

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE

OF

NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

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W.BRO. J.M. LEWIS ASST. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

Minutes of the Half-Yearly Communication
of the
District Grand Lodge of North Island, New Zealand.
Holden at the Petone Masonic Centre,
65 Udy Street, Petone
on
Saturday, the 1st day of November, 2014 at 3.30 P.M.

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Present:

RW Bro B.J. Westhead	District Grand Master
VW Bro C.A. Holst <i>PGSwdB PDDGM</i>	as Deputy District Grand Master
W Bro W.E. Weir <i>PAGDC WM-L1521</i>	Assistant District Grand Master
W Bro J.M. Lewis	Assistant District Grand Master
W Bro G.D. Kane <i>PADGM</i>	Past Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro J.C. Elliot <i>PADGM</i>	Past Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro G.R. Spooner <i>PADGM</i>	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	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro M.J. Jensen	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro R. Catlin <i>WM-L670</i>	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 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 M.G. Lloyd <i>WM-L1711</i>	District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro W.A. Wood	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro B.L. Poole <i>QSM</i>	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro W.D. Maday	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro D.D. Leach	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro C.L. Perry	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 <i>JW-L1338</i>	Past District Grand Chaplain
W Bro R.F. Prothero	Past District Grand Chaplain
W Bro J.E.J. Housham	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 C.J. Douch	Past District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro G.J. McKandry <i>PDSGW</i>	as District Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro M.H. Alford	Past District Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro D.M. Turner	Past District Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro A.P. Renton-Green <i>QSO</i>	District Grand Superintendent of Works
W Bro D.J. Trott	Past District Grand Superintendent of Works
W Bro R.J.P. Buxton	District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro R.R. Agnew <i>PDGChap</i>	District Grand Almoner
W Bro A.J.M. Macdonald <i>PDJGW WM-L1710</i>	District Grand Charity Steward
W Bro S.E. Roberson <i>PDSGD</i>	as District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro J.D. Bonifant	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R.L. Cross	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro F.A. Simpson	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro B. Beattie	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R.H. Johnstone <i>PDSGD</i>	as District Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro M.I. Crawford	Past District Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro W.G. Bryant	Past District Assistant Grand Secretary
W Bro G.M. Martin <i>WM-L1480 WM-L1878</i>	Past District Assistant Grand Secretary

W Bro G.J. Moore	District Grand Organist
W Bro R.R. Wilson	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro G. Rogerson	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro D.A.R. Fox	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 B.J. Winfield	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro P.A. Moston	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
Bro K.J. Thompson <i>SW-L2180</i>	District Grand Steward
W Bro T.R. Stansfield	District Grand Pursuivant
W Bro R.H. Fricker <i>PDSGW</i>	as District Grand Tyler
W Bro R.S. Spooner	WM L705
W Bro M.J. Cameron	WM L1188
W Bro A.S. Cross <i>PDGStdB</i>	WM L1521
W Bro D.J. King <i>PDGReg</i>	WM L1646
W Bro O.D. Jarrett	WM L1721
W Bro I.J. Woodcock	WM L2221
W Bro A. Koroniadis	WM L2300
W Bro S. Chandra <i>PDSGW (Zambia)</i>	IPM L1521
W Bro M.T.J. Watson	IPM L2300
W Bro A.B. Mansfield	PM L1338
W Bro N.R. Griffin	PM L1521
W Bro A.D. Griffin	PM L1521
W Bro G. Cleland	PM L1646
W Bro R.E. Jolliffe	PM L1655
W Bro B.J. Holland <i>LGR</i>	PM L1801
W Bro S. Elliott	PM L2300
W Bro J.R. Mitchell	PM L2300
Bro R.A. Fincham	SW L1646
Bro B. Eardley-Wilmot	SW L1710
Bro R.W. Hetherington	SW L2300
Bro P.J. Russell	JW L1710
Bro R.O. Jarrett	JW L1721

Also in attendance:

W Bro P.B. Snow <i>QSO</i>	PM in L1521
Bro R. Chandra	L1521
Bro D.B. Jessep	L1710
W Bro N.C. Bowen	PM in L2221
Bro R.J.H. Grindey	L2300
Bro J.A. Stewart	L2300
Bro A.S. Vincent	L2300

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

Visitors

District Grand Lodge of South Island New Zealand

W.Bro. P.D. Stenning <i>PAGDC</i>	Assistant District Grand Master
W.Bro. R.J. Sutherland <i>PAGDC</i>	District Grand Secretary
W Bro G.W. Moore	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro S.M. Moore	District Grand Steward

Grand Lodge of Scotland

Bro G. Imlah <i>Hon. Grand Jeweller</i>	Depute District Grand Master
Bro J. Aldcroft	Substitute District Grand Master

United Grand Lodge of Queensland

RW Bro G. Goding	Past Assistant Grand Master
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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; RW.Bro. G. Goding Past Assistant Grand Master, United Grand Lodge of Queensland, Bro. G. Imlah, Depute District Grand Master for North Island New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Scotland, W.Bro. P.D. Stenning PAGDC, Assistant District Grand Master. 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 Centre Robert Street Auckland on Saturday, 3rd May 2014, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from the following Brethren:- R.W.Bro. P.B. Gudsell; RW.Bro. G.W. Rowe; VW.Bro. D. Roberts; Wor. Bro's. D.J.Ackerley; E.A. Allan; M.T.Bartlam; B.O.Belcher; A.J.Bolton; F.R.Bottrill; R.B.Bovey; J.P.Brook; C.J.Buchanan; R.N.Clay; A.P.Conlan; R.L.Connon; D.L.Crump; A.A.DeCosta; S.N.D.Douglas; C.V.Eade; K.G.Edmonds; R.A.deL.Everest; G.Forber; G.A.Gault; A.Gofton; G.S.Halewood; T.H.Hallen; S.R.Hammerton; M.T.A.Harding; C.N.Hardy; G.R.Harris; F.G.Henley; P.B.Hindle; Z.Horvat; D.Ironside; J.A.J.D.Karaka-Hazledine; N.Kirk; B.L.Keiller; D.M.Lawrence; M.P.Layzell; B.R.MacConnell; R.Mason; I.Metcalf; E.F.Monks; E.H.Morris; P.Parris; M.G.Rivers; R.C.Shutler; B.M.R.Smith; T.L.A.Stent; D.A.Stuck; I.V.Tantrum; R.L.Teague; C.Tisdall; H.I.Turner; K.P.Willmoth; G.R.S.Wilson; S.W.Wood.

ROLL OF LODGES.

The District Grand Secretary called the roll of Lodges:-

Lodge	Number	Represented by:
Mount Egmont Lodge	670	Master
Waitemata Lodge	689	Not Represented
Tongariro Lodge	705	Master
Port Chalmers Marine	942	Past Master
Alexandra Lodge	1188	Master
Prince of Wales Lodge	1338	Junior Warden
Turanganui Lodge	1480	Master
Wellington Lodge	1521	Master
Eden Lodge	1530	Master
Sir Donald McLean Lodge	1646	Master
Star of the North Lodge	1647	Senior Warden
Corinthian Lodge	1655	Past Master
Remuera Lodge	1710	Master
Rodney Lodge	1711	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 in
Lodge of Harmony	2180	Senior Warden
Te Awamutu Lodge	2221	Master
Aorangi Lodge	2300	Master

OBITUARIES.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
W.Bro. B.P. Fitzpatrick	PM	Sir Donald McLean	1646	28/05/14
W.Bro. E.A.C. James	PDGSuptWks	Eden	1530	
		Duke of Albany	2073	
		Harmony	2180	
		Turanganui	1480	13/06/14
W.Bro. R.J. Parr	PDSGW	Prince of Wales	1338	26/06/14
W.Bro. I.M. Joll	PDGSuptWks	United Manawatu	1721	23/08/14

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 12th March 2014; the Annual Investiture meeting of 23rd April and the Quarterly Communication of 11th June 2014. 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

RW.BRO. BRIAN J. WESTHEAD

Brethren, since our last communication in May 2014, I have had the pleasure of representing our District at the following meetings:

Ara Lodge No 348 IC Older Constitutions Meeting on Monday 2nd June, 2014 at the Masonic Lodge Rooms, Airedale Street. A great turnout of our Grand and District Grand Officers, we entered and I received a warm welcome from the Master. The work of the evening was a 2nd Degree working, which was carried out with skill and precision, good to see the strong support given by our Brethren.

Lodge of Light No 454 IC Installation Meeting on Saturday 12th July, 2014 at the Thames Masonic Lodge Rooms. I entered the Lodge supported by 19 Grand and District Grand Officers and received a very warm welcome from R.W. Bro Roly Whyte. Bro Wayne Oswald was Installed by W. Bro Ray Vincent, a well carried out ceremony. I gave the address to the Wardens and retired to social refectory supported by the ladies.

Wellington Lodge No 1521, a meeting to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of W. Bro David Crump on Wednesday 20th August, 2014 at the Maginnity St Lodge Rooms. Supported by a strong contingent of Grand and District Grand Officers, I was led in and received a very warm welcome by W. Bro Tony Cross. All our Sister Constitutions were present and I had the pleasure to present to W. Bro David Crump his 60 year Certificate, which was well received. We retired to a Silver Service dining refectory of high quality. I had the pleasure to reply to the Toast to the D.G.M. and gave a toast to our Sister Constitutions. The Wellington Lodge meet at the Wellesley Boutique Hotel and the Lodge Rooms and furniture are magnificent.

Lodge Herne Bay United No 340 Installation Meeting on Wednesday 27th August, 2014 at Auckland Freemasons Centre, Khyber Pass. Supported by a small contingent of Grand and District Grand Officers, and welcomed by V.W. Bro Gary Salmon D.G.M. W. Bro David Piper was Installed as Master in a well conducted ceremony.

United Manawatu Lodge No 1721 Installation Meeting on Wednesday 1st October, 2014 at Masonic Rooms Palmerston North. We entered the Lodge Room well supported by 13 Grand and District Grand Officers and received a warm welcome by W. Bro John Pallet-Frame. I had the pleasure to welcome our 3 Sister Constitutions and witness W. Bro J Scott install W. Bro Owen Jarrett in an enjoyable Installation Ceremony. W. Bro John Elliot gave the address to the Master which was well received, then we retired to a most enjoyable and full of life refectory.

Prince of Wales Lodge No 1338 Installation Meeting on Thursday 9th October, 2014 at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre. I was led into the Lodge Rooms accompanied by 25 Grand and District Grand Officers and had the pleasure to welcome our Sister Constitutions on behalf of our district. My first special duty this evening was to present the District Grand Masters Certificate of Service to Freemasonry to

W. Bro Fred Crossan, a very special Brother to the Prince of Wales Lodge and still active at the age of 94 years. We witnessed a well conducted Installation Ceremony of W. Bro Peter Parris being Installed by W. Bro Stan Boyask. W. Bro Warren Weir gave the address to the Master and presented the Past Masters Jewel to W. Bro Stan Boyask, after which W. Bro Stan Boyask presented W. Bro Bob Fricker a very special Secretary Jewel for his 25 year Service as Secretary to the Prince of Wales Lodge. It all ended with a most enjoyable refectory.

Thank you to those Brethren who have given me their support during this term and a very special thanks to those 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:

RW. District Grand Master since our last Communication, I have represented you at the following installation meetings:

The Eden Lodge No. 1530.

Tuesday 22nd July 2014;

The following distinguished guests were greeted into the lodge. RW.Bro. G. Drury Hon. PGD Provincial Deputy Grand Master. Grand lodge of Ireland; Bro. W.J. Matheson Hon. GAssSec, Past Wor. Depute District Grand Master, Grand lodge of Scotland and VW.Bro. G. Salmon District Grand Master for Auckland West, Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

I was escorted into the Lodge room accompanied by a large number of Grand and District Grand Officers from throughout the district. The installing Master W.Bro. G. Abbott gave a faultless performance in the installation of W.Bro. W.E. Weir PAGDC-ADGM into this old Lodge for the third time.

The Master invested his Lodge Officers in a very confidential manner, the senior Officers being Past Masters, with all the junior Officers being young upcoming Masons.

The refectory was well attended by the visitors and Lodge members. It was also enlightening to see the Grand Lodge of New Zealand represented by VW.Bro. G. Salmon. District Grand Master for Auckland West and his entourage of Grand Officers. Two Remuera Lodge members performed the classical Master's song in an exemplary manner.

Port Chalmers Marine Lodge No 942.

Saturday 16th August 2014;

I was accompanied into the Lodge by many Grand and District Grand Officers, representing Lodges from this part of the North Island. All the Constitutions were represented for this ceremony.

The Master W.Bro. F.R. Bottrill was installed for a second year by virtue of a proclamation. W.Bro. AP. Renton-Green occupied the Master's pedestal, while the proclamations were announced by W.Bro. D.J.McC. Miller.

W.Bro. Bottrill invested his Officers in a confident manner with all of the current Lodge Officers being Past Masters. However, there was a fellowcraft in attendance and another possible candidate is in the offing. This lodge is attracting new members and this bodes well for this very old lodge.

The refectory was a very friendly affair, unfortunately many of the visitors had departed, leaving a few visitors with Lodge members and their wives.

A catered meal was served, followed by the usual toasts. A very pleasant installation was had by all, and all the more enjoyable with the inclusion of all the Sister Constitutions. The representatives of the various constitutions were as follows. RW.Bro. G. Drury Hon. PGD, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Grand Lodge of Ireland. Bro. J. Aldcroft. W.Sub. District Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland and VW. Bro. Shuker. District Grand Master for Eastland District, Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Corinthian Lodge No 1655.

Saturday 23rd August 2014;

This particular Lodge installation is very popular with the Brethren of our District, as such, I was escorted into the Lodge by a great many Grand and District Grand Officers.

The distinguished guests attending from all of the Sister Constitutions, were as follows.

RW.Bro. George Drury, Hon. PGD. Provincial Deputy Grand Master; Bro. John M. Aldcroft, Wor. Substitute District Grand Master and RW.Bro. D. Meredith Past GW. Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

The unfortunate absence of the Master W.Bro. W. Dalzell. because of illness, led to W.Bro. M.L. Earl taking the reins as Installing Master. He confidently installed W.Bro. C. Hovell as Master for 2014 / 15. The Lodge Officers were duly appointed and invested into the various Offices and it was a welcome sight to see two Master Masons take Office.

The refectory is always interesting in this Lodge, as many of the Lodge wives and partners attend to support this great occasion. An excellent installation with some younger members now in the ranks.

RW. District Grand Master, That completes my report.

David Roberts PGSwdB
Deputy District Grand Master

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

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

RW. Bro. Brian Westhead, District Grand Master; since my report in May, 2014, I have had the pleasure of representing you on the following occasions:

1. The Waitemata Lodge No. 689, Installation meeting on Wednesday the 4th June, 2014 at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre- Installation of Wor. Bro. R.L Connon.(PDJGD)

I was accompanied by a good contingent of Grand and District Grand Officers from Auckland and the Northern parts of the District. Representatives of our Sister constitutions were also present and well represented.

The District was warmly welcomed by Wor. Bro. R.G Stobie, the sitting Master, who then ably installed the Master Elect Wor. Bro R.L. Connon PDJGD. This is the third time Wor. Bro. Connon has taken the Master's chair in Waitemata Lodge (earlier in 2006 and 2007).

Wor. Bro. Connon went on to appoint his Officers for the year which included a number of Brethren who were holding Office for the first time which was pleasing to see.

An enjoyable refectory was later held with the catered refectory proceeding carried out with the hospitality and Masonic fellowship that the Waitemata Lodge is well known for.

2. Remuera Lodge No 1710, Installation meeting on Monday 9th June 2014 at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre - Installation of Wor. Bro. A.J.M. Macdonald (PDJGW-DGChStwd)

A large group of Grand and District Grand Officers accompanied me to the ceremony that was a real pleasure to attend. The representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and Scotland also were present.

Both the Installing Master, Wor. Bro J.A.J.D Karaka-Hazeldine and the incoming Master, Wor.Bro. A.J.M.Macdonald carried out an exemplary ceremony. This is the second time Wor. Bro. Macdonald has taken the chair (previously in 2005). Wor. Bro. Karaka-Hazeldine had just returned from overseas military deployment and

currently is residing in the South Island. Accordingly Lodge practices for the Installation had been difficult which made the polished ritual work the more appreciated. On behalf of the District, I had the pleasure of addressing the Master.

A very warm, jovial social refectory followed which was enjoyed by all. This included the singing of the Master's song by Bro. P.J Russell accompanied by Bro. Cochrane.

3. ARA Lodge No 348 IC, Installation meeting, Saturday 21st June 2014, at the Irish Masonic Temple Situated in Airedale Street - Installation of Bro. D. Hay.

It was a special pleasure to be able to represent the District at Ara No 348 installation meeting. I was accompanied by a large contingent of Grand and District Grand Lodge Officers and we were warmly received and welcomed by Rt.Wor. Bro R.J Whyte, Provincial Grand Master. We enjoyed a well worked ceremony during which the Master elect Bro David Hay was installed by Wor. Bro. Nates.

During the investiture of the Officers, I had the honour of addressing the newly invested Wardens. At the conclusion of the ceremony a very pleasant time was held in the refectory which would be better referred to as a banquet feast. A very happy and enjoyable time was had by all attending.

The special relationship between our two constitutions should always be treasured.

4. The ARA Taimau Lodge No.1 NZ Constitution, Installation Meeting on Wednesday 11th June 2014, at the Auckland Masonic Centre situated in Khyber Pass Road - Installation of Wor. Bro. E. Page.

Here I was accompanied by a small contingent of Grand and District Grand Officers from Auckland and other parts of the district. We were warmly welcomed by both V. Wor. Bro. Salmon, District Grand Master and later by Rt.Wor. Bro. E.J. Eeles, Past Divisional Grand Master. Representatives of all Sister Constitutions were present.

The Installation of the Master Elect, Wor. Bro. E. Page by V.Wor. Bro. Salmon was done with dignity and skill. This was a very pleasant evening during which the cordiality extended to us was heartfelt and sincere.

I would like to thank all those Brethren who have supported me when I represented the District and thank the Lodges for their hospitality to myself and accompanying Officers.

5 Duke of Albany Lodge No. 2073 Installation on Wednesday 22nd October.

This installation was an extra for me as VW.Bro. David Roberts could not make it due to his extensive back pain. I will report on this later for the May 2015 Communication.

Warren Weir PAGDC
Assistant District Grand Master

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

W.BRO. J.M. LEWIS, ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTER:

RW. District Grand Master, I have the honour to report that since the last Communication of this District Grand Lodge I have made a number of visits, both official and unofficial as follows:

Unofficial Visits

Wellington Lodge: No. 1521

20th November 2013 Second Degree

Not being an official visit; I was invited by the Master, W.Bro. Satish Chandra to give greetings and a welcome on behalf of the District Grand Lodge for his son Bro Rohit Chandra who was passed to the degree of a fellow craft.

The ceremony was very well done and to a high standard, and with stand-ins such as W.Bro. Mckillop acting as SW and other well versed Brethren as stand-ins it made for a good working.

The Master and the Lodge congratulated me on my new appointment at which I was very humbled. The refectory was of a high standard also with the usual Wellington well versed toasts and speeches. Also present were the Master and IPM of Lodge Lower Hutt No. 299 NZC, W.Bro's. Bill McCarroll and Jerry Johnson who presented a cylinder which is a 40mm Bofors gun shell in which a scroll is deposited, this is an annual occasion between the two Lodges. The conviviality of EC and NZC at Lodge level is very alive and well. It is my hope we can all build on this to enable continuing harmony between all Constitutions.

Lodge Lower Hutt: No. 299 NZC

6th December 2013 Christmas meeting.

Again not on official District Grand Lodge visit, my wife Kathy and I were invited by the Master, W.Bro. Bill McCarroll to attend the Lodge Christmas meeting and function.

The Master greeted me as an Assistant District Grand Master of the English Constitution. The meeting was short and sweet and we proceeded with the ladies to refectory for a delicious Christmas fare. I was very pleased that no Masonic signs were given in refectory and only the loyal and Grand Master toasts were observed.

The visit also gave me an opportunity to check the Lodge room and it's conveniences for our November Communications meeting it has a good size temple and refectory.

Tongariro Lodge No. 705

20th March 2014

As this was W.Bro. Ross Buxton's first installation as Deputy District Grand Director of Ceremonies we travelled to Wanganui to support VW.Bro. Dave Roberts and also with a view of getting some tips from a seasoned veteran. The ceremony was good and the refectory was a catered affair with a delicious array of mains and deserts which topped off a great evening.

Official Visits

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

Te Awamutu Lodge No. 2221

Sat 26th April 2014

I was accompanied into the Lodge by a small number of Grand and District Grand Officers in due form. I then welcomed the distinguished guests; RW Bro. George Drury Hon. PGD, Provincial Deputy Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland; Bro. John M. Aldcroft, Wor. Substitute District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge North Island New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Scotland and although not an official visit VW.Bro. R. (Bob) Gainsford, Past District Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

W.Bro. Kahn as the Installing Master performed the task with sterling precision as he installed Bro. Ian James Woodcock (aka Woody) into the chair of King Solomon. The remainder of the ceremony was performed by the incumbent and the out-going Master, W.Bro. Fortune.

I was also tasked with the honour of re-presenting a PM's jewel to W/Bro Fortune.

This particular jewel which has a long family history was first presented to his grandfather W.Bro. Alfred Fortune of Trentham Lodge No. 262 in April of 1940 and was first presented to the current recipient on the 7th November 1977.

An additional square added to the back of the original jewel, with an appropriate inscription, to mark W.Bro. Terry Fortune's 2nd term as Master of Te Awamutu Lodge during the past year. One of the highlights of our past year was the Initiation of the Master's son, Bro. Rodney Fortune, a ceremony which was assisted by two other family members who are also Freemasons.

Ladies were present at the refectory which was a very cosy and enjoyable affair with a great meal and a good time had by all. The toasts and speeches were all well received and I must point out the very positive attitude and high morale the members have as they look to the future in enjoying their new home in Taupo and hopefully a new surge in membership.

Wellington Lodge No. 1521

18th of June 2014

I was welcomed into the Lodge by the Master, W.Bro Satish Chandra and escorted by quite a large contingent of Grand and District Grand Officers from Wellington and abroad and greeted RW.Bro. Rex R. Newton, Provincial Assistant Grand Master Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland; Bro. John M. Aldcroft, Wor. Substitute District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge of North Island New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Scotland and VW.Bro. G.K. Redman, District Grand Master for Kapiti-Wellington Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

W.Bro. Anthony Stuart Cross (Tony) took the chair for the second time in Wellington Lodge. Standing in for W.Bro. Byford who is relocating to Hastings, W.Bro Cross is to be commended for his support of Wellington Lodge.

The ceremony was of the usual high standard and being an induction was short and sweet.

Refectory was also very good with the usual speeches and toasts delivered in proper Wellington style. A good time was had by all.

De Burgh Adams No. 446 IC19th of July 2014

W.Bro Tony Cross and I took a tour to New Plymouth where RW. Bro. J.F.T Griffin, Provincial Assistant Grand Master, welcomed me and the District Grand Officers that accompanied me into this fine Lodge. I was very pleased to witness the installation of Bro. Gary Brieseman and this being only my 2nd Irish Installation I have attended in my Masonic career, I must say that the ceremony was performed to perfection and very different to the norm.

As I was prepared to do the address to the Wardens I was very surprised when RW. Bro Griffin asked if I would address the Master instead and he did the Wardens which confused a few Brethren most of all their Provincial Grand Secretary.

We then adjourned to the refectory for a social time with other Brethren and their ladies before a sumptuous dinner was served with more wine, gin and whiskey and an address by RW. Bro. Griffin on the perils of consuming too much liquor during a night out in New Plymouth, very humorous indeed. It was a very good evening and good opportunity to meet with our Brethren in the Taranaki.

Mount Egmont No.6709th of August 2014

Once again in the shadow of this great mountain and with a half dozen of District Grand Lodge's finest accompanying me we were welcomed into this grand old Lodge in due form after which I then welcomed: RW. Bro M.B. Smith, Hon. PGSwdB, Provincial Assistant Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ireland. Bro. M.E. Chinery, Hon. GJD, Past Worshipful Substitute District Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland and VW. Bro. P. Harvey, Past District Grand Master for Taranaki, Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

We all witnessed W.Bro. Roger Catlin take the chair for the 8th time. The ceremony was short and sweet as expected although being a Saturday meeting we were informed that many members were away on family duties and as a consequence many of the Officers weren't present for investiture.

Refectory was a light hearted affair with much banter and an array of fine finger foods and good drink to wash it down. Although there were only a few Egmont brethren present all the seats in refectory were full with all the visiting Lodges throughout this district. Despite the short comings with membership being so low those Egmont Brethren who were present were in good spirit and a very good time was had by all.

Lodge Hinemoa No. 706 SC4th October 2014

A very warm welcome was accorded me and a very small group of District Officers as it needed to be on this freezing cold day in Stratford. The ceremony was typical Scots with the usual light heartedness and bagpipes a plenty. All Constitutions were present to witness Bro. Huckstep RW. Master take the chair for a second term and a 50 yr certificate presentation to Bro. John More PDGM and W.Bro Clive Perry was presented with an honorary Grand Rank from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which rendered him speechless.

Of course there was the haggis and the ceremony that goes with it to look forward to and whiskeys and other ales were plentiful to warm the Brethren. It was a good meeting and shows the absolute comradeship within our fraternity.

The Lodge of Harmony 21808th October 2014

Myself and a great number of Grand and DGL officers were welcomed in due form into my Mother Lodge to witness the proclamation of W.Bro. Craig Harris. It was a very short ceremony of which W.Bro. Powell performed a sterling job.

The refectory was as short with good fair and cold beer, which as I remember; Harmony always served nice cold beers, hopefully our lodges in Wellington will be able to take on this practise.

That ends my reports for 2014 and I wish to thank you for these opportunities to further my Masonic knowledge and career.

Jim Lewis,
Assistant District Grand Master

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

Right Worshipful District Grand Master I had the honour of representing you at the following installations.

Sir Donald McLean Installation

On Saturday the 7th June 2014 I represented you at the Sir Donald McLean Lodge No 1646 at Waitara, Taranaki. I was accompanied into the Lodge by several Grand and District Grand Officers from Tongariro Lodge in Wanganui, United Manawatu Lodge in Palmerston North and the Aorangi Lodge in Wellington.

Worshipful Brother David Leech acted as District Grand Director of Ceremonies.

I welcomed our Distinguished guests namely Right Worshipful Brother Murray SMITH the Provincial Assistant Grand Master of the Irish Constitution and Bro John Aldcroft the Substitute District Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution. There was no representative from the New Zealand Constitution although an invitation had been sent.

Worshipful Brother Dennis KING was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon and I had the privilege of addressing him. He did a good job of installing his Officers. A number of Officers were not present because of illness and a most enjoyable refectory took place at a private room at the Town and Country Club with wives and partners in attendance.

There was a good number of visiting brethren from all constitutions.

Overall an enjoyable installation.

Opotiki Lodge N0 1930

I had the privilege of welcoming the representatives of all our Sister Constitutions who all played a significant part in the installation, I had the honour of addressing the new Master, Worshipful Brother Michael Rivers during a well conducted ceremony conducted by Worshipful Brother John Walworth. I also had the pleasure of presenting a third bar to Worshipful Brother Walworth's Past Master's jewel.

A large number of Brethren of all Constitutions attended to support the lodge as members had been great visitors in the Bay of Plenty area. The refectory proceedings were carried out with a meal provided by a ladies group in the area who were raising funds for worthy causes in Opotiki.

Turanganui Lodge No 1480

I also had the pleasure of representing you at the Turanganui Lodge installation on the 20th October 2014 when I welcomed the Distinguished guests of our Sister Constitutions who played a significant part in the installation of Worshipful Brother Graeme Nelson Martin from Auckland.

The installation was carried out in an acceptable manner and I had the privilege of addressing the new Master. The membership of this lodge is small but keen on promoting English Freemasonry in the Gisborne area. The refectory was carried out with dignity and of a high standard. There was a good attendance from the three Constitutions and everybody appeared to enjoy themselves.

Graham W Abbott PAGDC

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY.**VW.BRO. B. McMURTRIE, PGSWDB, DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY:**

R.Wor. District Grand Master,

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

Date	Representative	Lodge	No.	Purpose
07 May	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Rodney	1711	Installation
03 June	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Ara	348 IC	Older Constitution Meeting
04 June	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Waitemata	689	Installation
07 June	W.Bro. G.W. Abbott	Sir Donald McLean	1646	Installation
07 June	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Sir Walter Scott	15 NZC	Installation
09 June	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Remuera	1710	Installation
11 June	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Ara/Taimau	1 NZC	Installation
18 June	W.Bro. J.M. Lewis	Wellington	1521	Installation

21 June	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Ara	348 IC	Installation
12 July	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Lodge of Light	454 IC	Installation
19 July	W.Bro. J.M. Lewis	de Burgh Adams	446 IC	Installation
22 July	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Eden	1530	Installation
09 Aug	W.Bro. J.M. Lewis	Mount Egmont	670	Installation
16 Aug	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Port Chalmers Marine	942	Installation
23 Aug	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Corinthian	1655	Installation
28 Aug	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Herne Bay United	340 NZC	Installation
22 Sept	VW.Bro. A.W. Wood	Lodge of Peace	322 NZC	Installation
01 Oct	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	United Manawatu	1721	Installation
04 Oct	W.Bro. J.M. Lewis	Hinemoa	786 SC	Installation
04 Oct	W.Bro. J.B. Walworth	Abercorne Tuahine	76 NZC	Installation
08 Oct	W.Bro. J.M. Lewis	Harmony	2180	Installation
09 Oct	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Prince of Wales	1338	Installation
18 Oct	W.Bro. G.W. Abbott	Opotiki	1930	Installation
20 Oct	W.Bro. G.W. Abbott	Turanganui	1480	Installation
22 Oct	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Duke of Albany	2073	Installation
01 Nov	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Aorangi	2300	Installation

Dispensations:

The following dispensations have been issued by you to the following Lodges since the last Communication meeting in May 2014.

Tongariro 705	To change the date of their regular June 2014 meeting.
Sir Donald McLean 1646	To hold an emergency meeting to host the biennial visit from Aorangi Lodge and celebrate 100 years since the building of their Lodge premises.
Aorangi 2300	To change the date and venue of their November meeting to coincide with the annual meeting of District Grand Lodge.
Turanganui 1480	To enable W.Bro. G.N. Martin to be installed as Master while still Master of Northern Light Lodge No. 1878.

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

May 2014 Communications – Ellerslie Masonic Centre

The last Communications meeting was held in May this year at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre. The Weekend was very successful, commencing with a well-attended meet and greet on the Friday afternoon and concluding with a very enjoyable Dinner on the Saturday evening. The DGL meeting itself was pleasant and efficient with a particularly memorable item when two of our Brothers were honoured with Grand Rank. My sincere thanks go to all those Brethren who assisted in the preparation and conduct of the weekend.

Membership

Despite the continuing decline in Craft membership throughout the world, I am very pleased to report that membership within our District over the last few years has remained stable with a steady number of Initiations and joining members; in fact the number of members has slightly increased. We must not, however, become

complacent as there is still the significant problem which will occur in the future owing to the steady advancement in the average age of our members many of whom are well past retirement age. In the worst case, one or two of our Lodges only have members who have retired Consequently, not only do they meet a very limited number of likely candidates, the atmosphere in the Lodge is unlikely to be attractive to a younger member. This is a problem which must be addressed if we are not to lose one or more Lodges.

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. However, I am a little concerned that a number of Lodges still do not fully understand the role of the Lodge Mentor and that of the individual mentors.

District Visiting Officers

The system of District Visiting Officers is continuing to be a very effective means of communication between Lodges and District Grand Lodge. I am pleased to say that we have an extremely capable and dedicated group of District Visiting Officers who have carried out their role in a most professional manner, providing a very useful information conduit between the District and our Lodges.

At our most recent Board of General Purposes meeting I received reports from the District Visiting Officers on the health and activities of the Lodges in our District. Whilst it must be acknowledged that we have Lodges that are struggling, particularly in terms of numbers, the general feedback from all around the District was that English Freemasonry in New Zealand is in very good heart and Lodges are moving forward in a positive manner.

I must again remind Masters and Secretaries to make use of the District Visiting Officers to communicate requirements, comments or ideas to both the Board of General Purposes and DGL. In particular, Lodges should make sure that the District Visiting Officer is aware of anyone in the Lodge who could take on a role in District or should be considered for promotion.

Board of General Purposes

Firstly, I would like to express my thanks to all of the members of the Board of General Purposes who give their time willingly to the many activities which the Board is involved in.

The District Newsletter is now well established and the quality of both the content and presentation is improving all the time. Lodges should make use of the newsletter to publicise events that are, or will be taking place so that members of other Lodges may participate or to give them ideas for some events of their own. It would be really nice to see a photo and short biography of the incoming Master in the newsletter following an Installation meeting.

The District website under the control of our webmaster W Bro Jonathan Brooks has undergone some significant changes and improvements. In particular, the schedule of Lodge meetings is working and is being regularly updated by the DGSec. This should be the first port of call for information on current Lodge activities in the District. In addition, Newsletters are being included as .pdf files on the site and so can be read on-line.

At the same time, a Website Steering Group under the chairmanship of W Bro Zlatko Horvat has been set up to develop a completely new website which will have a more modern and exciting feel. A considerable amount of effort has already been expended on the development of the requirements as well as the layout and presentation of the new site. I am not going to hazard a guess as to when the site will be up and running as that might be tempting providence.

The Characters of Freemasonry is another project which the Board is progressing and W Bro Steven Elliott is investigating the possibility of getting a professional interviewer involved to improve both the standard of interviewing as well as the editing.

A District shop for regalia has now been set up under the control of W Bro Horvat. We are now in a position to purchase very high quality regalia from an overseas source. We have received many items of regalia for Craft and RA as well as for other Orders, all of which have proven to be excellent and at a fraction of the historic costs. Orders for regalia are being combined so as to reduce postage costs and other fees so it is recommended that anyone who wants to order regalia should do so at the earliest time to assist in this consolidation. Unfortunately, jewels must be obtained separately as this supplier does not deal with them.

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.

May 2015 CommunicationsThe May 2015 Communications meeting will be held at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre in Ellerslie and I would remind the Brethren that the date has been changed from the first weekend to the third weekend in May (16th) to avoid the first day of duck shooting.

Farouk Khan
President of the District Board of General Purposes

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND ALMONER,

W.BRO. R.R. AGNEW PDGCHAP

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

Again, this year seems to racing by, and Christmas, and year's end beckons. Your Lodge Almoners will be again scanning the names of their elder Brethren, Brethren in difficult times, and their widows, to look for any who may need support during this time.

Our lodges, and the District, will always try to help, especially the widows, who find it difficult and/or lonely at Christmas time. If our Almoners do identify widows who are in need of a little extra to get them through this time of the year, I am sure our District Grand Secretary will always put the name forward for some extra consideration from our District Chartable Trust.

Generally our Almoners do a wonderful job, for their Lodges throughout the year, sometimes with little appreciation. I would like to take this moment, on behalf the District, to thank them so very much for taking on their position, and making the most of it, for the benefit of all those in need in our Masonic communities.

R.W.District Grand Master, I feel 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
PDG Chaplain
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. G.N. Martin PADGSec of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1338 as District Grand Treasurer 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. G.N. Martin PADGSec was 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.”

VW.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.

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 2014/2015.

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

District Senior Grand Warden	John Edward James Housham <i>PDGReg</i>	Prince of Wales	1338
District Junior Grand Warden	Satish Chandra	Wellington	1521
District Grand Chaplain	Ronald Leslie Cross <i>PDSGD</i>	Alexandra	1188
District Grand Treasurer	Graeme Nelson Martin <i>PADGSec</i>	Prince of Wales	1338
District Grand Registrar	Raymond Robert Wilson <i>PDGStdB</i>	Opotiki	1930
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	Timothy Richard Stansfield <i>DGPurs</i>	Remuera	1710
District Grand Supt. of Works	Bruce Ralston MacConnell	Port Chalmers Marine	942
District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	Ross Jonathan Philip Buxton <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>PDJGW</i>	Remuera	1710
District Grand Mentor	Roger Andrew deLisle Everest <i>PAGDC</i>	Wellington	1521
District Senior Grand Deacon	Nicholas Reynolds Griffin	Wellington	1521
District Junior Grand Deacon	Anthony Bruce Mansfield	Prince of Wales	1338
District Assistant Grand Secretary	Shane Andrew Thomas Farley	Eden	1530
District Grand Organist	Thomas Henry Hallen	Lodge of Harmony	2180
District Grand Standard Bearer	Robert Mason	Duke of Albany	2073
District Grand Standard Bearer	Owen Douglas Jarrett	United Manawatu	1721
District Grand Steward	Kevin John Thompson (Bro) <i>DGStwd</i>	Harmony	2180
District Grand Pursuivant	Steven Elliott	Aorangi	2300
District Grand Tyler	Stephen William Wood	Alexandra	1188

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

PDGStdB	Raymond Charles Shutler	Turanganui	1480
	Raymond Edgar Jolliffe	Corinthian	1930
	Derek Martin Sendrove	Remuera	1710
	Frederick George Henley	Zealandia	2072

PROMOTIONS 2014

PDGReg	Ian Victor Tantrum <i>PDGSuptWks</i>	Port Chalmers Marine	942
	Malcolm Thomas Bartlam <i>PDGDC</i>	Saint George	1801
PDGDC	Ross Jonathan Philip Buxton <i>DDGDC</i>	Aorangi	2300
PDGSuptWks	Kerry Edward Wellesley Staton <i>PDSGD</i>	Rodney	1711
PDSGD	Jonathan Peter Brooks <i>PDGStdB</i>	Remuera	1710
	Errol Henry Morris <i>PDGStdB</i>	Franklin	2138
	Stephen Rex Hammerton <i>PDGTyler</i>	Zealandia	2072
PDJGD	Scott Nelson George Douglas <i>PDGPurs</i>	Waitemata	689

REPRESENTATIVES ON MASONIC BODIES FOR 2014 - 2015North Island English Masonic District Charitable Trust

Nominee (Chairman of Board of Trustees)

A.J.M. Macdonald *PDJGW-DGChStwd* Remuera 1710Northern Masonic Association Trust BoardTrustee B.J. Westhead *DGM* Lodge of Harmony 2180Nominee C.N. Hardy *PDSGW* Waitemata 689Ruapehu Masonic Association TrustNominee N. Kirk *PDJGW* Tongariro 705Wellington Masonic Villages TrustNominee J.D. Bonifant *PDSGD* Wellington 1521Manawatu Masonic Association Trust Board

Nominee D.A. Stone United Manawatu 1721

Ellerslie Masonic Centre LimitedDirector D. Roberts *PGSwdB* Prince of Wales 1338
(Chairman)

Alternate Director

W.E. Weir *PAGDC-ADGM* Eden 1530Kirkpatrick Masonic Institute for Girls, Nelson

Joint nominee with South Island District

B.F. Coleman *PDJGW* Southern Star 735

DISTRICT GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS
RW.BRO. BRIAN J. WESTHEAD

Firstly Brethren I would like to welcome you all here today, particularly our Guests from the Sister Constitutions and our Brethren from the South Island led by W.Bro. P. D. Stenning Assistant District Grand Master. It is so good to see so many in attendance and I know that many of you have travelled long distances to be here. I imagine that it is many years since the Aorangi Lodge has had approximately 100 Brethren attending their installation.

I would like to thank the Brethren of Aorangi Lodge, particularly W.Bro. John Miller, for the excellent organisation that has made this weekend so enjoyable for us all. A lot of planning and effort has obviously been put into what has been a wonderful weekend and I look forward to mixing with you all again at dinner tonight.

As this is our annual Communication, the prime purpose of which is to appoint the new District Officers for the ensuing year I cannot let the moment pass without thanking all the outgoing Officers for their support during the past year and I now look forward to the same level of support from the newly appointed Officers. Remember Brethren, the acceptance of your rank carries a responsibility. Ranks are not given as a reward for past services, but are given for what I believe you can do for the District in the future. Your own efforts during your term in Office, and beyond, will determine whether or not you receive further promotion in due course.

While on the subject of thanking people, we are very fortunate in having many Brethren working hard for the good of the District; some to the fore, and many more working in the background. Because of this, I hesitate in naming specific people but would like to pass on my personal thanks to just a few at this time. First, our District Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Gerry Byrne who does a tremendous job in organising, and making sure our District meetings go off without a hitch, and for the support he gives me when I attend installations etc. I would also like to thank W.Bro. Bryce Smith, the treasurer of our District Charitable Trust for all the advice given, and the work he puts into the Finance Committee of the Trust. Finally, a big thank you to W.Bro. Graham Abbott for the sterling work he does in looking after the Eilerslie Masonic Centre, and VW.Bro. Bruce McMurtrie our District Grand Secretary for all the help he gives me personally.

You have just heard the report from W.Bro. Farouk Khan on the District Board of General Purposes, and I wish to add a little to his remarks about membership. It is pleasing to note that overall our numbers appear to be reasonably static at the moment but, as he said, this is no time to become complacent. While a number of our Lodges are having a resurgence in numbers with many younger members coming in to our ranks, there are still Lodges that are stagnating, and it is up to us to assist, and support them wherever possible in the gaining of new members. To this end, I will be asking the President of the District Board of General Purposes to instigate a membership drive throughout the District in the coming year, particularly in the areas where we have Lodges that are struggling.

Brethren, as this is the last time in 2014 that we will be meeting together and, as Christmas is just around the corner I wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Thank you for your attendance and attention today.

Brian Westhead, District Grand Master

Greetings were then received from the District Grand Lodge of South Island New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Scotland and United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

As there was no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 5.00 P.M.

The first verse of "God Save the Queen" was sung.

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

DISTRICT BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES for 2014/2015**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. R.R. Agnew *PDGChap* District Grand Almoner 1655
 W.Bro. G.M. Byrne *PDJGW* District Grand Director of Ceremonies 2180
 W.Bro. R. Catiln Past District Senior Grand Warden 670
 W.Bro. R.N. Clay Past District Grand Registrar 2138
 W.Bro. M.A. Chopping Past District Senior Grand Warden 1878
 W.Bro. I. Dingwall Past District Junior Grand Warden 1521
 W.Bro. S. Elliott District Grand Pursuivant 2300
 W.Bro. R.H. Fricker Past District Senior Grand Warden 1338
 W.Bro. M.T.O. Harding Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies 1480
 W.Bro. B.J. Holland *LGR* Past Master 1801
 W.Bro. M.J. Jensen Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies 2300
 W.Bro. R.H. Johnstone Past District Senior Grand Deacon 1188
 W.Bro. W.D. Maday Past District Junior Grand Warden 2072
 W.Bro. D.J.M. Miller Past District Senior Grand Warden 2300
 W.Bro. T.R. Stansfield District Grand Sword Bearer 1710

Ex officio members:

RW. Bro. B.J. Westhead District Grand Master 2180
 VW. Bro. D. Roberts *PGSwdB* Deputy District Grand Master 1338
 W.Bro. W.E. Weir *PAGDC* Assistant District Grand Master 1530
 W.Bro. J.M. Lewis Assistant District Grand Master 2300
 W.Bro. G.N. Martin District Grand Treasurer 1338
 W.Bro. R.R. Wilson District Grand Registrar 1930
 W.Bro. A.J.M. Macdonald *PDJGW* Chairman of Trustees, District Charitable Trust 1710
 VW. Bro. B. McMurtrie *PGSwdB* District Grand Secretary 1530

NORTH ISLAND ENGLISH MASONIC DISTRICT CHARITABLE TRUST TO MAY 2015**Chairman of Trustees:**

W.Bro. A.J.M. Macdonald *PDJGW* District Grand Charity Steward 1710

Elected and Appointed Trustees:

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 W.Bro. B.A. Coyte Past District Junior Grand Warden 689
 W.Bro. A.S. Cross Past District Grand Standard Bearer 1521
 W.Bro. I. Dingwall Past District Junior Grand Warden 1521
 W.Bro. R.M. McKillop *MNZM VRD* Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies 1521
 W.Bro. T.R. Stansfield District Grand Sword Bearer 1710

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 W.Bro. J.M. Lewis Assistant District Grand Master 2300
 W.Bro. F.A. Khan President, District Board of General Purposes 1710
 VW. Bro. B. McMurtrie *PGSwdB DGSec* Secretary 1530
 W.Bro. B.M.R. Smith *PDGTreas* Treasurer 705