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INSTALLATION WITH A DIFFERENCE

COVID-19 has impacted upon our Masonic year in so many ways and while we thought there might not be an installation meeting since we were not meeting in June, such was not the case. When the Government announced the return to Level One effective Monday 8 June 2020, the RW District Grand Master instructed Lodges to resume their meetings immediately. As a consequence, we were able to conduct the election of Master, Treasurer and Tyler at the 17 June 2020 meeting. It had become clear at that stage that the current officers would continue for a further year, with one exception, the appointment of Br Dale Pavis-Hall as Junior Steward. This meant that the Installation meeting would take place a month later than usual – in July. All the normal administration had to be set in train. Although we were uncertain if we would attract representatives from all of the Sister Constitutions, they all responded positively so our District Grand Master, RW Br Brian Westhead was joined by RW Br Russell Pratt, Divisional Grand Master, Central Division Grand Lodge of New Zealand; Br Bob Russell, Past RW District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge North Island New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Scotland and RW Br Garth Liddell, Provincial Deputy Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland. The other significant change was the different ceremony. As the Worshipful Master was continuing in office it was only necessary to proclaim him which was undertaken by W Br Bob McKillop as Installing Master. He was joined by W Br Tony Cross as Installing Senior Warden, W Br Satish Chandra as Installing

Junior Warden and W Br Steve Haultain as Installing Inner Guard. After the opening and business segment of the agenda, the Lodge received the Distinguished Visitors. The Installing Officers took their places and the Lodge was then adjourned while photographs of the Distinguished Visitors and all those attending were taken. The tiered seating in the lodge room makes the latter a very easy task for our photographer Br Cameron Macfarlane. The Lodge was resumed, the Proclamation ceremony conducted, the officers appointed and invested, the addresses given to the Master, Wardens and Brethren. To add colour and interest RW Br Liddell gave the Irish Address to the Wardens and Br Russell the Scottish Address to the Brethren. In addition to the Masters of United Manawatu Lodge, W Br Ramon Jarrett and Tongariro Lodge, W Br Mark Neilson, W Br Alip, the Master of Coronation Lodge No 127Nzc accompanied by three of their brethren were among the visitors. At the First Rising two new candidates for initiation were proposed and seconded. And then it was all over. We retired to the Grand Dining Room for a very pleasant refectory that began with the very formal toasts before beginning the buffet meal. RW Br Westhead responded to toast to himself and reminded us of the difficult and stressful time we had experienced over recent months. He had been impressed by the way in which brethren throughout the District coped with lockdown in general and the suspension of Masonic meetings in particular. The use of various media to maintain contact was a feature of the period. But the preparations put in hand at District level demonstrated many of



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L-R **Br R M (Bob) Russell**, Past RW District Grand Master, Honorary Grand Senior Warden, District Grand Lodge North Island New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Scotland, **RW Br Brian J Westhead**, District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge North Island New Zealand, United Grand Lodge of England, **VW Br Graham J McKandry**, Deputy District Grand Master, District Grand Lodge North Island New Zealand, United Grand Lodge of England, W Br K John R Rapanut, Master, **RW Br Garth R Liddell**, Provincial Deputy Grand Master, Honorary Past Grand Steward, Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Grand Lodge of Ireland, **RW Br Russell D Pratt**, Divisional Grand Master, Central Division, Grand Lodge of New Zealand, **VW Br Michael Turner**, District Grand Master, Kapiti Wellington District, Central Division, Grand Lodge of New Zealand. **Photo: Br Cameron Macfarlane**



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L-R. **Front:** Br R M Russell, RW Br G R Liddell, RW Br B J Westhead, W Br KJR Rapanut, RW Br RD Pratt, VW Br G J McKandry, VW Br M J Turner. **Second:** W Br D J Trott, W Br J A Hume, RW Br P Willis, W Br A S Cross, W Br G N Paver, W Br J D Bonifant, W Br S Elliott, W Br C N Hardy, W Br R F Prothero. **Third:** Br S Williamson, W Br R R Everson, W Br C C French, Br G Henderson, Br K Revell, W Br W M Neilson, W Br D L Crump, W Br S Chandra. **Fourth:** W Br W Taylor, Br L H Craze, W Br W Hudson, Br, Br B R J Butler, Br D R W Pavis-Hall, W Br N R Griffin. **Fifth:** W Br S A Haultain, W Br J Alip, W Br R O Jarrett, W Br O R Jarrett, Br S Bolivar, Br K Sia **Photo: Br Cameron Macfarlane**

the characteristics to which we aspire as Freemasons. He went on to propose the toast to Sister Constitutions, with brief responses being given by the three representatives, all of whom endorsed the need for all four Constitutions to work together for the good of the Craft. Br Bob Russell made particular mention of the Freemasons' Foundation through which the four Constitutions are able to assist many organisations financially. The toast to Aorangi Lodge was in the hands of the Worshipful Master; W Br Steven Elliott gave the reply. The customary toast to the Worshipful Master was given by W Br Steve Haultain. He reminded us of the full calendar of workings that had meant such a busy year for W Br Rapanut and his team, with the prospect of a continuing calendar of workings in the coming eleven months. W Br Everson proposed the toast to the Officers to which Br Macfarlane responded and Br Leon Craze proposed the toast to the Visitors. The reply to this toast was given by VW Br Michael Turner, District Grand Master, Wellington Kapiti District Grand Lodge of New Zealand who had accompanied RW Br Pratt. The final toast was in the hands of the Tyler, Br Jonathan Shepherd and many lingered after dinner to catch up and set the world to rights! An interesting, different and happy occasion.

CHARGING Pt.4

THE BIG NIGHT

And now it is upon you – the actual meeting itself. With it may come the last danger you have to face – **panic!**

You are going to be giving that charge in front of the whole lodge and you suspect they will be judging you. How will you cope?

Here's How

From the moment you enter the lodge and sit down – relax – breathe evenly and slowly – and from time to time say to yourself:-

“I have done my preparation”

“I know the words”

“I've worked on my presentation”

“There is only one person I have to consider”

“The Candidate”

When the time comes, rise and move into position. Then, as if you were the only two there, give him your best.

No-one can expect more from you.
You've done your job !

AFTER THE BALL IS OVER

The meeting is over and you have done the charge in one of two ways – Well or Not-So-Well.

If WELL: You have succeeded but it is now important

you do not lose what you have gained

You did it well, so it is highly likely you will be asked to do it again when the degree is next worked. You have to ensure the charge is there when you need it next time, so you don't have to learn it again or charge into it not sure if you still remember it. Therefore, once a week, in private, get up on your hind legs and do it as you did it on the night.

If, during the ensuing period, you are asked to prepare a different charge, do not neglect the weekly run-through of the previous one.

If NOT-SO-WELL: Do the same, but with a slight difference. You will remember the points at which you had difficulties on the night, so give particular attention to them, repeating them correctly several times.

Then, when that degree is next scheduled, ask to be given another shot at it. There is nothing like persistence.

CANDIDATES

We have a number of candidates who have either completed their application forms or are about to do so. We have First Degrees in August (Single) when W Br Everson will take the chair and September (Double) when W Br Rapanut will be back After that we will have a Third Degree in October and a Second Degree in November. Rounding out the calendar year is our Christmas Meeting. Our first meeting in 2021 is likely to be a First (Double). In addition to these workings, we are likely to have two or

perhaps three joining members. The coming year promises to be as busy as ever.

IMPORTANT DATE

It is expected that the District Grand Lodge Communication at which the District Grand Master Designate, W Br W E Weir, will be installed as District Grand Master and as Grand Superintendent will be held at Wairakei over the weekend 20-22 November 2020. Please note the date in your diaries and if you are available plan for a great weekend with impressive ceremonies and the opportunity to meet brethren from other Lodges and Chapters.

DIARY

WBH=Wellesley Boutique Hotel, JMC= Johnsonville Masonic Centre, EMC=Ellerslie Masonic Centre

Tuesday 4 August 2020 6.00pm Aorangi Royal Ark Mariner, JMC

Tuesday 4 August 2020 7.30pm Aorangi Lodge on Mark Master Masons, JMC

Saturday 8 August 2020 3.30pm Mt Egmont Lodge Installation Meeting, Lawry St, New Plymouth

Monday 10 August 2020 5.30pm Wellington Lodge Rehearsal WBH

Wednesday 12 August 2020 6.00pm Aorangi Lodge, Lecture by W Br John Mitchell, JMC

Saturday 15 August 2020 3.30pm Port Chalmers Marine Lodge Installation Meeting, Omaranui Lodge Room, Taradale, Napier

Monday 17 August 2020 5.30pm Wellington Lodge Rehearsal, WBH

Wednesday 19 August 2020 5.15pm Wellington Lodge Rehearsal, WBH

Wednesday 19 August 2020 6.30pm Wellington Lodge First Degree Mr A A Doyle, WBH

Tuesday 1 September 2020 6.30pm Aorangi Royal Arch Chapter Convocation JMC

Friday 4 September 2020 TBA District Board of General Purposes, EMC

Wednesday 9 September 2020 6.00pm Aorangi Lodge Meeting JMC

Thursday 10 September 2020 5.30pm Wellington Lodge Rehearsal WBH

Monday 14 September 2020 5.30pm

Wellington Lodge Rehearsal, WBH

Wednesday 16 September 2020 5.15pm

Wellington Lodge Committee Meeting, WBH

Wednesday 16 September 2020 6.30pm

Wellington Lodge Meeting, Double First-Degree Mr Daniel Wass and Mr Benjamin Dobbie, WBH.

Thursday 24 September 2020 10.00am

North Island English Masonic District Charitable Trustees Meeting.

Tuesday 6 October 2020 6.00pm Aorangi Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, JMC

Tuesday 6 October 2020 7.30pm Aorangi Lodge of Mark Master Masons, JMC

Wednesday 7 October 2020 7.30pm United Manawatu Lodge Installation Meeting, Church Street, Palmerston North

Monday 12 October 2020 5.30pm Wellington Lodge Rehearsal, WBH

Wednesday 14 October 2020 6.00pm Aorangi Lodge Meeting, JMC

Monday 19 October 2020 5.30pm Wellington Lodge Rehearsal, WBH

Wednesday 21 October 2020 5.15pm Wellington Lodge Committee Meeting, WBH

Wednesday 21 October 2020 6.30pm Wellington Lodge Meeting, WBH