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REFECTORY 16 JUNE 2021

Please make sure you book for refectory by emailing the Secretary a rmmck@xtra.co.nz by 10 June 2021.

ANOTHER BUSY YEAR

Despite the COVID-19 related problems we have had another busy year and our May meeting was no exception with the election of the Master, Treasurer and Tyler for the 2021 – 2022 year, the ballot for two initiates, and the resolutions relating to the By-Laws, Rules and Investments.

As is the custom on Wellington Lodge, elections seem to be largely unopposed as indeed it was again this year. W Br Peter Dieckermann whom we have had as Chaplain for some years agreed to take the Chair and was duly elected to be Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

In what has customarily been a fiercely contested election for Treasurer, W Br A S Cross won by a small margin over his nearest rival and W Br G N Paver was elected Tyler.

So with the other officers who have moved up the ladder, W Br Dieckermann has a great team to support him over the coming year which will be just as full on as the last with workings at the majority of our meetings.

VISITING BRETHREN

It was a great pleasure to have W Br Graham Mulligan visiting from Queensland. We had not seen him for some time, but family matters gave him the opportunity to include the May meeting when he was able to catch up on members who knew him when he lived and worked in Wellington as CEO of the Port of Wellington. We also had W Br Tim Warren with

us and we have all come to enjoy his company when his business brings him south from Auckland

RESOLUTIONS

We had a number of resolutions to consider with regard to our investments, By-Laws and Rules, details of which had been circulated to brethren well in advance of the May meeting. They were all agreed without any great discussion.

INITIATES

The working for May was to initiate Mr Michael Bradley and Mr Charles Coppinger in another double initiation ceremony. This was the first time the Deacons had conducted a double ceremony and Br Williamson handled it with considerable polish. First Degrees are usually a quiet night for the Senior Deacon, but Br Macfarlane found that was not the case with a double, particularly when the officers were not the same as those at the rehearsals. Flexibility is the keyword! Those participating in the ceremony were:

Obligation	W Br K J R Rapanut
Lesser Lights	Br S Bolivar
Signs	W Br G N Paver
Examinations	W Br S Chandra
	W Br N R Griffin
Investiture	W Br S Chandra
Observations	Br D Queenan
Working Tools	Br D R W Pavis-Hall
Charter	W Br D L Crump
Charge	Br S Williamson

Both candidates were presented with their education folder, Peterborough booklet, lapel badge, By-Laws and Lodge histories. After a smoothly run ceremony, we were able to retire to refectory at 8.40pm.

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THE CANDIDATES

After the standard toasts, W Br McKillop proposed the toasts to both candidates.



Photo: Br Cameron Macfarlane

Br Michael Bradley

Br Michael Bradley contacted us through the website expressing interest in Freemasonry and in joining the Lodge. He is a graduate of Victoria University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Policy and International Relations. After working for the Department of Internal Affairs, he joined the New Zealand Transport Authority as a cybersecurity analyst. He is interested in geography, philosophy and theology and enjoys reading about and studying symbols. He enjoys searching for the deeper and hidden meanings in stories, paintings and stained glass. Little wonder that Freemasonry was of interest given he would have encountered it in his reading. He understood his Great Grandfather to have been a member of the Craft.



Photo: Br Cameron Macfarlane

Br Charles Coppinger

Br Charles Coppinger had a foot in the door so-to-speak, as the step-brother of Br Brooke Butler. He was educated at a Masonic school in England before coming to New Zealand where he now works from his office in central Wellington as a product owner which is described as a mix of product management and web development. His company is US based Channelfireball Group which is involved in various aspects of the digital world.

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



Photo: Br Cameron Macfarlane

It being the last night for W Br K John R Rapanut presiding over refectory, we carried on the tradition of toasting him and thanking him for leading our Lodge so successfully over the past two years despite the difficulties that came from the pandemic. It was a chance to reflect on his two years in office as Master. John came to us from Conyers Lodge in Christchurch. Their loss our gain. In 2016 he slotted in as Senior Deacon, progressing to Junior Warden and Senior Warden before taking the Chair in June 2019 in a ceremony attended by RW Br Brian Westhead, RW Br Garth Liddell, Br Bill Matheson and RW Br Jim Watt. In July we had Tony Mansfield speak to us about Solomon and Pathway then it was full on in August with a ballot for Kyle Sia and a Second Degree for Lloyd Perez. At that same meeting we celebrated 65 years of W Br Crump. September saw the initiation of Kyle Sia and the first occasion on which Br Williamson started to gently ease Brother Hume out of the Charge after Initiation.

October 2019 brought the Third Degree for Dale Pavis-Hall followed by a repeat performance in November for Sharon Bolivar. Christmas wives, partners friends with Nicholas Griffin directing operations and the Barbers Shop quintet. Then four months of cancelled meetings because of you know what. We seriously thought we had avoided the installation meeting in 2020, but no; UGLE had other ideas and for the second time in living memory we had the installation meeting in July. It was only necessary to proclaim John as Master and W Br McKillop had the privilege of doing so and in the company of W Br Brian Westhead, RW Br Garth Liddell (who said he would come any time we asked!) Br Bob Russell, RW Br Russell Pratt and VW Br Michael Turner. The return to work was short lived given the cancellation of the August and September regular meetings, but with candidates coming out of our ears we played catch up with two emergency meetings in September, giving the officers just the weekend off in between initiating Aidan Doyle, Greg Main, Benjamin Dobbie and Daniel Wass. In October we were able to raise Lloyd Perez and in November Pass Kyle Sia before celebrating W Br Crumps 90th. And then another Christmas meeting at which we again had RW Br Warren Weir join us never mind our very active country member W Br Tim Warren. On to 2021, we have initiated Michael McCulloch and tonight we have initiated Michael Bradley and Charles Coppinger. Now how is that for a track record – eight initiations, two seconds and three thirds. I am sure Br Williamson could write a verse about that ending with a partridge in a pear tree!

In the middle of all that John and Jenny celebrated the arrival of Markus and are now trying desperately to move into their new home in the Northern Suburbs. Next month, no doubt with a sigh of relief, John will hand the reins to Peter Dieckermann, and we will reflect upon the large number of workings which we have to take us forward into 2023. There are Lodges that would dearly love to be in the position in which we find ourselves and John has made a significant contribution not only as Master but as an accomplished ritualist which has meant the standards of our ceremonial have been well and truly maintained. So, the Lodge says thank-you to John, Jenny and Markus for a job well done.

OUR NEW MASTER W Br PETER WILLIAM DIECKERMANN

W Bro Dieckermann was born in Germany in 1948 but the following year was brought to England, given the chaotic conditions in Germany. The ruins created by Blanket Bombing were indelibly printed on his memory. After his education in England, he became an indentured Precision Engineering apprentice to Bird and Tole which was engaged in Defence contracts with an emphasis on research and development. Exciting stuff for a teenager. Concurrently he attended High Wycombe College of Technology, studying for his City and Guilds in Mechanical Engineering. A wish to travel resulted in a move to South Africa for eighteen months including visits to Swaziland the area around which H Rider Haggard based his novels; particularly "She". Whilst living in Transvaal, he received a publication "This is New Zealand" a colourful magazine with views of Mt Aspiring and of a climber Hans Leitner leaning on his ice axe and looking up at the peaks. Peter was hooked and the following Monday visited the New Zealand Consulate in Johannesburg seeking permission to come to New Zealand which he eventually reached via Singapore, thence Fremantle in a Russian ship that was noted for cheap caviar and beer! Financially challenged and during a slump, he did make enough money to travel to New Zealand, working for some years in Lower Hutt as a toolmaker and tool designer, then a period in Tilburg in Holland followed by work in Melbourne for four years as a Product designer in the automotive industry. He came back to New Zealand in 1980 and took up work in the automotive industry, redesigning radiator assembly to suit local manufacturing conditions and existing componentry. It became clear that all was not well within the industry which met its final demise under Rogernomics.! His next move was to Toyota New Zealand where he was employed as a Product Engineer involved in the redesign of all aspects of the seating in their vehicles, but with particular emphasis on the seating frame hardware. These designs were ultimately taken up by Toyota in Japan – we can make a difference locally. Six months later he was promoted Engineering Supervisor and became involved in the introduction of quality control methods, product performance standards and product reporting procedures, that had been successful in his previous employment with MTM in Australia. Five years later he was appointed an Assembly Operation Supervisor with control of design and manufacture of all assembly tooling and special projects. He liaised with engineers at Toyota Japan which he visited for training courses and education on quality philosophies as well as methods and localised improvement programmes. Gathering

data on projected costs, the efficiency of supply companies to maintain lead times, efficiency drops, and standardisation of tooling were all critical to the timely release of models to the market. After 15 years he turned the hobby of book collecting into a business which he describes as good for the brain but certainly not lucrative. Now retired, he collects books, with a particular interest in early Masonic publications, including rituals and Lodge histories, Metaphysics and Victorian novels especially detective and fantasy! His most recent interest is in the Gothic cathedrals of England and Europe; particularly their building methods and symbiology. Peter was initiated in Lodge Zetland No.312NZC 25 October 1995, passed 28 February 1996, and raised 25 September 1996. He was installed as Master of Greytown St Marks Lodge No.53NZC in 2005, 2011 and 2012.

DIARY

[Friday 4 June 2021 at 6.00pm Lower Hutt](#)

Lodge Installation of RW Br Peter D

Benstead as Master

[Monday 7 June 2021, Queen's Birthday](#)

[Wednesday 9 June 2021 at 6.00pm Aorangi](#)

Lodge Meeting Third Degree JMC

[Thursday 10 June 2021 at 5.30pm WL](#)

Installation Rehearsal WBH

[Monday 14 June 2021 at 5.30pm WL](#)

Installation Rehearsal WBH

[Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 5.15pm WL](#)

Committee Meeting WBH

[Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 6.00pm WL](#)

Installation Meeting WBH

[Tuesday 6 July 2021 at 6.30pm Aorangi RAC](#)

Exultation **Br Sharlon Bolivar**

[Monday 12 July 2021 at 5.30pm WL](#) Rehearsal, WBH

[Wednesday 14 July 2021 at 6.00pm Aorangi](#)

Lodge Meeting, Lecture "Divine Geometry", JMC

[Monday 19 July 2021 at 5.30pm WL](#) Rehearsal, WBH

[Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 5.15pm WL](#)

Committee Meeting WBH

[Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 6.30pm, WL](#)

Meeting, First Degree Tracing Board by W Br M H Alford and Domestic Matters.

[Saturday 7 August 2021, DGL Mark Master](#)
Masons and Allied Masonic Degrees Communication at Palmerston North

[Monday 9 August 2021 at 5.30pm WL](#) Rehearsal, WBH

[Wednesday 11 August 2021 at 6.00pm](#)

Aorangi Lodge meeting JMC

[Monday 16 August 2021 at 5.30pm WL](#)
Rehearsal WBH

[Wednesday 18 August 2021 at 5.15pm WL](#)
Committee Meeting, WBH

[Wednesday 18 August 2021 at 6.30pm WL](#)
Meeting, WBH

IN THE FUTURE

5-6 November 2021, the District Grand Lodge Communication is being held in Wanganui. Put the dates in your diary; further detail will be forthcoming nearer to the date.

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**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK
BY 10 JUNE 2021**