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BACK IN BUSINESS

We have to be very grateful for being in one of the few places in the world where we have yet again got COVID-19 under control. The scenes that are shown on television of the situation on the Indian sub-continent are very distressing and the extent of that is manifest in all sorts of ways. The shortage of Oxygen has brought one of India's industries to a standstill; that of ship demolition, a significant user of the gas which is now being diverted to medical use to fight the respiratory illness so often associated with the disease.

We were able to resume labour on Wednesday 21 April 2021 and to start the year with the initiation of Mr Michael McCulloch. He had shown interest in the Craft two years ago having noticed the lapel pin worn by Br Sam Williamson. There were one or two changes to the team because of illness and in the event the following were responsible for the various parts of the ceremony:

At the outset we stood as a mark of respect to the late Br His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh who passed away 9 April 2021 at the age of 99 years. He had been a member of the Naval Lodge

Obligation	W Br KJR Rapanut
Great Lights	W Br KJR Rapanut*
Lesser Lights	W Br KJR Rapanut*
Secrets	W Br GN Paver
Investiture	Br LH Craze
Observations	Br D Queenan
Charity	W Br RR Everson
Working tools	Br DRW Pavis-Hall
Charter	W Br DL Crump
Charge	Br S Williamson

* For Brethren who were unable to attend

W Br Satish Chandra stepped in as Director of Ceremonies, W Br Nicholas Griffin was Junior Warden in addition to his normal duties as Treasurer. Br S Williamson as Junior Deacon gave a good account of himself during the floor work and topped that off with a superb delivery of the final charge. Br Dale Pavis-Hall likewise gave a first class presentation of the working tools.

THE CABLE TOW

Over the holiday period, the Secretary exchanged emails with W Br Brian Barton PGStB of the Loyal Manor Lodge No.6445 which meets in Portland in Dorset. W Br Barton served in the Royal Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. His Lodge had a fraternal relationship with Lodge Te Rima No 394 NZC, but that Lodge returned its charter some years ago. Loyal Manor Lodge has two gifts from Te Rima, one of which is a gavel in New Zealand timbers. Loyal Manor Lodge has a charity project underway that features a Nautical Cable Tow and in due course one of these arrived in the mail for Wellington Lodge. It is a fine example of the seaman's art in ropework, featuring Running Turk's Heads and Wall Knots both of which work with the three strands of what is known as Hawser Laid Rope. The rope is white denoting purity and innocence, the Turk's Head a three-parted knot representing the three rulers in the Lodge, the five consecutive Wall Knots for the five who hold a Lodge, and the overall length of the Cable Tow is seven feet, representing the seven who make it perfect. The end of the Cable Tow is a globe from which come the strands of the rope – Masonry Universal. It is a fine gift which Br Secretary was privileged to present to the Lodge on behalf of W Br Barton and the Brethren of Loyal Manor Lodge. The certificate which accompanied the Cable Tow has been appended to the Minutes of our April

meeting and will be permanently in the Minute Book. As an aside, W Br Barton found an article about W Br Commodore Karl Moen CBE who was a member of Wellington Lodge until he moved to Rolleston where he is a member of Conyers Lodge in addition to being District Grand Secretary for the District Grand Lodge South Island. Being based in Portland, Loyal Manor Lodge has a number of Brethren who served in the Royal Navy and after being told about our Naval Craftsman Group in New Zealand, five of their Brethren joined our group!

LOYAL MANOR LODGE No. 6445

The Lodge was consecrated in 1947 when there was a need for an additional Lodge to be formed as numbers in the other Lodges were becoming unmanageable. It meets 10 times each year on the fourth Friday of every month, except July and August which is the summer break. The membership is healthy with a good mix of experienced and recent members who work well together in executing the business of the Lodge and generally enjoying each other's company. The age range of members is wide, with the older members encouraging and supporting the younger ones. The members are from diverse backgrounds, many of the original ones being Naval due to the location of the Lodge. Newer members are now almost all civilian. The Lodges takes great pride in the quality of its ceremonial work and encourages members to participate if they so wish. During the course of each year, the Worshipful Master promotes the raising and distribution of charitable funds to his, and the Lodges' chosen charities. This is done either through members' donations, at our meetings, or through social events such as barbeques, skittles nights, days out, or the annual Ladies Festival. Keener members often undertake personal challenges which are generally sponsored by other members and their families in order to boost our fundraising efforts. After their meetings they dine in their splendid dining hall which is one of the largest in the area. The Masonic Centre has been updated recently with much being invested in the fabric of the building which is now offered for private functions such as weddings and parties having excellent catering and disabled facilities along with ample parking.

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Refectory as is the custom each year, included the reading from *GALLIPOLI* by John Masefield. Again, read by Br Sam Williamson and reminding us of the sacrifices made by a great many New Zealanders including members of the Lodge, three of whom gave their lives. The April edition of 1521 Newsview contained biographical notes of those three Brethren.

It was also a chance to welcome our new member Br Michael McCulloch and Sam Williamson, his proposer had this to say:

I first met Bro Michael a little over two years ago at an event for another organisation we both belong to. We were seated quite coincidentally at the same table and we got talking after he noticed my masonic lapel pin. He seemed very genuinely interested in the Craft and came up with many insightful questions to which I made up all sorts of answers. We continued to meet up over the succeeding few months, either deliberately or accidentally as it became apparent that we moved in some of the same circles. Through these meetings we developed a firm friendship, and I began to realise that Brother Michael would make a fantastic mason. Indeed, he took very little convincing, he was instantly curious about the whole institution – a curiosity which I hope that we have simultaneously satiated and whetted tonight. His background also makes him further suited to the Craft. Brother Michel was born in Hampstead in the UK so the idea of joining an English Lodge immediately appealed to him. He grew up in Windsor, right next to the castle, so he could be described as royal adjacent, this too prepared him well for becoming a mason as he has an excellent knowledge and appreciation of British history and pageantry. In 2009 Brother Michael came to New Zealand to look around, before moving here permanently in 2012. In discussing his initiation into Masonry Brother Michael has said to me that in some ways he laments coming to the craft later in life than he might have wished. However, upon reflection on this statement I have this to say: Many of us come to masonry with a desire to learn and incrementally improve ourselves. To fashion ourselves morally and intellectually into

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something better than we were when we entered. To strive, and fall, and strive and fall, and strive and fall in the quest to live our lives by the masonic ideals. This is encapsulated in the symbolism of the rough and smooth ashlar. And no doubt Brother Michael is possessed of this desire also. However, from my associations with him so far, I can confidently say that Brother Michael is much further along that road than most of us were when we join the Craft. Indeed, as you will learn, Brother Michael already practices many of the Masonic virtues in his everyday interactions – he is a person with a deep sense of honour and stoic fortitude. He is prudent with his time and counsel and has been charitable enough to share both with me often. I have also personally seen him practice temperance on several occasions, often in spite of my best efforts to lead him astray! Suffice is to say that Bro. Michael has been a Mason in practice for many years before his initiation tonight and I am very proud to raise a toast to him now as he takes his first step in his rightful place as a Mason. Brethren, please rise and drink a toast to Brother Michael McCulloch.



W Br Kriz John Roosevelt Rapanut

Photo: Br Cameron Macfarlane

This month will be the last in the Chair (other than to install his successor) by W Br Kriz John Roosevelt Rapanut after having led the Lodge for two years that were a bit topsy-turvy as a consequence of COVID-19. It is however timely to reflect on what was achieved during that period and what the Brethren of the Lodge accomplished.

19 June 2019 Installation of W Br K J R Rapanut attended by RW Br B J Westhead, RW Br G R Liddell (GLI), Br W Matheson (GLS) and RW Br J L: Watt (GLNZ)
17 July 2019 Domestic Meeting – Presentation on Pathway and Solomon by W Br A B Mansfield.



Brs Sam Williamson and Michael McCulloch

Photo: Br Cameron Macfarlane

We were delighted to have W Br Tim Warren from Remuera Lodge and W Br Hans Renner, of Research Lodge of Wellington join us for the evening.

[21 August 2019](#) Second Degree Br Lloyd Perez. 65th anniversary of W Br D L Crump joining the Lodge
[18 September 2019](#) First Degree Br Kyle Sia
[16 October 2019](#) Third Degree Br D R W Pavis-Hall
[20 November 2019](#) Third Degree Br Sharlon Bolivar
[18 December 2019](#) Christmas Meeting
[18 March 2020](#) Cancelled
[15 April 2020](#) Cancelled
[19 May 2020](#) Cancelled
[16 June 2020](#) Catch-up meeting, Brethren recounted their COVID-19 experiences.
[15 July 2020](#) Installation of W Br K J R Rapanut attended by RW Br B J Westhead, RW Br G R Liddell (GLI), Br R M Russell (GLS), RW Br R D Pratt (GLNZ) VW Br M J Turner (GLNZ)
[19 August 2020](#) Cancelled
[16 September 2020](#) Cancelled
[25 September 2020](#) Emergency Meeting. Initiation of Brs A A Doyle and G J Main
[29 September 2020](#) Emergency meeting. Initiation of Brs B R Dobbie and D Wass. Very stormy weather prevented some Brethren attending.
[21 October 2020](#) Third Degree Br Lloyd Perez
[18 November 2020](#) Second Degree Br Kyle Sia. 90th Birthday W Br D L Crump.
[16 December 2020](#) Christmas Meeting attended by RW Br W E Weir and By W Br Tim and Mrs Amanda Warren
[21 April 2021](#) First Degree Br Michael McCulloch. Introduction of new investment strategy
[19 May 2021](#) [19 May 2021](#) First Degree Brs Michael Bradley and Charles Coppinger. Resolutions regarding investments and by-laws/Rules.

W Br Rapanut leaves the Chair with workings scheduled to September 2023 and you might smile inwardly (so that people don't think we are being smug) and conclude that the Lodge is in good shape and that we have had two very good years with John at the wheel! And it does not show any signs of easing up with two prospective joining members in the wings.

So, to John, Jenny & Markus – THANK-YOU!

DAIRY

[Monday 10 May 2021 at 5.30pm](#) WL Rehearsal WBH, Double First Degree
[Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 6.00pm](#) JMC, Aorangi Lodge Regular Meeting, Presentation 1st Degree Tracing Board
[Monday 17 May 2021 at 5.30pm](#) WL Rehearsal WBH, Double First Degree
[Monday 17 May 2021 at 6.30pm](#) JMC, Aorangi RAC Convocation
[Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 5.15pm](#) WL Committee Meeting, WBH
[Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 6.30pm](#) WL Regular Meeting, Double First Degree Messrs Bradley & Coppinger. Election of Master, Treasurer and Tyler.
[Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 6.00pm](#) JMC, Emergency Meeting Aorangi Lodge of RAM
[Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 7.30pm](#) JMC, Emergency Meeting Aorangi Lodge of MMM
[Friday 4 June 2021 at 6.00pm](#) PLR, Installation meeting of Lower Hutt Lodge (RW Br Peter Benstead), Presentation of 3rd Degree WTs by W Br K J R Rapanut
[Monday 7 June 2021](#) **Queen's Birthday Holiday**
[Wednesday 9 June 2021 at 6.00pm](#) JMC, Aorangi Lodge Regular Meeting. 3rd Degree Br Erik Phillips
THURSDAY 10 June 2021 at 5.30pm, WBH WL Rehearsal for Installation Meeting
MONDAY 14 June 2021 at 5.30pm, WBH WL Rehearsal for Installation Meeting
[Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 5.15pm](#) WBH WI Committee Meeting
[Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 6.00pm](#) WBH WL Installation Meeting.
[Saturday 7 August 2021](#) District Grand Lodge Mark Master Masons Convocation at Palmerston North
[Saturday 6 November 2021](#) District Grand Lodge North Island New Zealand Communication at Whanganui

REFECTORY

You must book for refectory by emailing the Secretary rmck@xtra.co.nz by Thursday 13 May 2021. You can (and it is preferred) deposit \$35.00 directly into the Lodge Bank Account at BNZ A/C No. **02 0500 0025108 00** with your surname as the reference. Otherwise, cash on the night remembering that cheques are no longer available after 31 May 2021