have been issued since the last Communication meeting in November 2013.

Star of the North Lodge No. 1647	To remain wearing regalia after the regular November meeting of the Lodge is closed when Ladies and other non-Masonic guests enter to participate in the annual Services Memorial Night.
Alexandra Lodge No. 1188	To change the date of the regular November 2013 meeting.
United Manawatu Lodge No. 1721	To hold an emergency meeting to discuss the needs of the current Lodge building and its future.
Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1338	To hold an emergency meeting for the purpose of carrying out a double initiation ceremony.
Zealandia Lodge No. 2072	To hold regular meetings of the Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Clifford Road Kaikohe until such time as a permanent home is found.
Opotiki Lodge No. 1930	To change the date of the April 2014 regular meeting.
Tongariro Lodge No. 705	To change the date of the 2014 Installation meeting.
Eden Lodge No. 1530	To change the date of the regular April meeting, and to wear regalia during the Annual Anzac Memorial Service while non Masons are present after the Lodge has been closed.

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 I have pleasure in submitting the following report of the Board of General Purposes

#### **November Communications - Kerikeri**

The last communications meeting was held in the Kerikeri Lodge rooms following the Installation meeting of Zealandia Lodge No. 2072. The weekend proved to be very popular and the Communications was extremely well attended. Zealandia, Franklin and Star of the North Lodges worked together to lay on a cocktail party on the Friday afternoon, a ladies program on the Saturday afternoon and a dinner on the Saturday evening. All of the functions were extremely well run and were well appreciated by those who attended. The format of the Communications meeting followed what has become the standard practice.

It was noticeable that only a few Master Masons attended the Communications meeting and dinner. I would like all of those present here today to take back the message to their Lodges that not only are Master Masons welcome to attend but that they should be encouraged to do so.

A very disappointing note to report here is that the NZ Constitution Lodge who own the Kerikeri Masonic building have evicted Zealandia Lodge who are now meeting in temporary accommodation until a more permanent situation can be found.

#### **Membership**

Membership within our District over the last year has remained fairly stable with a steady number of Initiations and joining members. However, the number of resignations continues to exceed the number of Initiations and whilst there will always be valid reasons for people to resign from a Lodge, we must be sure it is not because we are failing to provide the proper Masonic experience for them. Mentoring systems are now in place in most Lodges which should go some way in addressing the problem of retention, particularly in the first couple of years of membership. Membership of one or two of our Lodges is becoming particularly worrying

#### **District Visiting Officers**

The system of District Visiting Officers is proving to be a very effective means of communication between Lodges and District Grand Lodge. I strongly encourage Lodges and in particular the Master and Secretary to make use of the DVOs to make their feelings known to the Board of General Purposes and DGL. The feedback I am getting from Lodges at the moment is that the DVOs provide a very good conduit of information from District to Lodges but Lodges are not always making use of the DVOs to communicate their needs, ideas or suggestions through the DVOs back to District. In particular, Lodges should make sure that the DVO is aware of anyone in the Lodge who could take on a role in District or who should be considered for promotion.

**Insurance**

The recent thefts of Masonic Jewels from the Masonic Centres in both Dunedin and Levin are a matter of considerable concern. W Bro McKillop has highlighted the significant cost of replacing these jewels. In reality, of course, many of the jewels are irreplaceable. Lodges need to at least consider how they will deal with this growing threat.

**300 years of English Freemasonry**

In 2017 the United Grand Lodge of England will be celebrating 300 years of English Freemasonry. Undoubtedly there will be celebrations in all countries in which the Craft is represented. It is also likely that a number of people will travel to the UK to take part in UGLE's celebration there. VW Bro Dave Roberts will be starting the project planning for our involvement with this.

**November Communications**

The next Communications meeting will be held in Wellington at the Petone Lodge Rooms on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2014. The Wellington Lodges have already started planning for this meeting and it promises to be great occasion; a definite item for your diaries.

**May 2015 Communications**

The date of the May 2015 Communications meeting has been changed from the first weekend to the third weekend in May to appease the duck hunters.

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, R.W.District Grand Master, may I report as follows:

The Almoners in our District continue to work quietly behind the scenes in all our Lodges. They generally do an excellent, if unheralded job, for their brethren and widows. Much of their work quietly takes place between meetings, as does that of our Secretaries, Treasurers, Charity Stewards, and Masters, providing the glue which keeps our Lodges healthy and stable.

The duties of our Almoners, often see them working alone, making visits to the vulnerable, checking up on, and providing assistance to, those who are in need. Thus this position suits those with a high degree of compassion. And this quality is certainly evident when one looks at the brothers who have taken on this role in our North Island District.

As winter nears, our Almoners often find they are busier, and thus probably very appreciative of brethren who have the time and the drive to offer assistance to their Almoner. They will find the work truly rewarding. And find they have an Almoner who feels his Lodge is truly behind him!

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 PDGChaplain, District Grand Almoner.

## ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Annual Financial Statement for District Grand Lodge for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 having been distributed to members present were taken as read and received.

The District Grand Treasurer presented, and commented on the financial report to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. There were no questions concerning the accounts.

W.Bro. B.M.R. Smith DGTreas: "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 2013 be adopted." Seconded by VW.Bro. D. Roberts PGSwdB, and carried. The Annual Accounts are printed at the end of these minutes.

W.Bro. B.M.R. Smith DGTreas: "R.Wor. District Grand Master, I move that due to the healthy District Grand Lodge accounts, the annual subscription to District Grand Lodge remain unchanged for the ensuing year." Seconded by VW.Bro. D. Roberts PGSwdB, and carried.

## DISTRICT GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

Brethren, I would like to welcome you all here today for the half yearly Communication of this District Grand Lodge, especially those of you who have travelled long distances to be with us.

Once again, I would thank the Northern Lodges; Zealandia, Franklin and Star of the North for organising, and arranging the very successful Annual Communication held in Kerikeri last November. All who attended, I am sure, enjoyed themselves immensely and came away with a good feeling of camaraderie having spent time with their Brothers and their wives and partners.

I offer my congratulations to W.Bro. Mike Jensen of both Aorangi and United Manawatu Lodges and W.Bro. Mervyn Harding of Turanganui Lodge on their being honoured by Grand Lodge with the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, who I had the pleasure of clothing earlier today. A well deserved honour for two Brethren who have put a lot of effort into Freemasonry in general and their Lodges, and the District in particular.

Brethren, there are in your Lodges three very important Officers that are sometimes taken too lightly, and I refer to the Almoner, Charity Steward and Mentor. Has your Lodge appointed a Lodge mentor? I ask the question 'if not, why not'? The mentoring scheme initiated by our Grand lodge is an important tool in the retention of members and I cannot commend it to you too strongly. Too often Lodges bring in candidates and then virtually leave them to their own devices leading, in many cases, to him becoming disillusioned and leaving Freemasonry. The Lodge Mentor does not have to mentor every member personally, but he is responsible to see that all new members have an individual mentor to guide their progress in our wonderful Craft. Where the proposer of a candidate is a close personal friend he should look after him and mentor him. However, sometimes with membership drives, candidates are often found among casual friends and acquaintances, sometimes by relatively new members, which would necessitate a more experienced brother to be appointed as his mentor. There is considerable information on the mentoring scheme to be found within the United Grand Lodge of England web site.

The other offices of Almoner and Charity Steward are complementary to each other in that the former will be looking after widows and Brethren and bringing any cases of need to the attention of the necessary charity, while the latter must be actively encouraging Brethren to contribute regularly to our own North Island English Masonic District Charitable Trust so that the Trust is in a position to offer financial help when required.

Thank you Brethren for your attention.

R.W.Bro. Brian Westhead  
District Grand Master

As there was no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 4.05 P.M.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### A. REPORTING ENTITY

The reporting entity is the District Grand Lodge of North Island, New Zealand. The entity prepares special purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

It qualifies for differential reporting as it is not publicly accountable and is not large as defined under the framework for differential reporting. The entity has taken advantage of all available differential reporting exemptions.

### B. GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted for the reporting of results and financial position is that of historical cost with the exceptions that Unit Trusts and Company Notes are stated at Market Value and the increase/decrease reflected in Unit Trust Income.

Reliance is placed on the fact that this entity will continue its activities. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenues.

### C. SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts Receivable are recorded at estimated net realisable value.

#### STOCK ON HAND

Stock on Hand has been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated at Market Value.

#### FIXED ASSETS

No depreciation has been charged on Regalia, as refurbishment is charged to expenditure in the Statement of Financial Performance. Depreciation of 20% on the cost value of office equipment has been charged. The Finance Committee considers this fair.

#### TAXATION

The District Grand Lodge of North Island, New Zealand was deemed a charitable entity to 30 June 2008 and was not subject to tax. The entity has now obtained 'non profit organisation status' which confers a \$1,000 tax exemption. In order to claim appropriate deductions, it is estimated that 5% of the entities expenses are incurred to manage the investment income.

	2013	2012
Investment Income	8,302	12,610
Expenses (\$73,276 x 5%)	<u>(3,664)</u>	<u>(3,519)</u>
Taxable Profit	4,638	9,091
Tax Exemption	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
Taxable Profit/(Loss) After Exemption	<u>\$3,638</u>	<u>\$8,091</u>
Tax Due (@ 10.5%)	382	850
Taxation Already Paid	-	-
Tax Payable	<u>\$ 382</u>	<u>\$ 850</u>

#### G.S.T.

The financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis.

#### CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the financial year. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

#### CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no contingent liabilities at year end. (Last year \$ nil)



**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE. NORTH ISLAND. NEW ZEALAND**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

**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 2013.

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 2013. 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 2013 and of the results of operations for the year ended 31 December 2013.

**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 2013 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

My audit was completed on 28 March 2014 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 2013**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b><u>Income was received from:</u></b>		
District Grand Lodge Dues	49,197	52,464
Fees of Honour	443	240
Regalia Hire & Sales	1,483	1,351
Dispensations & By-Laws	300	210
Donations Received	11,000	-
Donations spent on Organ	<u>(9,130)</u>	<u>-</u>
	53,293	54,265
<b><u>Investment Income</u></b>		
Interest	8,302	12,610
<b><u>Contribution for Administration Costs:</u></b>		
E.M.D.C. and D.G. Chapter	<u>24,392</u>	<u>24,094</u>
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$85,987</u></b>	<b><u>\$90,969</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditure from this was:</u></b>		
Accountancy	1,329	1,278
Insurance & Accident Compensation Levy	334	637
(Surplus)/Loss on Communications & Functions	(242)	(531)
Office, Rent & Power	5,498	5,113
Printing, Stationery & Postage	7,124	6,767
(Surplus) / Loss on Sales of Rituals, etc	331	226
(Surplus) / Loss on Sale of Ties	438	680
Donation - Philippines	5,000	-
Maintenance	671	217
Salary & Honoraria	41,254	39,359
Sundry Expenses	2,744	1,6219
Legal Expenses	5,937	-
Telephones & Tolls	2,274	2,476
Travel & Car Expenses	5,701	6,728
Equipment Lease	<u>5,820</u>	<u>5,8205</u>
<b><u>Total Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>\$84,213</u></b>	<b><u>\$70,382</u></b>
<b><u>Leaving an Operating Surplus/(Loss) of</u></b>		20,587
Against which Depreciation was charged	<u>36</u>	<u>42</u>
<b><u>Net (Loss) Surplus Before Tax</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,738</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,545</u></b>
<b><u>Less:</u></b>		
Provision for Taxation	382	850
Transfer to Regalia Replacement Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<b><u>Net (Loss) Surplus after Tax</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,356</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,695</u></b>

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND**  
**STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b><u>Capital is made up of:</u></b>		
<b><u>Accumulated Funds</u></b>		
Opening Balance	321,836	317,141
Surplus (Loss) for the year	<u>1,356</u>	<u>4,695</u>
	323,192	321,836
Regalia Replacement Fund		
Opening balance	18,000	3,000
Transfer to Fund from Current Year's Surplus	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>18,000</u>	<u>18,000</u>
<b><u>Net Funds</u></b>	<b><u>\$341,192</u></b>	<b><u>\$339,836</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
Westpac Term Deposit	163,023	156,236
Investment Account - Westpac	<u>-</u>	<u>133</u>
	<u>268,023</u>	<u>315,189</u>
 <b><u>Current Assets are:</u></b>		
Accounts Receivable	6,250	6
Stock of Publications and Ties	5,097	3,532
Westpac Bank Account	3,906	4,731
Westpac Savings	38,260	
GST Receivable	<u>2,247</u>	<u>1,720</u>
	<u>55,760</u>	<u>9,989</u>
 <b><u>Fixed Assets are:</u></b>		
Regalia at cost	18,141	18,414
Other Fixed Assets at Net Book Value	<u>261</u>	<u>297</u>
	<u>18,675</u>	<u>18,438</u>
 <b><u>Total Assets</u></b>	<b>342,458</b>	<b>343,616</b>
 <b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>		
Accounts Payable	884	1,230
Donations Received – Organ Replacement	-	1,700
Provision for Taxation	<u>382</u>	<u>850</u>
	<u>1,266</u>	<u>3,780</u>
 <b><u>Net Assets</u></b>	<b><u>\$341,192</u></b>	<b><u>\$339,836</u></b>