

# DISTRICT GRAND LODGE

OF

## NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

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

**Holden at the Kerikeri Masonic Centre,  
Cobham Road, Kerikeri**

**on  
Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2013 at 2.45 P.M.**

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# HALF YEARLY COMMUNICATION

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on Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2013.**

### Present:

RW Bro B.J. Westhead .....	District Grand Master
VW Bro D. Roberts <i>PGSwdB</i> .....	Deputy District Grand Master
W Bro R.M. McKillop <i>MNZM VRD** PAGDC</i> .....	Assistant District Grand Master
W Bro W.E. Weir <i>PAGDC</i> .....	Assistant District Grand Master
RW Bro P.B. Gudsell .....	Past District Grand Master
VW Bro C.A. Holst <i>PDDGM</i> .....	Past Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro G.D. Kane <i>PADGM</i> .....	Past Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro J.C. Elliot <i>PADGM</i> .....	Past Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro D.A. Stuck .....	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
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. Catlin .....	District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro R.B. Hayes .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro G.A. Gault .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro M.A. Chopping .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro L.I. Field .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro D.J.M. Miller .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro G.J. McKandry .....	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W Bro M.G. Lloyd .....	District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro M. Cole .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro R.F. Snodgrass .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro W.D. Maday .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro R.L. Teague .....	Past District Junior Grand Warden
W Bro M.P. Layzell .....	District Grand Chaplain
W Bro J.C. Woodage .....	Past District Grand Chaplain
W Bro D.M. Lawrence .....	Past District Grand Chaplain
W Bro R.N. Clay .....	District Grand Registrar
W Bro J.B. Walworth .....	Past District Grand Registrar
W Bro R.J. Webster .....	Past District Grand Registrar
W Bro J.E.J. Housham .....	Past District Grand Registrar
W Bro M.F. Turner .....	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 E.A. Allan .....	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 G.R.S. Wilson .....	Past District Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro B.J. Holland <i>LGR WM L1801</i> .....	as District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro J.M. Lewis .....	District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro R.R. Agnew <i>PDGChap</i> .....	District Grand Almoner
W Bro A.J.M. Macdonald .....	District Grand Charity Steward
W Bro S.E. Roberson .....	District Senior Grand Deacon

W Bro R.L. Cross .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R. Pemberton .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro H.I. Turner .....	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R. Pemberton <i>PDSGD</i> .....	as District Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro M.I. Crawford .....	Past District Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro G.M. Martin .....	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 C. Werthmann .....	District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro G. Forber .....	District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro E.H. Morris .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro P. Parris .....	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
Bro K.J. Thompson <i>SW L2180</i> .....	District Grand Steward
W Bro T.R. Stansfield <i>PM L1710</i> .....	as District Grand Pursuivant
W Bro S.R. Hammerton <i>WM L2072</i> .....	District Grand Tyler
W Bro R.G. Stobie .....	WM L689
W Bro M.J. Cameron .....	WM L1188
W Bro S. Boyask <i>PDSGW</i> .....	WM L1338
W Bro S. Chandra <i>PDSGW (Zambia)</i> .....	WM L1521
W Bro J.F. Robson .....	WM L1647
W Bro W.K. Dalzell <i>PDJGW</i> .....	WM L1655
W Bro R.K. Parker .....	WM L2138
W Bro T.L. Fortune <i>PDJGW</i> .....	WM L2221
W Bro S. Elliott .....	WM L2300
W Bro S.W. Wood .....	IPM L1188
W Bro A.P. Renton-Green <i>QSO</i> .....	PM L942
W Bro Z. Horvat .....	PM L1338
W Bro A.B. Mansfield .....	PM L1338
W Bro T.R. Stansfield .....	PM L1710
W Bro B. Beattie .....	PM L2073
W Bro S. Elliott .....	PM L2300
Bro C.T. Butterworth .....	JW L1338
Bro S. Willins .....	JW L1801
W Bro A Koroniadis .....	JW L2300

## Also in attendance:

W Bro D.E. Scollick .....	L2138
W Bro J.E.L. Cheshire .....	L2138
W Bro F.G. Henley .....	L2072

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

## Visitors

## Grand Lodge of Ireland

VW Bro R.H. Fricker .....

Provincial Senior Grand Warden

## Grand Lodge of Scotland

Bro R.M. Russell *Hon. SGW* .....

Past RW District Grand Master

Bro J. Aldcroft .....

Substitute District Grand Master

Bro E. Heafield .....

District Grand Secretary

## Grand Lodge of New Zealand

VW Bro B.O. Wiig .....

District Grand Master (Northland)

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

The District Grand Master was saluted.

The Past 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; V.W.Bro. B.O. Wiig DistGM for Northland District, Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Bro. R.M. Russell, Past RW District Grand Master for New Zealand North, Grand Lodge of Scotland, V.W.Bro. R.H. Fricker, Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland and. 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, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013, 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; Wor. Bro's. D.J.Ackerley; G.E.Arnell; K.van.den.Broek; R.J.P.Buxton; A.P.Conlan; A.A.DeCosta; C.V.Eade; K.G.Edmonds; M.P.Faber; A.A.A.Fairweather; F.L.Gillies; A.Gofton; R.R.Goldston; J.D.Groves; G.S.Halewood; W.C.Harris; P.B.Hindle; J.A.Hume; E.A.C.James; O.D.Jarrett; M.J.Jensen; J.A.J.D.Karaka-Hazledene; B.L.Keiller; C.P.Kellond; N.Kirk; D.P.Laery; K.J.Langton; B.P.Matthews; E.F.Monks; A.D.Murrie; J.Orbell; J.P.Pallet-Frame; C.L.Perry; B.L.Poole; B.M.R.Smith; J.H.D.Sparrer; T.L.A.Stent; C.M.Tisdall; J.B.Vanstone; T.J.Warren; and Bro. D.W.Bott.

### **ROLL OF LODGES.**

The District Grand Secretary called the roll of Lodges:-

Lodge	Number	Represented by:
Mount Egmont Lodge .....	670 .....	Past Master
Waitemata Lodge .....	689 .....	Master
Tongariro Lodge .....	705 .....	Not Represented
Port Chalmers Marine .....	942 .....	Past Master
Alexandra Lodge .....	1188 .....	Master
Prince of Wales Lodge .....	1338 .....	Master
Turanganui Lodge .....	1480 .....	Past Master
Wellington Lodge .....	1521 .....	Master
Eden Lodge .....	1530 .....	Senior Warden
Sir Donald McLean Lodge .....	1646 .....	Past Master
Star of the North Lodge .....	1647 .....	Master
Corinthian Lodge .....	1655 .....	Master
Remuera Lodge .....	1710 .....	Past Master
Rodney Lodge .....	1711 .....	Past Master
United Manawatu Lodge .....	1721 .....	Past Master

Saint George Lodge .....	1801 .....	Master
Northern Light Lodge .....	1878 .....	Master
Opotiki Lodge .....	1930 .....	Master
Zealandia Lodge .....	2072 .....	Master
Duke of Albany Lodge .....	2073 .....	Past Master
Lodge Franklin .....	2138 .....	Master
Lodge of Harmony .....	2180 .....	Senior Warden
Te Awamutu Lodge .....	2221 .....	Master
Aorangi Lodge .....	2300 .....	Junior Warden

### 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. L.R. Grieve	PDGStdB	Opotiki	1930	23/05/13
W.Bro. T.C. Brandon	PDJGW	Aorangi	2300	31/07/13

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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013; the Annual Investiture meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> April and the Quarterly Communication of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013. 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 2013, I have had the pleasure of representing our District at the following meetings:

**Lodge Sir Walter Scott No 15 NZC Installation Meeting on Thursday 6th June, 2013** at the Masonic Hall, Thames. On this evening I was accompanied by W. Bro G. Byrne and Brethren from Corinthian and Alexandra Lodges and received a warm welcome from V.W. Bro D. Meredith P.D.G.M. who then installed V.W. Bro Kerry Doherty as Master. The high standard of ceremony reflects the experience of these two V. Wor Brethren. On the First Rising I had the pleasure to give greetings and best wishes on behalf of the U.G.L.E. and of our D.G.L. of the N.I.N.Z.

**The Inaugural Meeting of Te Awamutu Lodge No 2221 in Taupo on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2013** at the Senior Citizens Hall, Taupo. I entered the Lodge supported by Grand and District Grand Officers, representing the greater part of the North Island, and we received a very warm welcome from W. Bro Terry Fortune.

The new portable Tessellated Pavement was dedicated and we had the pleasure to hear from the Master Carver himself, W. Bro Farouk Khan, on the origins of materials and the way it was crafted. I was

honoured to present eleven Grand Lodge Certificates with one other to be presented to a Brother at a later date. The refectory was well supported by both ladies and Brethren and we were served a most enjoyable catered dinner, good toasts and comradery, and more especially wonderful hospitality from our Te Awamutu Brethren.

**De Burgh Adams Lodge No 446IC Installation Meeting on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2013** at the Masonic Lodge Rooms, New Plymouth. I entered the Lodge well supported by 11 Grand and District Grand Officers from Auckland and Central N.I. I received a very warm welcome from R.W. Bro R. Whyte Pro G.M. R.W. Bro M. Smith was placed into the Masters Chair so as to Install his son in law Bro Kellan Bartlett, a stunning installation. I had the pleasure to address the Wardens and give greetings on the First Rising. We retired to the Refectory and enjoyed a well catered meal and great hospitality from our Irish Brethren.

**Lodge Ponsonby No 54 NZC 50 Year Jewel Presentation on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2013** at Masonic Centre Central. Well supported by Grand and District Grand Officers and received a very warm welcome from V.W. Bro Roy Stephen D.G.M. The N.Z. Grand Master and a large contingent of his Grand and District Grand Officers were present to witness M.W. Bro David Mace being presented with his 50 year Jewel. Our W. Bro Clynton Hardy spoke on his work as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Northern Masonic Association Trust Board. David Mace, a Brother who has achieved so much in his professional and Masonic life.

**Mount Egmont Lodge No 670 Installation Meeting on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2013** at the Masonic Lodge Rooms, New Plymouth. Being well supported by 12 Grand and District Grand Lodge Officers, we entered the Lodge Rooms and received a very warm welcome from W. Bro Roger Catlin. I noted that it was with great pleasure W. Bro R. Catlin installed W. Bro Clive Perry as Master, a very enjoyable and moving Installation ceremony. Including this year, these two Brethren combined, have served this Lodge for eleven years. I had the pleasure to address the Master and on the First Rising, to give him greetings on behalf of the U.G.L.E. and our D.G.L. of the N.I.N.Z. We retired to an excellent catered refectory and had the time to spend with Brethren from this part of our district.

**Okara Daylight Lodge No 461 NZC Installation Meeting on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2013** at the Masonic Lodge Rooms Whangarei. I was accompanied by W. Bro G. Byrne and supported by our three Northern Lodges, Franklin No 2138, Zealandia No 2073 and Star of the North No 1647. Supported by 10 Grand and District Grand Officers, we entered the lodge and received a very warm welcome from V.W. Bro Bryan Wiig D.G.M. All Sister Constitutions were present to witness V.W. Bro Wiig install Bro Graeme Bell as Master, in a well conducted ceremony. It was noted that W. Bro Bell had served the Wardens Chair for twenty two years, so it was Bryans pleasure in his last term as D.G.M. to see him installed into the Masters Chair. A very enjoyable refectory, well supported by their Ladies and I had the pleasure to reply to the Toast to the distinguished guests.

**The Older Constitutions Meeting hosted by the Remuera Lodge No 1710 on Monday 14 October, 2013** at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre. I was accompanied by 24 Grand and District Grand Officers and received a warm welcome by W. Bro Tim Stansfield W.M. On behalf of our District I had the pleasure to welcome R.W. Bro George Drury and Bro Bill Matheson, both were well supported by their Grand and District Grand Officers. Pleasing to see the Lodge was so full, just short of 90 in total. The work was to pass Bro Nicholas Rogers, a brother supplied by the Prince of Wales Lodge. The work and all the charges were excellent. The refectory, what can I say, good food, good wine and wonderful hospitality.

**Opotiki Lodge No 1930 Installation Meeting held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2013** at Freemasons Hall, Opotiki to witness the Installation of W. Bro John Walworth. I had the pleasure to be accompanied by 16 Grand and District Grand Officers and received a warm welcome by the Master W. Bro Tony Delves. On behalf of the District of the N.I.N.Z. I welcomed V. Wor Bro Robert Jessop, Bro George

Imlah, R.W. Bro Rex Newton and thanked them for their support. The Installing Master W. Bro Ray Wilson installed W. Bro John Walworth with his high standard of ritual, in a well conducted ceremony. I had the pleasure to address the Master and give greetings on the First Rising. The refectory was well supported by the ladies and we enjoyed a well catered meal, with good toasts. The hospitality from the brethren of Opotiki Lodge is endless, we returned Sunday morning before leaving for Gisborne and sat down to a breakfast second to none. Well done and many thanks.

**Turanganui Lodge No 1480 Installation Meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2013** at the Masonic Centre Gisborne. I was supported by 11 Grand and District Grand Officers and received a very warm welcome from W. Bro Ray Shutler, and in turn welcomed our three Sister Constitutions, V. Wor Michael Miller, Bro Terry ward, R.W. Bro Rex Newton. It was good to witness such a good ceremony of W. Bro John Otton being installed by W. Bro Ray Shutler. I had the pleasure to address the Master and present the Past Masters Jewel. We retired to an enjoyable refectory, with good toasts and camaraderie. On Monday morning we were invited to morning tea at the Harding residence and what wonderful hospitality we received, a nice ending for a great weekend.

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

Brian Westhead  
District Grand Master

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

#### **V.W.BRO. D. ROBERTS PGSWDB, DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER:**

RW.Bro. Brian J. Westhead District Grand Master, it has been my pleasure to represent you at the following meetings since our last Communication in May.

**Ara Lodge No. 348 IC** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June I had the good fortune to be able to represent you at this wonderful old Irish Lodge installation.

There were a great many Grand and District Grand Officers, and English Lodge members in support on the day.

RW.Bro. G. Drury Provincial Deputy Grand Master Extended a warm welcome on our entrance into the Lodge rooms.

W.Bro. R. Grove, the Installing Master, performed the usual high standard of ritual, in installing his successor. I was fortunate in being able to deliver the address to the Master on this occasion.

The refectory was of a high standard, as is usual at this lodge.

It was a great pleasure to be attending on your behalf.

**The Waitemata Lodge No. 689** on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June I represented the District Grand Lodge.

I was escorted into the Lodge room by a great many Grand and District Grand Officers, representing most of the local lodges.

RW.Bro. G. Drury Hon PGD, Provincial Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Ireland was then greeted into the Lodge. Followed by Bro. B. Collinge Hon. AsstGSec, Past Wor. Depute District Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland.

W.Bro. A. Gofton confidently installed W.Bro. R.G. Stobie into the chair of Master for a second year. The Lodge Officers were duly invested in a pleasing ceremony, with the Deacons and Inner Guard being Master Masons, boding well for this old Lodge in the future'

I presented a Past Master's jewel to W.Bro. Gofton after his having served for a fifth time, as Master of this Lodge.

I also presented W.Bro. Bob Devlin with a 50 year certificate from the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. Having served 50 years in his Liverpool Lodge.

The refectory was conducted in a pleasant manner, and everybody present would have enjoyed another successful evening in one of our older lodges.

**The Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1338** on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September when I had the honour of representing you at my own Lodge installation in The Ellerslie Masonic Centre.

I was escorted into the Lodge by a great many Grand and District Grand Officers.

It was my pleasure to greet the following distinguished guests. RW. Bro. R.J. Whyte. Provincial Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ireland and Bro. Bill Matheson. Past Wor. Depute District Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland.

W.Bro. G. Lim. Installed W.Bro. S. Boyask into the chair of this old Lodge in a very confident manner, W.Bro. Boyask was a previous Master of this lodge in 1988.

W.Bro. Boyask installed his Officers in to their various positions, in a way that you would expect from a seasoned veteran.

The attendance to this meeting was a tribute to the members of the Lodge, who attend many Lodges in the course of the year.

A great many Masons enjoyed a sumptuous refectory, and the usual friendship shared by many Masons.

A very good installation, congratulations to my Lodge members.

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 Brother Brian James Westhead, District Grand Master, I have had the honour to represent you on the following occasions:-

#### **LODGE GISBORNE No 233 NZC**

Continuing the series of invitation we have received from VW Bro. Richard Bray, District Grand Master, Eastland District, Grand Lodge of New Zealand. I attended the installation of Brother Peter Henry Frederick Pole in Lodge Gisborne on Saturday 27 April 2013, held in the Eastern Masonic Centre, Ormond Road, Gisborne. I was accompanied by a number of District Grand Lodge Officers including Worshipful Brother A.A. De Costa who was kind enough to provide my transport to and from the lodge room. Sister constitutions were represented by Right Worshipful Brother W J Emmerson, Past Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Zealand and Brother T Collier, Past Assistant District Grand Director of Ceremonies, District of North Island New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Scotland. I was well briefed before the meeting by a phone call and emails from the Lodge Secretary Worshipful Brother Bruce Kells, Past Grand Steward. The Lodge which was consecrated in 1922 has twenty-five members and four of those invested as Officers were Master Masons. The ceremony was very well run. The District Grand Director of Ceremonies Worshipful Brother Ian Hunt is a very capable Officer who pays great attention to detail and lends great support to the District Grand Master. Very Worshipful Brother Bray received the distinguished guests prior to proceeding with the ceremony and we were invited to retire with him at the conclusion of the installation. Although I was not required to undertake any of the work of the ceremony I was able to give greetings on your behalf. The refectory was a very pleasant gathering at which I was asked to give the reply to the toast to the visitors.

#### **SIR DONALD McLEAN LODGE No 1646**

The installation meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Centre, Domett Street Waitara on Saturday 1 June, 2013 when Brother Gary Cleland was installed as Master. The Lodge was warranted 15 August 1876. I was accompanied by fifteen District Grand Lodge officers from United Manawatu, Tongariro and Mount Egmont Lodges, the Masters of which had contributions to make to the ceremony. Worshipful Brother J M Lewis accompanied me as District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. Sister constitutions were represented by Right Worshipful Brother Murray Smith, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Provincial Assistant Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland and



Brother Murray Chinery, Honorary Grand Junior Deacon, Substitute District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge of North Island New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Scotland accompanied by Brother John More, Honorary Grand Senior Warden, Past District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge of North Island New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Scotland. The ceremony was shared between officers of the Lodge, principally by Worshipful Brothers Denis King and David Lawrence. Worshipful Brothers J Pallet-Frame, N Kirk and R Catlin presented the Third, Second and First Degree working tools respectively. I had the privilege of delivering the Address to the Master. It was encouraging to see that the Lodge had attracted some new members in recent years with four in 2011-2012, one in 2010 and three in 2008. It was pleasing also to see that the installing officers were the Masters of De Burgh Adams Lodge No 446IC, United Taranaki Lodge No 456NZC and Hinemoa Lodge No786SC. I had the privilege of delivering the Address to the Master. Refectory was held in the Waitara Town and Country Club where the Lodge is able to use a private room and take advantage of the a la carte menu that is available. It was a pleasant gathering at which I was able to respond to the toast to the District Grand Lodge.

### **THE REMUERA LODGE No 1710**

At the installation meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday 10 June 2013, Brother John A J D Karaka-Hazledene was installed as Master in a faultless ceremony with Worshipful Brother Derek Sendrove as Installing Master and Worshipful Brother Farouk Khan, President of the Board of General Purposes as Director of Ceremonies. Brother W K Matheson, Honorary Grand Assistant Secretary, Past Worshipful Depute District Grand Master, District of North Island New Zealand, represented the Grand Lodge of Scotland and RW Bro. George Drury, Honorary Past Grand Deacon, Provincial Deputy Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand represented the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Remuera is a strong lodge with thirteen new members over the past four years. They are backed by a large number of very capable brethren who clearly look after their candidates. Under W Bro. Sendgrove the Lodge had what can be described as a good year, he having initiated, passed and raised his son Tim in the Lodge. Refectory was everything one could have asked for. The food was appetising, the toasts were well prepared and the presentation of the Master's Song was the icing on the cake. The toast to the newly installed Master, identified a person of considerable ability and a long record of dedicated military and public service, who will lead the Lodge through another very successful year. With six of the offices occupied by Master Masons Remuera Lodge has a very secure future. I had the privilege of presenting a Past Master's Jewel to W Bro. Sendgrove, who will be very much missed by the Lodge when he returns to the United Kingdom to live. As a bonus there was the opportunity to see the superb craftsmanship of W Bro. Farouk Khan in the inlaid pavement which he created for Te Awamutu Lodge. That and other examples of his ability in wood-turning and cabinet-making will be a lasting testament to his skill and generosity.

### **AORANGI LODGE No 2300**

I had the privilege of being invited to attend the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner of Aorangi Lodge No 2300 which was held in the Wellesley Boutique Hotel 10 July 2013. The wives and partners of brethren as well as some of the widows of brethren who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above were entertained whilst the business of the Lodge was conducted. The superb meal which followed was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A fitting way to celebrate an important anniversary.

### **PORT CHALMERS MARINE LODGE No 942**

It was a great pleasure to represent you at the installation of Worshipful Brother Francis Robert Bottrill in Port Chalmers Marine Lodge 17 August 2012. The ceremony was held in the Oamaru Masonic Centre and we were able to see the wonderful wood inlaid pavement that is so carefully protected, having been rescued virtually undamaged when the original lodge room was otherwise totally damaged by the 1931 earthquake. It was something of a challenge to welcome on your behalf Very Worshipful brother Robert Henry Fricker, Provincial Grand Senior Warden, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland, he having been Master of the Lodge in 2006 and 2007 when it was domiciled in Auckland. Bro. T Walsh, District Grand Treasurer, District Grand Lodge of North Island New Zealand represented the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Very Worshipful Brother Richard Bray, District Grand Master, Eastland

District, Central Division Grand Lodge of New Zealand represented the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Masters and Past Masters of Wellington, Aorangi, Opotiki Turanganui, Woburn and Oamaru Lodges participated in the ceremony, Bro. Walsh, VW Bro. Fricker and myself delivering the addresses. Port Chalmers Marine Lodge has settled into the Hawkes Bay and attracts support from the other lodges in the area and clearly from further afield. Members of the Lodge attended the opening meeting of Te Awamutu Lodge in Taupo and it seems clear that it will add to the diversity of Freemasonry in the Hawkes Bay. Wives and partners joined the brethren in refectory which was a well catered buffet meal that was enjoyed by all present. W Bro. J M Lewis accompanied me as DDGDC but also acted as Installing Junior Warden for the ceremony.

### **LODGE FRIMLEY No 359NZN**

Continuing the series of invitations we have received from the District Grand Master of the Eastland District, Central Division, Grand Lodge of New Zealand, I was able to represent you at the installation meeting of Lodge Frimley No 359 in the Oamaru Masonic Centre in Napier on Monday 21 October 2013. This was a well-attended meeting at which Worshipful Brother D H McGechan PAGDC was installed for the third time having been in the Chair in 1979 and 1998. He succeeds Right Worshipful Brother W J Emmerson PDepGM as Master of the Lodge he having been in the Chair in 1968 and 2000. Worshipful Brother Richard Bray, District Grand Master conducted the ceremony, the last of his term as District Grand Master, well and ably assisted by Worshipful Brother Ian Hunt DistGDC. Brother Campbell McFarlane, Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland was unable to attend but was represented by Brother John Aldcroft, Wor. Substitute District Grand Master. It was a very friendly and enjoyable evening in the company of many brethren whom I had encountered at Port Chalmers Marine Lodge and elsewhere. I was made to feel very welcome and was able to not only convey greetings on your behalf, but to record our thanks for the kindness and hospitality we had received from VW Bro. Richard Bray. Refectory was a very pleasant gathering with good toasts and replies and with again much being said in favour of VW Bro. Bray who had clearly the respect and admiration of the brethren throughout his District.

### **NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC LODGE No2NZN**

Although not in any way officially representing, I did take the opportunity of attending the meeting of this Lodge 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013, because it was the final official visit by Right Worshipful Brother Stephen L Salmon, Divisional Grand Master, Central Division, Grand Lodge of New Zealand. It is very pleasing to record that in conveying greetings at the conclusion of the meeting, he noted that the English Constitution had been represented and that he appreciated that very much. I was invited to enter and retire with the officers of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

RW District Grand Master, this is my final report as Assistant District Grand Master, having served three most enjoyable and enlightening years for both RW Bro. Peter Gudsell and yourself. It has been a privilege to have held this office and to meet so many remarkable brethren in both our own Lodges and those of our sister constitutions. I should add that I have appreciated the support and assistance I have received from the District Grand Directors of Ceremony during the visits I have made on your behalf and to the wise counsel and help I have had from VW Brother Bruce McMurtrie, District Grand Secretary throughout my term. I am sure he will breathe a great sigh of relief! RW District Grand Master, thank-you for having me on your team.

Bob 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 this year, I have had the pleasure of representing you at the following occasions;

**The Rodney Lodge, No. 1711. Installation meeting on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013.** Where I was accompanied by a large contingent of Grand and District Grand Officers from Auckland and the Northern parts of the District. Representatives of all our Sister Constitutions were also present and well represented. All visitors to the Lodge were greeted with light refreshments prior to entering the Lodge room which were much welcomed by those who had travelled some distance.

The District was warmly welcomed by W.Bro. Frederick Gillies who had earlier been proclaimed as Master. He then went on to ably appoint his officers for the year.

An enjoyable refectory meal was later held in the Lodge rooms with the refectory proceeding carried out with hospitality and Masonic fellowship that the Rodney Lodge is well known for.

**2. Lodge of Light No 454, Irish Constitution, Installation meeting, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at the Thames Masonic Lodge rooms.**

A small but dedicated group of Grand and District Grand Officers accompanied me to the ceremony that was a real pleasure to attend. The representatives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and New Zealand also were represented with the Irish Provincial Grand Master RW. Roly Whyte also in attendance. All were made very welcome by our Irish brethren.

Both the installing Master W.Bro N. Brown and the incoming Master W.Bro. Ray Vincent carried out an exemplary ceremony which while different from the Ceremony carried out within the English Constitution was a real pleasure to observe and be part of. On behalf of the District, I presented the Address the Wardens.

A warm, social refectory followed in the Lodge rooms catered by the Lodge ladies.

**3. Eden Lodge No 1530, Installation meeting , Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2013, at the Eden Lodge rooms situated in Dominion Road.**

It is always a special pleasure to be able to represent the District at your own Mother Lodge and this night was no different especially when accompanied with a large group of District Officers. The Irish and Scottish Constitutions were also well represented. W. Bro Andrew Conlan warmly welcomed all representatives including R. Wor. Roly Whyte, Provincial Grand Master.

The ceremony was a proclamation of Wor. Bor. Andrew Conlan. This is the third year he has served as Master of this Lodge. The ceremony was of exceptional quality reflecting the experience of the officers carrying out the ceremony. Wor. Bro. Bud Abbott acting as the installing Master and V.Wor. Bro Bruce McMurtrie acting as Director of Ceremonies was an indication of the experienced Officers taking part in the ceremony. Wor Bro. Conlan invested his officers with flair expanding on the normal addresses to each office bearer.

A catered refectory was later enjoyed by all participating.

**4. Wellington Lodge, Installation Meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013, Wellington,** where I was accompanied by a large contingent of Grand and District Grand officers from Auckland and other parts of the District. This meeting was held In their new Lodge rooms in the heart of Wellington City. Representatives of all Sister Constitutions were also present and well represented.

We were warmly welcomed by W. Bro. Andrew Griffin who carried out his duties as installing Master with dignity and skill

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

Refectory proceedings were well carried out with warmth and humour by Wor. Bro Chandra. The refectory was outstanding both in quality of all speeches in which a lot of thought and preparation had gone into, and the quality of the evening's meal.

All attending came away with a feeling that a very enjoyable evening had been shared with our Wellington Brethren.

5. **Lodge Hinemoa, No 786, Scottish Constitution Installation meeting on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013**, at the Taranaki Scottish Centre , Stratford. Here I was supported by a small but very welcome group of Grand and District Grand Officers. Representatives of all other Constitutions were also present. We were made very welcomed by the sitting Master Bro. C. Lamplough who then handed over to a well-known English (And Scottish) Brother , Wor. Bro. Clive Perry to act as Installing Master. Wor. Bro Perry with his own flair and style made this a very special Installation ceremony.

The incoming Master, Bro. Raymond Huckstep, installed his Officers including a number of Senior Scottish District Grand Officers .The support by other Scottish Lodges to this Lodge was Freemasonry working at its best. . A number of these Brethren travel long distances regularly in their support of the Lodge. On behalf of the District, I was able to address the Brethren of the Lodge.

6. **District Church Service at the Edger Faber Memorial Chapel in Mt Roskill, Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>**. On behalf of the District I was able to present one of the Bible readings at the District's Service. This date was shared with the Brethren of the Rose Croix. The service was quietly reflective with a theme of "not getting side tracked and not giving up". Unfortunately this date clashed with the Opotiki/ Gisborne weekend so there was a small number of District officers in support.

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.

Warren E. Weir PAGDC

Assistant District Grand Master

#### **Report of VW.Bro. C.A. Holst PGSwdB, Past Deputy District Grand Master**

R.W. District Grand Master, I have the pleasure and honour to report that I represented you and the District on two occasions since our last Communication:

#### **Sat.24<sup>th</sup> August 2013, Corinthian Lodge 1654 at Thames**

It was a great pleasure to be representing District on this momentous occasion when W.Bro. Ken Dalzell was installed into the Chair of King Solomon at the grand old age of 90.

Still as spry as ever and with his sense of humour well to the fore the ceremony was conducted in an excellent manner.

Installing Master, W. Bro. Mike Earl never missed a beat and was a pleasure to listen to, as were the other officers taking part.

I was accompanied by 13 Grand and District Officers and was pleased to welcome on your behalf representatives from our sister constitutions: Bro. C.T. McLeod, P.Wor. Depute DGM of the Scottish constitution, and VW. Bro. S. Boyask, Prov. JGW of the Irish constitution. Both of whom were well supported by their own Officers.

I also acknowledged the presence of VW. Bro. D. Meredith, PDGM, NZ Constitution who was visiting in an "unofficial" capacity.

A well run refectory with a number of ladies in attendance concluded a very happy occasion, with an invitation from the Master to return in 10 year's time when he would be taking the Chair again when he turned 100!

#### **Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013, Duke of Albany 2073 at Helensville**

Thank you for the honour of representing the District at my own Lodge where I was supported by a fine band of District Grand Officers.

I was warmly received by the Master, W. Bro. Buzz Mason who was going into the Chair for the third time in succession. A very keen Mason, Buzz had consented to his third appointment to enable the brethren on the ladder to follow in his footsteps, which will enable the Lodge to enjoy at least the next four years without having to "recycle" Past Masters into the Chair.

RW. Bro. R. J. Whyte, Provincial Grand Master of the Irish Constitution and Bro. A. Graham, Immediate Past R.Wor. District Grand Master of the D.G. Lodge of N.I. N.Z. Scottish Constitution represented their constitutions and performed their duties in the time honoured way.

Sadly, the Grand Lodge of N.Z. was not represented but there were a number of N.Z. Masons from several of their Lodges who were in attendance.

The Duke of Albany Lodge is endowed with a very solid core of experienced Freemasons and, I'm sure, will continue to be an ornament to this District.

I am very proud to be associated with the "Duke".

Chas A. Holst PGSwB

Past Deputy District Grand Master.

### **Report of W.Bro. R.A.deL. Everest PAGDC, Past Assistant District Grand Master**

RW Br Brian Westhead, District Grand Master, in this last year I have had the pleasure of representing you on two occasions:

#### **Scinde Lodge No 5 New Zealand Constitution**

The installation of W.Bro. Graeme Hughes on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 in Napier. Scinde Lodge is one of the oldest Lodges in the NZC with their initial meeting held in February 1858. The meeting was well attended and with excellent ritual. I was made welcome by MW. Bro. Barry McGlaggan Past Grand Master, and VW. Bro. Richard Bray District Grand Master. I was grateful for the company of members of Port Chalmers Marine Lodge.

#### **United Manawatu No 1721**

The Installation and Proclamation of W.Bro. John Pallett-Frame on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 in Palmerston North. The meeting was well attended with all Constitutions present and I was grateful for the company of 16 District Grand Officers. A major highlight of the evening was my presentation, on your behalf, of the Certificate of Service to Freemasonry to W.Bro. Ian Joll. A great surprise and delight to all who attended. Altogether a most enjoyable Masonic occasion.

Thank you for these opportunities and I look forward to being of service again to you in the future.

Roger A deL Everest, PAGDC,

Past Assistant District Grand Master

### **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 Lodge of Harmony No. 2180 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

I was accompanied into the Lodge room with 22 Grand and District Grand Officers, and we were warmly welcomed by the Master, W.Bro. Tom Hallen and I was able to pass on your best wishes and fraternal greetings to the Distinguished Guests; R.W.Bro. George Drury Provincial Deputy Grand Master representing the Grand Lodge of Ireland and Bro Bryan Collings, Past Wor. Depute District Grand Master.

We were treated to a well conducted ceremony carried out by W.Bro. Cannon-James, witnessing the installation of W.Bro. Craig Harris who occupied the chair for the second time, followed by a very good refectory.

All in all, a very good evening with all the Officers for investiture, except for the Director of Ceremonies who was absent due to ill health, being present.

### Representative visits.

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

Date	Representative	Lodge	No.	Purpose
01 June	W.Bro. R.M. McKillop	Sir Donald McLean	1646	Installation
05 June	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Waitemata	689	Installation
10 June	W.Bro. R.M. McKillop	Remuera	1710	Installation
13 June	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Ara/Taimau	1 NZC	Installation
19 June	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Wellington	1521	Installation
22 June	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Ara	348 IC	Installation
13 July	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Lodge of Light	454 IC	Installation
20 July	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	de Burgh Adams	446 IC	Installation
23 July	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Eden	1530	Installation
06 Aug	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Ponsonby	54 NZC	Presentation
		50 Year Jewel to MW.Bro. Mace PGM		
10 Aug	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Mount Egmont	670	Installation
17 Aug	W.Bro. R.M. McKillop	Port Chalmers Marine	942	Installation
24 Aug	VW.Bro. C.A. Holst	Corinthian	1655	Installation
07 Sept	W.Bro. R. Catlin	Avant-Garde	503 NZC	Tenth Anniversary
12 Sept	VW.Bro. D. Roberts	Prince of Wales	1338	Installation
21 Sept	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Okara Daylight	461 NZC	Installation
02 Oct	W.Bro. R.A.deL. Everest	United Manawatu	1721	Installation
05 Oct	W.Bro. W.E. Weir	Hinemoa	786 SC	Installation
05 Oct	W.Bro. R.R. Wilson	Abercorne Tuahine	76 NZC	Installation
09 Oct	VW.Bro. B. McMurtrie	Harmony	2180	Installation
14 Oct	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Remuera	1710	Annual Older Constitutions
19 Oct	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Opotiki	1930	Installation
21 Oct	RW.Bro. B.J. Westhead	Turanganui	1480	Installation
23 Oct	VW.Bro. C.A. Holst	Duke of Albany	2073	Installation

### Dispensations:

The following dispensations have been issued by you to the following Lodges since the last Communication meeting in May 2013.

Aorangi 2300	To initiate a man under the age of 21 years to enable him to be passed and raised before travelling overseas.
Opotiki 1930	To hold an emergency meeting for the purpose of conducting a ceremony of initiation.
Aorangi 2300	To change the venue of their regular July meeting to the Wellesley Boutique Hotel, McGinnity Street Wellington.
Te Awamutu 2221	To change the date of their July regular meeting.

Duke of Albany 2073	To elect, and install, W.Bro. Robert Mason for the third successive year.
Turanganui 1480	To change the date of their July regular meeting.
Sir Donald McLean 1646	To hold an emergency meeting to host a biennial visit from Aorangī Lodge.
Star of the North 1647	To change the date of their September regular meeting.
Zealandia 2072	To change the date of their installation meeting to coincide with the District Grand Lodge Communication being held in Kerikeri.
Zealandia 2072	To allow the Brethren to appear in public for the purpose of a group photograph in the township of Kerikeri.
Corinthian 1655	To change the date of the regular October meeting.

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

Bruce McMurtrie PGSwdB  
District Grand Secretary.

### **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.**

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

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

#### **May Communications - Auckland**

The last Communications meeting was held at the EMC in Auckland. The format of the Communications followed what has now become the norm in that most Reports were presented in written form with only this and the DGMs Address being read in full. The meeting itself went off smoothly and all of our Lodges were represented. The social events included the cocktail party on the Friday afternoon and the Dinner on the Saturday evening and were both successful and enjoyable.

#### **Te Awamutu Lodge**

Since the last Communication Meeting there have been a number of notable events, but one in particular stands out, that was the first official meeting of the Te Awamutu Lodge No 2221 in Taupo in June this year. The Meeting was held in a building now managed by the Rotary club in Taupo. The Lodge room itself was comfortable with round tables being used by the Master and Wardens and a dismountable wooden pavement was used as the centerpiece.

The DGM who was accompanied by a large number of DG Officers, presented 11 Grand Lodge certificates which must be a record in our District. After the Lodge was closed, the Ladies were invited into the Lodge room and I formally presented the new tessellated pavement to the Lodge together with a little bit of history about the origins of these Masonic pavements and about the manufacture of this one in particular. I am pleased to inform you that the Lodge is going from strength to strength and I look forward to it becoming one of our most successful Lodges.

#### **Membership and Lodges**

Membership of the Craft in New Zealand has continued to fall over the last year and several Lodges have handed in their charters. Whilst there is no room for complacency, as yet, none of our English Lodges have had to relinquish their Charters. In fact our District membership has risen slightly from 722 to 745. However, we do have a number of Lodges whose membership is making their sustainability questionable. With the average age of members in some of the smaller Lodges continuing to creep up, recruitment of

new members is becoming increasingly difficult. Considerable thought and no-little effort will need to be directed to those Lodges in order to keep them active. It would be most helpful if everyone could set their minds to coming up with ideas for recruitment and retention which could be shared throughout the District, please feel free to pass your ideas on to me. We are currently looking at an advertising campaign and a small team under the chairmanship of W Bro Barry Holland is investigating possibilities at the moment. Again, anyone who has any useful ideas in this area, please pass them on to Barry or me. Also if you would like to join Barry on his team, please let us know.

### **Mentoring and Education.**

W Bro Bob McKillop's Education and Mentoring programs are being distributed to all Lodges so that they can be trialed and hopefully enhanced. I am very pleased to say that those Lodges who have received a copy have seen this as a positive move forward, particularly as the importance of mentoring is now being recognised with the importance it deserves.

### **District Newsletter**

I am delighted to say that the newsletter has taken another leap forward with both the content and the presentation. The latest issue is very interesting and most professional looking. Thanks again to W Bro Tim Stansfield for his editing and to W Bro Andrew Conlan for his artistry in presenting it. The newsletter together with older issues is now available on the web site. However, we are still not getting as many articles as we would like for the newsletter. Perhaps all the WMs present could help by including a short biography of their incoming WMs for the next year. In May I made a plea for Lodge calendars, events and biographies with very little response so far; perhaps the WMs present could take it as a personal task to ensure that their Lodge submits some content.

### **Web Site**

W Bro Jonathan Brooks has put a great deal of time into developing a new District web site and I was expecting to announce today that it was up and running. However, at the time of writing this, there has proved to be a slight glitch in making the site live. I trust that this will be sorted in a matter of days and I would recommend that you all keep an eye on the site for developments. Every Lodge in our District will have its own page on the web site in addition to any links to sites run by the individual Lodges. I anticipate that the web site will become a significant means of communication with our membership.

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

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

The Board's objectives for next year are to firstly start the publicity campaign for the District, ensuring that is tailored for the particular circumstances of individual Lodges. Secondly to assist the District Charitable Trust in producing a plan for a District charitable Festival to bolster the Trust funds and thirdly to continue to update the District website so that each Lodge has a meaningful page or pages on, or linked to, that site.

### **Next District Communications**

The next District Communications will be held in Auckland on the 3rd May 2014; the November 2014 Meeting will be hosted by the Aorangi Lodge No 2300 in Wellington. Information will appear in the Newsletter and be sent to Lodge Secretaries as the planning progresses.

Farouk Khan

President of the District Board of General Purposes

Farouk A. Khan

President, District Board of General Purposes



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

R.Wor. Bro. Brian James Westhead, may I report as follows :

Winter is now leaving us, but over the period of its stay, and since our last communication, our Almoners have borne the responsibility of keeping an eye on the comfort and needs of our widows and elder Brethren, and taking steps to attend to their needs.

The Christmas period is fast approaching, and Almoners will be having thoughts of how best to support our widows and elder Brethren over this time. Especially those who may be without family or friends over this period. Almoners would warmly welcome support from each Brother in their lodge, to assist with visiting the widows and elder Brethren, who may appear to be in such a situation at Christmas.

We know that, through our Almoners, Lodges provide Christmas gifts for our widows and vulnerable Brethren each year, but it is still worth remembering that District can also assist, where cases of urgent and important need are identified in each of our Masonic Communities.

R.W. District Grand Master our Almoners are committed to serving their Lodges, the District, and yourself, and value the support of all our brethren.

Ron Agnew PDGChap  
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. A.J.M. MACDONALD DGCHSTWD: "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."

VW.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.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, I appoint W.Bro. James Michael Lewis DistDepGDC to be my Assistant District Grand Master, but before installing him, Brother District Grand Director of Ceremonies, would you please place W.Bro. R.M. McKillop PAGDC before me.”

The District Grand Master then thanked W.Bro. McKillop for his devotion to the Office of Assistant District Grand Master during the past three years, and presented him with a certificate, and placed an Assistant District Grand Master’s collarette and jewel around his neck.

R.WOR. BRO. B.J. WESTHEAD, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER: “Brother District Grand Director of Ceremonies would you now please place W.Bro. James Lewis before the pedestal.”

The District Grand Secretary then read the patent of Office before W.Bro. Lewis was Obligated, installed as Assistant District Grand Master, and placed in his chair to the left of the District Grand Master. The Brethren then saluted W.Bro. Lewis with the honours due to his Rank, and W.Bro. Lewis thanked the Brethren for their salutations.

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 2013/2014.

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

District Senior Grand Warden	Roger Catlin	Mouth Egmont	570
District Junior Grand Warden	Montgomery George Lloyd	Rodney	2711
District Grand Chaplain	John Breward Walworth <i>PDGReg</i>	Opotiki	1930
District Grand Treasurer	Bryce Matthew Reid Smith <i>DGTreas</i>	Tongariro	705
District Grand Registrar	Dennis Michael Turner <i>PDGSwdB</i>	Star of the North	1647
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	Andrew Renton-Green <i>QSO</i>	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>DGChStwd</i>	Remuera	1710
District Grand Mentor	Roger Andrew deLisle Everest <i>PAGDC</i>	Wellington	1521
District Senior Grand Deacon	Andrew Patrick Conlan	Eden	1530
District Junior Grand Deacon	Vacant		
District Assistant Grand Secretary	Zlatko Horvat	Prince of Wales	1338
District Grand Organist	Gareth John Moore	Remuera	1710
District Grand Standard Bearer	William Craig Harris	Lodge of Harmony	2180

District Grand Standard Bearer	Matthew William Smith	United Manawatu	1721
District Grand Steward	Kevin John Thompson (Bro) <i>DGStwd</i>	Harmony	2180
District Grand Pursuivant	Timothy Richard Stansfield	Remuera	1710
District Grand Tyler	Alastair Andrew Chalmers Fairweather	Alexandra	1188

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

PDSGD	Brian Beattie	Duke of Albany	2073
PDGStdB	Jeurgen Hans Deiter Sparrer	Wellington	1521
	Kees van den Broek	Tongariro	705
	Robert Graham Stobie	Waitemata	689
	David William Bott (Bro)	Duke of Albany	2073

**PROMOTIONS 2013**

PDSGW	Malcolm Frederick Turner <i>PDGReg</i>	Harmony	2180
PDJGW	Alan John Murray Macdonald <i>DGChStwd</i>	Remuera	1710
	Ian Dingwall <i>PDGDC</i>	Wellington	1521
	David Dyet Leach <i>PDGDC</i>	Duke of Albany	2073
	Clive Lionel Perry <i>PDGDC</i>	Mount Egmont	670

**REPRESENTATIVES ON MASONIC BODIES FOR 2013 - 2014**North Island English Masonic District Charitable Trust

Nominee (Chairman of Board of Trustees)

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

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

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

Nominee	J.D. Bonifant <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 DirectorW.E. Weir *PAGDC-ADGM*

Eden

1530

Kirkpatrick Masonic Institute for Girls, Nelson

Joint nominee with South Island District

B.F. Coleman *PDJGW*

Southern Star

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

Brethren, as this is the annual Communication of this District Grand Lodge and the meeting at which I appoint and invest a new set of Officers for the ensuing year, I must first sincerely thank those Brethren who have vacated their Office today, for their support over the past year, and in many cases, several years. Particular mention must be made of W.Bro. Bob McKillop who stepped down today as one of my Assistant District Grand Masters who has been a great supporter of the District, travelling far and wide throughout the whole of the North Island during his three year tenure. Thank you very much Bob for your support during that time, and I know I will be able to count on you to step in where needed in the future.

With the retirement of W.Bro. McKillop, I had the pleasure of appointing, and installing, W.Bro. Jim Lewis as an Assistant District Grand Master. W.Bro. Lewis, a member of the Aorangi Lodge, is a Brother with a great heart and a love of Freemasonry in all its forms. I look forward to working with W.Bro. Lewis over the next few years.

To those others who have been appointed today, I welcome you to the District team and look forward to your support and working with you in the future. I would like to emphasise that the active Rank you received today may only be for one year, but would remind you that your acceptance means that you will continue to support the District after your active term expires.

I also had the pleasure of presenting 'The District Grand Master's Certificate of Service to Freemasonry' to W.Bro. Peter Hayes of the Zealandia Lodge. W.Bro. Hayes has been a stalwart of this Lodge and the Zealandia Chapter being the Director of Ceremonies for both over many years.

For those of you who are not aware of the significance of this Certificate; the Grand Master gave his permission in 1980 for District (and Provincial) Grand Masters to present a Certificate to Brethren who have given exceptional service to their Lodge and Freemasonry in general. This Certificate is not offered indiscriminately, and I can tell you that since 1980 only 17 have been presented to Brethren in our District during this period of 33 years, with W.Bro. Hayes being the second from Zealandia Lodge; the other being W.Bro. Henry Driver. The names of all the recipients are listed on an Honours' Board at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre.

Two other Brethren have been recipients of the Certificate during 2013 being W.Bro. Ian Joll of the United Manawatu Lodge and W.Bro. Frank Monks of the Eden Lodge. W.Bro. Joll was presented with his by W.Bro. Everest, on my behalf, at the installation of United Manawatu Lodge last month and, as W.Bro. Monks is unable to be here today, it is my intention to present his at the November meeting of the Eden Lodge.

Membership has been a continuing theme over the past few years, and this year I am very pleased to see that many of our Lodges are having a resurgence with a number of new members being initiated, many of them young men. One Lodge in particular has been working ceremonies on two candidates at a time. While the District Grand Secretary cannot give me final numbers for 2013 until the Lodge annual returns

are completed, the signs are there that for the first time in many years we may see an increase in numbers for the year or, if not an increase, a much smaller loss of members than has been the case for many years.

W.Bro. McKillop has spent a considerable amount of time putting together a Mentoring programme and an Education programme that will be rolled out to all Lodges in the new year to assist you with the retention of members. These programmes are already being trialled in Wellington, Aorangi and United Manawatu Lodges, and I urge all those Lodges that have not yet appointed a Lodge Mentor to seriously consider doing so.

Finally, I would like to offer my special thanks to the members of the Northern Lodges for organising this weekend of functions to make our visit to Kerikeri both enjoyable and worry free, with particular thanks to W.Bro. Maday who, I know, has put in considerable time and effort to ensure the smooth running of this event.

As this will be the last time we will all be together for 2013 I would wish all of you and your families, from both myself and Desré the best of good wishes for the forthcoming Christmas season and trust you will all have a very happy and trouble free New Year.

Brian J. Westhead  
District Grand Master

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

As there was no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 4.00 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 District Grand Master to retire in due form.

**DISTRICT BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES for 2013/2014****President:**

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

**Elected and appointed members:**

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.N. Clay ..... Past District Grand Registrar ..... 2138  
 W.Bro. I. Dingwall ..... Past District Junior Grand Warden ..... 1521  
 W.Bro. S. Elliott ..... Past Master ..... 2300  
 W.Bro. R.A.deL. Everest ..... Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies ..... 2221  
 W.Bro. G. Forber ..... Past District Grand Standard Bearer ..... 1801  
 W.Bro. R.H. Fricker ..... Past District Senior Grand Warden ..... 1338  
 W.Bro. B.J. Holland *LGR* ..... Master ..... 1801  
 W.Bro. M.J. Jensen ..... Past District Grand Registrar ..... 2300  
 W.Bro. R.H. Johnstone ..... Past District Senior Grand Deacon ..... 1188  
 W.Bro. D.M. Lawrence ..... Past District Grand Chaplain ..... 1646  
 W.Bro. M.A. Lea ..... District Grand Superintendent of Works ..... 2073  
 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 Pursuivant ..... 1710

**Ex officio members:**

R.Wor. Bro. B.J. Westhead ..... District Grand Master ..... 2180  
 V.W.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. B.M.R. Smith ..... District Grand Treasurer ..... 705  
 W.Bro. D.N. Turner ..... District Grand Registrar ..... 1647  
 W.Bro. A.J.M. Macdonald *PDJGW* ..... Chairman of Trustees, District Charitable Trust ..... 1710  
 V.W.Bro. B. McMurtrie *PGSwdB* ..... District Grand Secretary ..... 1530

**NORTH ISLAND ENGLISH MASONIC DISTRICT CHARITABLE TRUST TO MAY 2014****Chairman of Trustees:**

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

**Elected and Appointed Trustees:**

W.Bro. G.W. Abbott ..... Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies ..... 1530  
 W.Bro. R.R. Agnew *PDGChap* ..... District Grand Almoner ..... 1655  
 W.Bro. M.A. Chopping ..... Past District Senior Grand Warden ..... 1878  
 W.Bro. A.S. Cross ..... Past District Grand Standard Bearer ..... 1521  
 W.Bro. M.P. Faber ..... Past District Grand Pursuivant ..... 1188  
 W.Bro. W.D. Maday ..... Past District Junior Grand Warden ..... 2072  
 W.Bro. T.R. Stansfield ..... District Grand Pursuivant ..... 1710  
 W.Bro. J.B. Walworth ..... District Grand Chaplain ..... 1930

**Ex-Officio Trustees:**

R.Wor. Bro. B.J. Westhead **Chairman** ..... District Grand Master ..... 2180  
 V.W.Bro. D. Roberts *PGSwdB* **Deputy Chairman** ..... 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. F.A. Khan ..... President, District Board of General Purposes ..... 1710  
 V.W.Bro. B. McMurtrie *PGSwdB* *DGSec* ..... Secretary ..... 1530  
 W.Bro. B.M.R. Smith *DGTreas* ..... Treasurer ..... 705