

# **DISTRICT GRAND LODGE**

OF

## **NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND**

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OF ENGLAND.**



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

**Holden at the Scinde Masonic Centre,  
206 Kennedy Road, Napier  
on  
Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2012 at 2.45 P.M.**

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## Assistant District Grand Master

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**HALF YEARLY COMMUNICATION**

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on Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2012.

**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
VW Bro C.A. Holst <i>PDDGM</i> .....	Past Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro D.L. Crump <i>PADGM</i> .....	Past Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro G.D. Kane <i>PADGM</i> .....	Past Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro W.A. Andrew <i>PADGM</i> .....	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro G.W. Abbott .....	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro R.H. Fricker <i>PDSGW</i> .....	as District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro G.A. Gault .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro G.P. Rhode .....	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 J. Gozdz .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro A.D. Murrie .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro D.J.M. Miller .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro J.A. Hume .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro P.J. Lenihan .....	District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro Capt I.M. McGibbon <i>OBE</i> .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro T.C. Brandon .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro T.L.A. Stent .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro D.M. Lawrence .....	District Grand Chaplain
W Bro R.F. Prothero .....	Past District Grand Chaplain
W Bro R.H. Swinbourne .....	Past District Grand Treasurer
W Bro J.B. Walworth .....	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 JP</i> .....	District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro D.D. Leach .....	Past District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro R. Catlin .....	Past District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro G.J. McKandry <i>PDSGW</i> .....	as District Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro W.E. Streater .....	Past District Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro D.M. Turner .....	Past District Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro A.J. Bolton .....	District Grand Superintendent of Works
W Bro I.V. Tantrum .....	Past District Grand Superintendent of Works
W Bro M.G. Lloyd .....	Past District Grand Superintendent of Works
W Bro I. Dingwall <i>PDGDC</i> .....	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 J.M. Lewis .....	District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R.L. Cross .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R.N. Clay .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro M.P. Layzell .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro G.E. Arnel .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R. Pemberton .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro M.I. Crawford .....	District Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro M.L. Earl .....	Past District Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro E.A. Allan .....	Past District Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro R.J.P. Buxton .....	Past District Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro G.M. Martin .....	District Assistant Grand Secretary
W Bro G.P. Pearse .....	Past District Assistant Grand Secretary
W Bro R.A.deL. Everest <i>PAGDC-PADGM</i> .....	District Grand Mentor
W Bro G.A. Walker .....	Past District Grand Organist

W Bro A.S. Cross .....	District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro G. Rogerson .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro S.C. Schwartz .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro W.R. Lowe .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro G.N. Paver .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro S.E. Roberson <i>PDGPurs</i> .....	as District Grand Pursuivant
W Bro N. Kirk <i>PDJGW</i> .....	WM L705
W Bro B.R. MacConnell .....	WM L942
W Bro G. Lim Lo Suy .....	WM L1338
W Bro A.D. Griffin .....	WM L1521
W Bro D.M. Sendrove .....	WM L1710
W Bro J.P. Pallett-Frame .....	WM L1721
W Bro G. Forber .....	WM L1801
W Bro S.R. Hammerton .....	WM L2072
W Bro S. Elliott .....	WM L2300
W Bro K. van den Broek .....	IPM L705
W Bro A.P. Renton-Green <i>QSO</i> .....	IPM L942
W Bro A.B. Mansfield .....	IPM L1338
W Bro T.R. Stansfield .....	IPM L1710
W Bro G. Forber .....	IPM L1801
W Bro M.P. Faber .....	PM L1188
W Bro M. Munro .....	PM in L942
W Bro B.J. Holland <i>LGR</i> .....	PM in L1801
Bro J.F. Robson .....	JW L1647
Bro J.A.J.D. Karaka-Hazeldene .....	JW L1710
Bro K.J. Thompson <i>DGStwd</i> .....	JW L2180

Also in attendance:

W Bro R.J. Moore .....	PM in L942
W Bro K.J. Edney .....	PM in L942
Bro Z.W. McCarthy .....	MM L942
W Bro T.H. Forster <i>PDGStdB (Sierra Leone &amp; Gambia)</i> .....	PM L6878

Plus any Brethren who were in attendance but omitted to sign the attendance register!

Visitors

Grand Lodge of Ireland	
RW Bro R.J. Whyte .....	Provincial Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Scotland	
Bro D.C. MacFarlane .....	RW District Grand Master
Grand Lodge of New Zealand	
VW Bro R.M. Bray .....	District Grand Master (Eastland)

District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 2.45 P.M.

The District Grand Master was saluted.

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

R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: "Brethren, a warm welcome to you all and thank you for your attendance this afternoon."

The District Grand Master then received, and welcomed his Distinguished Guests; Bro. D.C. MacFarlane, RW District Grand Master for New Zealand North, Grand Lodge of Scotland, R.W.Bro. R.J. Whyte, Provincial Grand Master for New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland and V.W.Bro. R.M. Bray DistGM for Eastland District, Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Each was greeted by the Brethren with the honours due to their exalted rank.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the Half-Yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge held at the Ellerslie Masonic Robert Street Auckland on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

**APOLOGIES.**

Apologies were received from the following Brethren:- R.W.Bro. I.E. Whale; R.W.Bro. P.B. Gudsell; Wor. Bro's. D.J.Ackerley; A.P.Conlan; R.L.Connon; P.B.Craig; F.C.Crossan; A.A.DeCosta; A.D.Delves; C.V.Eade; K.G.Edmonds; J.C.Elliott; A.A.C.Fairweather; S.A.T.Farley; D.E.Gibson; R.N.Gifford; F.L.Gillies; A.Gofton; R.R.Goldston; C.B.Graham; G.S.Halewood; T.H.Hallen; M.T.O.Harding; W.C.Harris; P.B.Hindle; M.J.Jensen; R.H.Johnston; B.L.Keiller; D.P.Laery; K.J.Langton; M.A.Lea; E.F.Monks; K.R.Perkinson; C.L.Perry; B.L.Poole; M.L.Puckett; M.G.Rivers; B.M.R.Smith; J.S.Stinson; R.L.Teague; C.M.Tisdall; H.I.Turner; J.B.Vanstone; T.J.Warren; A.O.Watts; G.R.S.Wilson; R.R.Wilson; S.W.Wood; W.A.Wood. An apology was also received from Bro. J. Aldcroft (GL of Scotland).

**ROLL OF LODGES.**

The District Grand Secretary called the roll of Lodges:-

Lodge	Number	Represented by:
Mount Egmont Lodge .....	670 .....	Master
Waitemata Lodge .....	689 .....	Past Master
Tongariro Lodge .....	705 .....	Master
Port Chalmers Marine .....	942 .....	Master
Alexandra Lodge .....	1188 .....	Past Master
Prince of Wales Lodge .....	1338 .....	Master
Turanganui Lodge .....	1480 .....	Past Master
Wellington Lodge .....	1521 .....	Master
Eden Lodge .....	1530 .....	Past 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 .....	Past Master
Northern Light Lodge .....	1878 .....	Master
Opotiki Lodge .....	1930 .....	Past Master
Zealandia Lodge .....	2072 .....	Master
Duke of Albany Lodge .....	2073 .....	Past Master
Lodge Franklin .....	2138 .....	Past Master
Lodge of Harmony .....	2180 .....	Junior Warden
Te Awamutu Lodge .....	2221 .....	Junior Warden
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. J. Noyer	PDJGW Rodney	1711	01/07/12	
W.Bro. D. Squire	PDJGW Northern Light	1878	24/07/12	
	Franklin	2138		
W.Bro. R.M. Hunt	PDJGD Sir Donald McLean	1646	13/08/12	
W.Bro. E.R. Hughes	PAGDC Duke of Albany	2073	01/09/12	
W.Bro. J.D. Martin	PDSGWAorangi	2300	24/10/12	

R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: "I now ask you to stand for a moments silence in as a mark of respect for all the Brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above during the past six months."

**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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012; the Annual Investiture meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April and the Quarterly Communication of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Copies of these have been distributed to Lodges.

**The following reports were all given to Brethren in written form, and were not read.**

**REPORT OF DISTRICT GRAND MASTER**

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

**Sir Donald McLean Lodge No. 1646 Installation Meeting on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2012** at the Waitara Masonic Hall. I entered the Lodge accompanied by 12 Grand and District Grand Officers, most of whom had travelled some distance, representing United Manawatu, Tongariro, Eden and our D.G.D.C. from the Lodge of Harmony and our local Brethren from Mount Egmont and Sir Donald McLean. I had the pleasure to welcome on behalf of the U.G.L.E. and our District Grand Lodge of the N.I.N.Z. R.W. Bro Murray Smith, representing the G.L. of Ireland and Bro Murray Chinery, representing the G.L. of Scotland. The work was a well conducted Proclamation Ceremony of W. Bro Robert Froude, for the third successive year and it was a pleasure to deliver to him the Address to the Master. I must also note, to my surprise, many Master Masons being invested. The refectory was held at the Waitara Country Club and as you would expect from this club, a well catered meal and great hospitality

**Ara Taimau Lodge No 1 NZC Installation Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.** All the Sister Constitutions were present and I entered the Lodge with a small contingent of Grand and District Grand Officers and received a warm welcome from the Installing Master V.W. Bro Roy Stephen. Bro. Richard Kelley was Installed as Master in a well conducted ceremony. Retired to an enjoyable refectory and I had the pleasure to reply to the Toast to the Sister Constitutions.

**Ara Lodge No 348 IC Installation Meeting on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2012.** I entered the Lodge with a large contingent of Grand and District Grand Officers and received a warm welcome from R.W. Bro R.J. Whyte P.G.M. All Sister Constitutions were represented and we witnessed Bro Roger Grove being Installed by W. Bro Basham in a well conducted ceremony. I had the pleasure to Address the Wardens and give Greetings on behalf of the U.G.L.E. and our District Grand Lodge of N.I.N.Z. Ara certainly provides a refectory second to none and we had time to enjoy the hospitality from the Brethren of this Grand Old Lodge.

**Mount Egmont Lodge No 670 Installation Meeting on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2012** at De Burghs Lodge Rooms, New Plymouth. I entered the Lodge with a small contingent of Grand and District Grand Officers and received a very warm welcome from W. Bro Roger Catlin, and in return I had the pleasure to welcome our Three Sister Constitutions on behalf of the U.G.L.E. and our District Grand Lodge of N.I.N.Z. The work was a well conducted Proclamation Ceremony of W. Bro Roger Catlin for a third successive year. A well experienced Master invested his Officers with confidence and a display of instinctive humour. An enjoyable refectory and great camaraderie and hospitality this Lodge looks well to its visitors.

**The Prince of Wales Lodge No 1338 Installation Meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2012** at Ellerslie Masonic Centre. I was accompanied by 26 Grand and District Grand Officers and received a very warm welcome from W. Bro Tony Mansfield, a well travelled and well known Brother. I had the pleasure to welcome on behalf of the U.G.L.E. and our District Grand Lodge of N.I.N.Z., M.W. Bro Peter Lim Lo Suy, Past G.M. of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and brother of Master Elect Bro George Lim, R.W. Bro Zaldy Angeles J.G.W. United Grand Lodge of N.S.W. and A.C.T., Bro Brian Collings representing the G.L. of Scotland and R.W. Bro George Drury representing the G.L. of Ireland. It was a pleasure to witness W. Bro Mansfield install Bro. Lim, the ceremony was of high standard and well conducted and it was a privilege to deliver the Address to the Master. I must note the incredible attendance of visitors, a sight I have not seen for many years. The refectory was most enjoyable, a well catered meal and good wine.

**St Andrew No 418 SC hosts of the Original Constitutions Meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2012** at the Scottish Masonic Centre, Onehunga. I was delighted to have the support of 25 Grand and District Grand Officers and received a warm welcome from the R.W. Master. I was equally delighted with the very high turnout of our English Lodges, thank you all for your support. The work of the evening was a well conducted 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. The refectory was enjoyed by all and I had the pleasure to reply to the Toast of the Sister Constitutions.

Thank you to all those who have supported me at the reported meetings and also a special thanks to all the Lodges we visited for their welcome and hospitality.

Brian Westhead  
District Grand Master

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER****V.W.BRO. D. ROBERTS PGSWDB, DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER:**

R.W.Bro. Brian Westhead it has been my privilege to represent you, and this District Grand Lodge on the following occasions.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June I had the honour of representing you at the annual installation of the Remuera Lodge No. 1710.

I entered the lodge accompanied by twelve Grand and District Grand Officers. The Grand Lodge of Ireland was represented by R.W.Bro. G. Grenfell Provincial Grand Secretary, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland by Bro. R. McL. Russell Hon. SGW, past R.W. District Grand Master.

W.Bro. Tim Stansfield installed his successor in a very able manner, and likewise the new Master appointed his officers for the coming year, in a commendable style. All the junior officers again, being Master Masons, a not uncommon trend at this time.

The refectory, was of course, held in house at the Ellerslie Centre, a pleasant enjoyable evening with much humour, possibly offset slightly by its longevity.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at the Wellington Lodge's 138<sup>th</sup> Installation. I was escorted into the lodge with nineteen Grand and District Grand Officers.

The Grand Lodge Of Ireland was represented by R.W. Bro. Rex Newton. Provincial Assistant Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of Scotland by Bro. Chesley Birch Past R.W. Substitute District Grand Master.

The dignified ceremony carried out by W.Bro. N.R. Griffin in installing his successor Bro. A.D. Griffin (his brother) was well received by all who were present.

The incoming officers were a mix of Past Masters and Master Masons, and were confidently invested by the incoming Master.

The refectory standard, was what you would expect from this lodge, with the normal well rehearsed speeches and toasts delivered with the usual banter and innuendoes, that nobody seems to take with offence.

Overall, a well handled installation and ceremony.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July I had the pleasure of representing you in Thames at the installation of the Lodge of Light No. 454 IC. I was escorted into lodge with twelve, Grand and District Grand Officers.

The Grand Lodge. of Ireland was represented by R.W.Bro. G. Drury Hon PGD, Provincial Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Lodge. of Scotland by Bro. T.C. Walsh, Past District Grand Warden, and V.W.Bro. K. Doherty, District Grand Master for Hauraki District represented the Grand Lodge. of New Zealand.

This ceremony was very interesting and delightful, as only the Irish Lodges seem to have a knack for.

The refectory was a full house numbers wise, with many wives of members, as well as visiting Brethren and their wives.

This Lodge seems to going from strength to strength, with many older members.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at the Lodge of Harmony I had the honour and pleasure of representing you at your own lodge installation.

I was very ably escorted into the lodge room by 31 Grand and District Grand Officers. The distinguished guests were as follows. The Grand Lodge of Ireland by R.W.Bro. R. Newton. Provincial Assistance Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland by Bro. H. McCutcheon, Past R.W. Depute District Grand Master.

The Master Elect was Bro. Tom Hallen, an old member of this fine old lodge.

W.Bro. W.C. Harris very ably installed his successor in a pleasing ceremony, and in front of about ninety visitors,

Before the installation began, a deputation of old railway work mates, presented a Master's apron for the new Master, and I believe that in past years, the railway workshops, the freezing works, and other local industries, would have been the backbone of this lodge's membership. Certainly, many of the visitors from the New Zealand Lodges had, at some time, worked with W.Bro. Tom Hallen, supporting him on his day.

The address to the Master was delivered by R.W.Bro. R. Meehan Past Provincial Grand Master, N.Z.C. an old work acquaintance.

As with many of the current installations, most of the Officers are Past Masters, apart from the junior warden and junior deacon.

The refectory was disappointing, as two thirds of the visitors did not stay, as it is a popular Lodge perhaps this can be changed in future years. I myself, consider the refectory, a most important part of a Masonic meeting, so to mix and mingle with old friends, after the ceremonial part of the meeting.

And, finally at the Duke of Albany Lodge No. 2073 in Helensville on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October I was again, fortunately able to represent you at another of our 'out of the city' Lodges. The Grand and District Grand Officers attending with me as escorts, numbered twenty four, another excellent turnout of Present and Past Officers. I would say that every Auckland Lodge was represented, as well as many northern Lodges.

The distinguished guests were as follows. The Grand Lodge of Ireland. R.W.Bro. Roland J. Whyte. Provincial Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland by Bro. Angus Graham PGSW Immediate Past R.Wor. District Grand Master.

A shortened installation, as the current Master had volunteered for another year. He ably installed by W.Bro. Mike Lea in a Lodge room that was full to capacity. Although brief in comparison to the normal installation, it was carried out in a great atmosphere.

The refectory was completely packed to capacity with the meal being served at the table by the stewards, a great improvement on the smorgasbord system. A most enjoyable installation at the old Helensville lodge rooms with many visitors from the outlying New Zealand Lodges in attendance.

David Roberts PGSwdB, Deputy District Grand Master

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

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

Right Worshipful District Grand Master, I have the honour to report as follows:-

#### **De Burgh Adams Lodge, No. 446, Irish Constitution**

I attended the installation of Worshipful Brother Graham John Knapman as Master of this Lodge in New Plymouth, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012, when I was accompanied by 10 Grand and District Grand Officers. W.Bro. Knapman had been Master of the Lodge in 2010-2011 and was installed by Worshipful Brother Clive Lionel Perry who had at that point been Master in Lodges under all four Constitutions. The De Burgh Lodge room is well set up and maintained and it is always a pleasure to visit this lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master Right Worshipful Brother Roland J Whyte attended and the representative of the Scottish Constitution was Brother Murray E Chinery, Hon. Grand Senior Deacon, Past Substitute District Grand Master, District of New Zealand North, Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was not officially represented and while that fact was not noted, there were representatives of the GLNZ both at the installation and later in refectory.

I had the privilege of delivering the Address to the Wardens. Worshipful Brother Perry is an experienced practitioner in the Chair and delivered a faultless installation ceremony with excellent support from the Director of Ceremonies. This however was likely to be his last installation in Taranaki as he announced his intention to return to Nelson at the end of the year where his family have land on which he intends to build. Right Worshipful Brother Whyte made particular mention of his support and hard work for all four Constitutions in the Taranaki area, although from personal experience, he has been very active as a visitor throughout the lower North Island. It was pleasing to see both W.Bro. R Catlin, Master of Mt Egmont Lodge No 670 and W.Bro. R S Froude, Master of Sir Donald McLean Lodge No 1646 participating in the installation as Officers of the Board. Although the Lodge lost three of its stalwart members during the past year, it has had two initiates and two joining members. Refectory was as usual a late afternoon meal with the ladies, who had foregathered earlier in the afternoon. It was a very relaxed and less formal proceedings that was most enjoyable in the company of brethren both from New Plymouth and elsewhere.

#### **The Eden Lodge No. 1530**

After attending the installation of De Burgh Adams, I travelled to Auckland for the installation of W.Bro. Andrew Patrick Conlan as Master for the second time on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012. I was accompanied by an overwhelming number of Grand and District Grand Officers (25) and there were seventy Brethren in attendance. W.Bro. Shane Farley who was Master in 2011, conducted a faultless and well prepared ceremony.

Sister Constitutions were represented by Right Worshipful Brother George Drury, Hon. PGD, Provincial Deputy Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland and Brother William J Matheson, Hon. Grand Assistant

Secretary, Right Worshipful Depute District Grand Master, District of New Zealand North, Grand Lodge of Scotland. Again the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was not represented.

The Eden Lodge is blessed with many Grand and District Grand Officers who are very active and represent a great resource of knowledge and experience for the Lodge. It is a particularly impressive lodge room that has much of the furniture and fittings from Upper Queens Street and the surroundings together with well-rehearsed ritual assures an excellent installation ceremony. I was privileged to address the Master and to present a Past Master's Jewel to W.Bro. Farley. This jewel was one which had real provenance having been presented first in 1936 to W.Bro. H R Blott and again in 1965 to W.Bro. W James. A very pleasant refectory followed the work in the temple and I was well looked after by all of the members of the Lodge including the District Grand Secretary who kindly attended to my transport to and from the lodge room.

### **The Port Chalmers Marine Lodge No 942**

The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Oamaru Lodge Rooms at Taradale, Napier on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012. I was accompanied by six Grand, Provincial Grand and District Grand Officers including one from Durham in England. All three Sister Constitutions were represented by Brother George Nesbit, Deputy Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, District Grand Lodge of New Zealand North, Grand Lodge of Scotland; Right Worshipful Brother Murray B Smith, Honorary Past Grand Sword Bearer, Provincial Assistant Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland and Very Worshipful Brother Richard M Bray, District Grand Master, Eastland District, Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

It was very pleasing to have W.Bro. Tony Mansfield, Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge No.1338 in attendance, as was W.Bro. Rex R Newton of the Ara Lodge in Auckland. The ceremony was conducted by W.Bro. Andrew Renton-Green QSO JP, installing W.Bro. Bruce R MacConnell a very well known, active and experienced Freemason from Napier. It was a well-run ceremony as was the refectory which followed when ladies joined brethren for the meal. I was again privileged to deliver the Address to the Master. It was perhaps unfortunate that this meeting clashed with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Dunedin Lodge No 931. This lodge originally a sister and sponsoring lodge for Port Chalmers Marine Lodge has since been moved to Blenheim and I was aware that members of the Aorangi Lodge No 2300 who might otherwise have been in Napier, had attend the functions in Blenheim. I am also aware that there are clashes between the meetings of Port Chalmers Marine Lodge and Tongariro Lodge No 705, and that represents a challenge for the District to see if these "double bookings" can be avoided. Clearly Port Chalmers Marine Lodge are working towards their own 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations in conjunction with the District Grand Lodge Communication 2-3 November 2012 and it is to be hoped that there is very good support for those events.

### **The United Manawatu Lodge No 1721**

I was privileged to represent you at this installation on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 when I was accompanied by nine Grand and District Grand Officers. It was a great pleasure to be able to welcome the following distinguished guests on this occasion:- Right Worshipful Brother Steven L Salmon, Divisional Grand Master, Central Division, Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Right Worshipful Brother Bruce Gudopp, Past Provincial Assistant District Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland, and Brother Clive L Perry, Depute District Grand Master, District of New Zealand North, Grand Lodge of Scotland.

W.Bro. John S. Scott, PDJGD conducted a faultless ceremony noting that the installation ritual used by United Manawatu is rather more complicated than that normally used from Emulation Ritual. He was very ably assisted by W.Bro. Roy H Swinbourne PDGTreas as Director of Ceremonies and as a team they produced a smoothly run installation of Brother John Philip Pallet-Frame, which was favourably commented upon by all of the visitors. It was also noted that Very Worshipful Brother Colin Making, District Grand Master, Ruapehu District, Grand Lodge of New Zealand and R.W.Bro. W Wong, Past Provincial Grand Master, Ruapehu District, Grand Lodge of New Zealand were present.

It was very pleasing to see a number of younger members of the lodge being invested, but sad that W.Bro. John C Elliot PJGD PADGM and W.Bro. G Phillip Pearce PDAstGSec were unable to attend due to ill health. The ceremony was followed by a most enjoyable refectory during which the new Master demonstrated his skills as a raconteur and as an accomplished host. The floral arrangements (which he claimed to have created himself) brightened up the crush area and it was again clear that there is a wonderful rapport between the Brethren of all constitutions in the Manawatu. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Robert McKillop PAGDC  
Assistant District Grand Master

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

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

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

#### **Opotiki Lodge 1930 – Opotiki**



Installation meeting of W. Bro A.D. Delves on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2012;

This meeting was well attended by all Constitutions and I was privileged to be accompanied by 11 District Grand Officers. Our November Communication meeting had some impact on the number of travelling Brethren able to attend due to the cost of attending both meetings. The ceremony was well carried out with a wonderful refectory meal to follow. The ladies meantime were entertained at a local artist's studio (Fiona Gedson) and the local Opotiki Museum and by the Lodge ladies and returned to the Lodge room talking about the great time they had enjoyed.

The hospitality of the Lodge was extended to a farewell breakfast the following morning with whitebait fritters as the highlight of a lovely social event. The hospitality and friendship of this Lodge and their families is remarkable.

One of the highlights of this special meeting was the presentation of a Past Masters Jewel to Wor. Bro R. R. Wilson. The jewel presented had a remarkable history both for the Brother and the Lodge. It had first been presented to his Great Great Grandfather Wor. Bro .H.B Wilson in 1907. In 1974 it was represented to his Grandfather, Wor. Bro B.R Wilson, and the current Wor. Bro R.R Wilson was first presented with this jewel when he became a past Master of the Star of the North Lodge in 1996 and now with an additional bar was able to be re-presented to him. (Note; His father had also been a member of Opotiki lodge but not the Master)

### **Turanganui Lodge 1480- Gisborne**

Installation meeting of W .Bro R.C. Shutler on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2012;

The very social Opotiki Gisborne weekend continued on Sunday evening (14<sup>th</sup> October) with a social gathering of the Turanganui Lodge members and visitors at the Gisborne Fishing club. This very enjoyable informal social event began with drinks and nibbles at Wor. Bro. A.A De Costa's home before moving to the Club. Old friendships were renewed and enjoyed. The following morning, visitors were again entertained by the Lodge with morning tea in the lovely garden setting of Wor. Bro M. Harding's home. Later the visiting Ladies were presented with bags of fresh oranges to take home by Wor. Bro. Tattle which was greatly appreciated.

That evening the Installation meeting again was well attended by representatives of all Constitutions and Lodges in the East Coast region. Unfortunately Bro D.C MacFarlane, the Rt. Wor. District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of NZ North was taken ill at the Lodge room prior to his entry and had to retire home. Bro. Tom Walsh, Past Wor. Senior Warden took his place to represent the Grand lodger of Scotland at very short notice and addressed the Brethren of the lodge in a very creditable manner. VW. Bro. Richard Bray, District Grand Master of the Eastern District represented the Grand lodge of New Zealand. His warm affection and support for Turanganui Lodge is an indication of the close Masonic relationship Turanganui Lodge shares with other Constitutions in the Gisborne region which was a pleasure to share. An overseas visitor to the Lodge for the first time informally represented the Grand Lodge of South Australia also. His happy Masonic nature only cemented the Masonic relationships between the two countries and his " Shark" joke in refectory , I am sure will be repeated in many other NZ refectories.

The meeting and refectory was carried out with the style and hospitality that the lodge is well known for. The lodge was appreciative of the support and efforts their immediate Past Master Wor. Bro. M. Chopping had given to the Lodge and the considerable lengths and distance he went while representing the Lodge.

While the lodge continues with membership issues they are certainly not allowing it to limit their enjoyment of Freemasonry or efforts to grow the lodge.

This Masonic weekend continues to be one of the highlights of the Masonic annual calendar due to the wonderful hospitality and friendship of the Brethren of this Lodge. I would like to thank all who supported me over this weekend and I would encourage all other Brethren to consider attending next year.

This ends my report RW District Grand Master

Warren E. Weir PAGDC  
Assistant District Grand Master

### **Report of W.Bro. Graham W. Abbott PAGDC**

Right Worshipful Brother Brian James Westhead, District Grand Master I have the honour to report that I represented you at the following installations.

**Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2012** at Thames at the Corinthian Lodge No 1655 Installation I was accompanied into the Lodge by 10 Grand and District Grand Officers and, on your behalf, welcomed the following Distinguished Guests namely Very Worshipful Brother Kerry Doherty the District Grand Master of the Hauraki District of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Very Worshipful Brother Ross Yeates Provincial Senior Grand Warden representing the Grand Lodge of Ireland and Bro John Aldcroft, Worshipful Junior District Grand Warden representing the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Worshipful Brother David William Ritchie a young man was installed as the 136<sup>th</sup> Master of this fine old English Lodge and he invested his Officers in a very acceptable manner.

A collection was taken for the funds of the North Island English Masonic District Charitable Trust which amounted to \$300.00 and the brethren were thanked by the District Grand Charity Steward Worshipful Brother Murray Macdonald.

The refectory proceedings were of a high standard with a number of ladies present at a very sumptuous "high tea" which was enjoyed by all.

This lodge membership, although small in number has a number of very senior English Masons who enjoyed the comradeship of Irish and New Zealand Lodges that meet in this small provincial city. The attendance of Masters and Brethren of other English Lodges from the Auckland area was very commendable.

A most enjoyable installation of a high standard with everyone enjoying themselves in true Masonic fashion.

**Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012** I represented you at the Installation meeting of Lodge Hinemoa No 786, Scottish Constitution held at the Stratford Masonic Centre.

I was accompanied into the Lodge by four District Grand Officers including two representing the Sir Donald McLean and the Mount Egmont Lodges who acted as Senior Warden and Inner Guard during the ceremony; the other two District Officers were members of our Tongariro Lodge in Wanganui and we were warmly welcomed by the Right Worshipful Master.

The other Constitutions were represented by Bro D. Campbell MacFarlane Honorary Grand Junior Warden the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge of New Zealand North, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Right Worshipful Brother Murray B. Smith Provincial Assistant Grand Master for New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland and Very Worshipful Brother Peter Harvey Past District Grand Master for the Taranaki District, Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

The Distinguished guests were warmly welcomed by Bro D. Campbell MacFarlane on behalf of the Scottish District.

A full Board was held and I had the honour of addressing the Brethren of the Hinemoa Lodge.

At the first rising I gave greetings on behalf of the United Grand Lodge of England and the greetings of yourself and the District of the North Island. The Sister Constitutions then retired from the lodge in due form.

The haggis was addressed in the refectory and during the toast to the Sister Constitutions, Brother D Campbell MacFarlane addressed each distinguished guest personally and talked about his delight that we had all played a part in the Installation Ceremony. I had a good opportunity of talking to and renewing friendships with the distinguished guests.

Thank you for the opportunity of representing you at these installations.

Graham W Abbott PAGDC

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

**V.W BRO B. MCMURTRIE, PGSWDB, DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY:**

R.Wor. District Grand Master,

Since the last meeting of this District Grand Lodge it was my privilege, and pleasure to represent you at the installation meeting of the Waitemata Lodge No. 689 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

I was accompanied into the Lodge room with 22 Grand and District Grand Officers, and we were warmly welcomed by the Master, W.Bro. Alan Rutter PDJGW and I was able to pass on your best wishes and fraternal greetings to the Distinguished Guests; R.W.Bro. Rex Newton Provincial Assistant Grand Master representing the Grand Lodge of Ireland and Bro Harry McCutcheon Hon. GDC, Past R.Wor. Depute District Grand Master.

We were treated to a well conducted ceremony witnessing the installation of W.Bro. Andrew Gofton PDSGW, followed by a very good refectory.

All in all, a very good evening with all the Officers for investiture being present.

Since our last Communication meeting, you, or your representative, have attended the following meetings: -

<b>Date</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Lodge</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
02 June	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Sir Donald McLean	1646	Installation
06 June	VW.Bro. B. McMurtrie	Waitemata	689	Installation
11 June	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Remuera	1710	Installation
13 June	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Ara/Taimau	1 NZC	Installation
20 June	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Wellington	1521	Installation
23 June	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Ara	348 IC	Installation
14 July	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Lodge of Light	454 IC	Installation
21 July	W.Bro. R.M. McKillop	de Burgh Adams	446 IC	Installation
24 July	W.Bro. R.M. McKillop	Eden	1530	Installation
11 Aug	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Mount Egmont	670	Installation
18 Aug	W.Bro. R.M. McKillop	Port Chalmers Marine	942	Installation

18 Aug	W.Bro. M.J. Jensen	Dunedin	931	Installation and Sesquicentenary
25 Aug	W.Bro. G.W. Abbott	Corinthian	1655	Installation
01 Sept	W.Bro. R.L. Teague	Hatea	341 NZC	Installation
13 Sept	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Prince of Wales	1338	Installation
24 Sept	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	St. Andrew	418 SC	Older Constitutions Meeting
03 Oct	W.Bro. R.M. McKillop	United Manawatu	1721	Installation
06 Oct	W.Bro. G.W. Abbott	Hinemoa	786 SC	Installation
06 Oct	W.Bro. J.B. Vanstone	Abercorne Tuahine	76 NZC	Installation
10 Oct	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Harmony	2180	Installation
13 Oct	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Opotiki	1930	Installation
15 Oct	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Turanganui	1480	Installation
24 Oct	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Duke of Albany	2073	Installation

### Dispensations:

The following dispensations have been issued by you since the last Communication meeting in May 2012.

Turanganui 1480	To change the date of the July 2012 regular meeting so as to host a visit from Hawkes Bay Research Lodge.
Aorangi 2300	To change the date of the August 2012 regular meeting so as to host the biennial meeting from Sir Donald McLean Lodge.
Opotiki 1930	To change the date of the August 2012 regular meeting to enable the members to attend the installation meeting of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge.
Mount Egmont 670	To elect, and install W.Bro. Catlin as Master for the third consecutive year.
Alexandra 1188	To hold an emergency meeting to determine the shareholders of the building company, Waikato Masonic Properties Limited.
Star of the North 1647	To change the date and venue of the regular September meeting so as to meet at the Northcote Masonic Centre.
Star of the North 1647	To wear full regalia during the annual Services Memorial at which non Masons will be present.
Saint George 1801	To change the date of the September 2012 regular meeting.
Mount Egmont 670	To change the date of the September regular meeting as the Master would be overseas.
Tongariro 705	To initiate the brother of a member while under the age of 21 years.
Wellington 1521	To change the venue of the regular November 2012 meeting.
Port Chalmers Marine 942	To change the date, and venue of the regular November 2012 meeting so as to incorporate the sesquicentenary celebrations and Banner dedication on the same day as the District Grand Lodge Communication.

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, this is my first Report as President of the District Board of General Purposes and I am sure that everyone will be delighted to know that I intend to keep it short. First of all I would like to mention that W Bro Wayne Mayday was elected Vice President of the Board at our last meeting and know he will receive the full support of the District.

#### May Communications

The Communications meeting held in May this year was very successful, commencing with the meet and greet on the Friday and concluding with Dinner on the Saturday evening. The now well-established procedure of providing all the Reports in written form in the packs and only the DGM and Board Reports being read out in the meeting continues to be received with general approval.

### **Mentors.**

Probably the most notable activity in the District is as a result of the newly created Office of District Grand Mentor and the appointment of Lodge Mentors. Some Lodges have espoused this new office with open arms and are appointing individual mentors to very good effect. Others have not fully understood the advantages of having Lodge Mentors. I have no doubt that this will change in time as Lodges see the benefits. I strongly urge the Masters of all Lodges to familiarise themselves with the duties of the Lodge Mentors so that they can select the best person for the office and ensure the duties are being given the attention they deserve.

### **Characters in Freemasonry**

W Bro Guy Halewood and W Bro Ron Cross have put in a great deal of effort in creating a valuable historical record of the Masonic careers of some of our more senior Brethren. However, his process has not made much progress recently owing, in part, to Guy being less than fully fit. This is an important task which must not be left to flounder and I know that Guy and Ron are investigating getting one or more Brethren involved to re-invigorate the process. Any Brother who feels that he can contribute to this excellent task should contact Guy or me soonest.

### **District Newsletter**

We are now on the fifth issue of the newly restarted District Newsletter and so far all of the feedback has been positive. Considerable efforts have been put in by Bro Tim Stansfield and W Bro Derek Sendrove in the editing of the newsletter and canvassing for content. However, to continue to make the Newsletter interesting and relevant, it is essential that every Lodge contributes articles, diary events, anecdotes or any other matter which could be of interest to the rest of the Lodges in the District; perhaps, eg a synopsis of the background of one of the Lodge members or something of interest for the wives. Every Lodge will have someone who can write something for the newsletter with a little prodding. Also, Brethren should let their ladies see the newsletters and even contribute if they would like to.

### **District Web Site**

The District Website is a very useful tool for the disseminating information to the District. However, the site is becoming dated and consequently is in need of overhauling. The Webmaster, W Bro David Barras-Baker created the site and has been maintaining it for many years, even though he is now in Australia. David has now been joined by W Bro Jonathan Brooks and between them I am looking forward to a more modern website which should be attractive and informative for both members and non-members alike. A number of people have asked about the members' only page. This has been removed on the instructions of the Grand Lodge because of the possible perception of non-Masons of 'secrecy' which such a page could generate. In fact the only matters which would need to be on such a page were the lectures which are now in electronic form and will become readily available from the District Office.

### **The Ian Souster Memorial Lectures**

The Ian Souster Memorial Lectures were introduced as a way to get one or two members of the district to research and produce lectures on some aspect of Masonry and then to deliver the lectures to Lodges in the District. W Bro Bob Fricker has been responsible for coordinating this task but has now stepped aside so we are now looking for to a volunteer to take on this important role. Remember that the task is to coordinate the lecturers, not necessarily to write or deliver the lectures personally. If you feel that you could take on this role, please let me know.

### **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. For the future, however, I would like to remind Lodges that when they are asked to provide nominations for the Board of General Purposes, they do not have to put forward a greatly experience or eminent member of their Lodge, the only requirement is that the nominees are Past Masters. The Board provides a service to the District and the members who are needed on it are not only those with Masonic knowledge and experience but also those who are willing to take on some of the many tasks which need doing and to see them through.

### **Next District Communications**

The next District Communications will be held at the Eilerslie Masonic Centre in Auckland on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

For future planning the November 2013 Communications will be held in Kerikeri, which is a great tourist area, so one of the options being considered is to expand the weekend to include such things as golf, sightseeing or fishing.

Farouk A. Khan  
President, District Board of General Purposes

### **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND ALMONER, W.BRO. R.R. AGNEW PDGCHAP**

R.W.Bro. Brian J. WESTHEAD, R.W. District Grand Master, may I report as follows :

The work our Almoners put in serving their Lodges and the District, often increases greatly at this time of the year, as Christmas rapidly approaches. Their thoughts will be turning to our widows and elder brethren, and how their Lodge can contribute to making this a better Christmas for this important group in our Masonic community.

We hope all will have a Christmas with family, however there may be some in this vulnerable group who will face this time alone. How important therefore, and valued, is a brother's time, spent for even a few short visits to such a widow or elder brother? And what when multiplied by even a few brethren, making visits in such circumstances? Time is often the most valuable gift that can be given.

At this early stage, our Almoners are being contacted with a request they identify any in their lodge, who may be in distress or in difficult circumstances this Christmas, to enable the District to also consider what assistance may be given. I will assemble this information, and report any requests back to District for consideration.

R.W. District Grand Master, the Almoners of the District appear in good heart, in serving you and the District, as best they can.

We wish you R.W. District Grand Master, and the District well for the remainder of the year, and the holiday season which is nearly upon us all.

W.Bro. Ron AGNEW  
District Grand Almoner.

### **ELECTION OF TREASURER**

R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: "Brethren, I now call for nominations for the position of District Grand Treasurer."

V.W.BRO. B. MCMURTRIE PGSWDB, DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY: "R.Wor. District Grand Master, I nominate W.Bro. B.M.R. Smith DGTreas, of the Tongariro Lodge No. 705 as District Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year."

W.BRO. D. ROBERTS PGSWDB DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: "R.Wor. District Grand Master, I second the nomination."

R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: "Brethren, are there any further nominations?"

There being none, W.Bro. B.M.R. Smith DGTreas was re-elected as District Grand Treasurer.

### **ELECTION OF AUDITOR**

R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: "Brethren, I now call for nominations for the position of Auditor for the District Grand Lodge."

V.W.BRO. B. MCMURTRIE PGSWDB, DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY: "R.Wor. District Grand Master, I nominate W.Bro. B.W. Rogers PDGTreas of the Eden Lodge No. 1530 as Auditor for the ensuing year."

W.BRO. W.E. WEIR PAGDC ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: "R.Wor. District Grand Master, I second the nomination."

R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: "Brethren, are there any further nominations?"

There being none, W.Bro. B.W. Rogers PDGTreas was re-elected as Auditor.

### **ELECTION OF DISTRICT BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES**

R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: "Brethren, the next item on the agenda is the election of eight members to the District Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year. The voting paper has already been distributed. Many of you will appreciate that, in addition to the eight elected today, the District Grand Master has the power to appoint a further eight Brethren to the Board in addition to the President who will be named shortly. Would those who have not already cast their vote please vote now for a maximum of eight Brethren.

District Grand Deacons, would you please collect the voting papers from those Brethren who have not already voted.

Brethren in accordance with the District by-laws, the papers will now be sealed and counted next week after which the District Grand Master will determine his appointees and the results will be circulated shortly afterwards, and included in the minutes of this meeting.” (See back page)

### APPOINTMENT AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS

R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: “Brethren, we now come to the appointment and investiture of the other Officers of this District Grand Lodge for 2012/2013.

The following were appointed and invested by the District Grand Master, R.Wor. Bro. B.J. Westhead.

District Senior Grand Warden	Roger Catlin <i>PDGDC</i>	Mouth Egmont	570
District Junior Grand Warden	Montgomery George Lloyd <i>PDGSptWks</i>	Rodney	2711
District Grand Chaplain	Martin Peter Layzell <i>PDJGD</i>	Waitemata	689
District Grand Treasurer	Bryce Matthew Reid Smith <i>DGTreas</i>	Tongariro	705
District Grand Registrar	Robin Norman Clay <i>PDSGD</i>	Franklin	2138
President, District Board of General Purposes	Farouk Ali Khan <i>PresDBGP</i>	Remuera	1710
District Grand Secretary	Bruce McMurtrie <i>PGSwdB</i>	Eden	1530
District Grand Director of Ceremonies	Gerard Martin Byrne <i>PDJGW</i>	Prince of Wales	1338
District Grand Sword Bearer	Euan Alexander Allan <i>PDJGD</i>	Prince of Wales	1338
District Grand Supt. of Works	Michael Arthur Lea <i>PDSGD</i>	Duke of Albany	2073
District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	James Michael Lewis <i>PDSGD</i>	Aorangi	2300
District Grand Almoner	Ronald Robert Agnew <i>PDGChap</i>	Corinthian	1655
District Grand Charity Steward	Alan John Murray Macdonald <i>DGChStwd</i>	Remuera	1710
District Grand Mentor	Roger Andrew deLisle Everest <i>PAGDC</i>	Wellington	1521
District Senior Grand Deacon	Stephen Edward Roberson <i>PDGPurs</i>	Alexandra	1188
District Junior Grand Deacon	Rolfe Robert Everson	Wellington	1521
District Grand Standard Bearer	Christopher Werthmann	Duke of Albany	2073
District Grand Standard Bearer	Glenn Forber	Saint George	1801
District Grand Steward	Kevin John Thompson (Bro) <i>DGStwd</i>	Harmony	2180
District Grand Pursuivant	Mathew Philip Faber	Alexandra	1188
District Grand Tyler	Stephen Rex Hammerton	Zealandia	2072

#### FIRST APPOINTMENT TO PAST RANK Rule 68 (a) (ii)

PDGStdB	Michael Nicholas James	Remuera	1710
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#### PROMOTIONS 2012

PDepDGDC	Michael Leonard Earl <i>PDJGD</i>	Corinthian	1655
PDSGD	Maurice Leyland Puckett <i>PDGPurs</i>	Rodney	1711
	Harry Ivan Turner <i>PDGOrg</i>	Northern Light	1878
PDJGD	Robert Lewis Connon <i>PDGPurs</i>	Waitemata	689

#### REPRESENTATIVES ON MASONIC BODIES FOR 2012 - 2013

##### North Island English Masonic District Charitable Trust

Nominee (Chairman of Board of Trustees)

A.J.M. Macdonald <i>DGChStwd</i>	Remuera	1710
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##### Northern Masonic Association Trust Board

Trustee	B.J. Westhead <i>DGM</i>	Harmony	2180
Nominee	C.N. Hardy <i>PDSGW</i>	Waitemata	689

##### Ruapehu Masonic Association Trust

Nominee	N. Kirk <i>PDJGW</i>	Tongariro	705
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Wellington Masonic Villages Trust

Nominee	P.H. Robinson <i>PDSGD</i>	Wellington	1521
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Wellington Accommodation Trust

Nominee	P.C. Morpeth <i>PDGDC</i>	Wellington	1521
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Manawatu Masonic Association Trust Board

Nominee	D.A. Stone	United Manawatu	1721
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Ellerslie Masonic Centre Limited

Director	D. Roberts <i>PGSwdB</i> (Chairman)	Prince of Wales	1338
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Alternate Director

	W.E. Weir <i>PAGDC-ADGM</i>	Eden	1530
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Kirkpatrick Masonic Institute for Girls, Nelson

Joint nominee with South Island District

	B.F. Coleman <i>PDJGW</i>	Southern Star	735
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**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS**

Brethren, today has marked a very special day in the history of one of our Lodges and it is a pleasure to have with us today V.W.Bro. Richard Bray, R.W.Bro. Roly Whyte and Bro. Campbell MacFarlane representing the Sister Constitutions.

It is my great pleasure to welcome all the Brethren here today to join in the celebration of one hundred and fifty years continuous working of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge No. 942. This Lodge started its life in Port Chalmers in the South Island and, unfortunately for the South Island District found it difficult to continue in that area due to lack of members. However, this District jumped at the chance to obtain another Lodge and domicile it here in the Hawkes Bay where there hasn't been an English Lodge presence since 1890. Port Chalmers Marine is now well established here with its clear objective to be a friendly Lodge, with everyone welcome, and it is now going from strength to strength.

This morning we witnessed the dedication of the Lodge's first banner (and what a magnificent banner it is), and I would like to thank all those who took part in this morning's ceremony with particular thanks to the Companions of the Aorangi Chapter whose generosity in donating the banner to the Lodge made for such a splendid spectacle. A banner dedication ceremony would have been an experience that was new to many of the Brethren and ladies in attendance, and tonight we are looking forward to joining with the members of this Lodge at their celebratory dinner at the historic Ormlie Lodge.

An important part of this November meeting is the appointment and investiture of the District Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and I welcome all the new Officers and certainly look forward to their supporting the Representatives at Installations and other important meetings throughout the District. I must state that your appointment was not made as a reward for anything you may have done in the past but with an expectation of what you are about to do in the future. Your enthusiasm and support while in Office will determine whether or not you will progress any further in Rank.

I would also like to thank the outgoing Officers for their support during the past year, and would trust that just because your term in active Office has come to an end, you do not think that your ongoing support is not needed.

The Office of Lodge Mentor is a relatively new one, and I am pleased to see that a number of our Lodges have appointed a Lodge Mentor, but hope that all Lodges will embrace this new Office before too long. We have, of course, a District Grand Mentor in the person of W.Bro. Roger Everest *PAGDC-PADGM* who has taken hold of this Office with enthusiasm and, I am sure, will be only too happy to offer any assistance the Lodges may require.

Our Pro Grand Master MW.Bro. Peter Lowndes in his address to Grand Lodge in December 2011 had a lot to say on this new Office, and I would like to précis some of his comments for your information. His full report is available on line through the Grand Lodge web site.

“Mentoring has been high on the agenda for some time and I want to take this opportunity to give clarity and perspective to what we mean by mentoring. You have all heard previously that the mentoring scheme is designed to eventually mentor members at all stages of their Masonic progress. Initially this is especially for candidates - the next generation - during the three degrees and then to encourage them to continue their progress into the Royal Arch. London and all Provinces now have a Metropolitan or Provincial Grand Mentor who currently is responsible for liaising with the Lodge Mentor. For the avoidance of doubt the Lodge Mentor is responsible for coordinating and selecting suitable Brethren to be the personal mentors. It is most certainly not the intention that the Lodge Mentor should carry out the task himself. The personal mentor is best described as a friend and guide.

But first, Brethren, the word mentoring itself is translated in so many ways - rather like our Masonry! Let me be quite clear - mentoring is not just about the Lodge of Instruction - valuable though that is for advancement in Masonic ritual. Rather it is mostly about pastoral care - seeing the candidate is looked after, kept informed and that that support and care remains throughout each member's Masonic life.”

This is but a small part of MW.Bro. Lowndes' address and I urge you all to go to the Grand Lodge web site and read it all, but it does give you some idea of what is expected of the Lodge Mentor, and its importance in our Lodges.

You will note that the Pro Grand Master included progress into the Royal Arch in his speech, and I would like once again to reiterate the need for all our members to be aware of the importance of this extension to Craft Masonry.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Brethren of Scinde Lodge for allowing us the use of their Temple for our meetings today. Another example of the friendship that persists among the Sister Constitutions.

Finally, as this may be the last time I am able to get together with such a diverse number of Brethren, and the Festive Season is just around the corner, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas Season and hopefully, a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Brian J. Westhead  
District Grand Master

The District Grand Director of Ceremonies placed W.Bro. B.R. MacConnell, the Master of Port Chalmers Marine Lodge No. 942 before the District Grand Master and W.Bro. MacConnell then presented a lapel badge commemorating the 150 years of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge to the District Grand Master.

Greetings were then received from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland and Grand Lodge of Scotland.

As there was no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 3.55 P.M.

The first verse of “God Save the Queen” was sung.

The District Grand Director of Ceremonies then assembled the District Officers on the floor of the Lodge, ranged either side of the pavement to allow the Deputy District Grand Master to retire in due form.



**DISTRICT BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES for 2012/2013****President:**

W.Bro. F.A. Khan ..... President, District Board of General Purposes ..... 1710

**Elected and appointed members:**

W.Bro. G.W. Abbott ..... Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies ..... 1530  
 W.Bro. J.P. Brooks ..... Past District Grand Standard Bearer ..... 2221  
 W.Bro. R. Catlin ..... Past District Grand Director of Ceremonies ..... 670  
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