
BELMONT ALBION



July 2014

FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

It was lovely to have ladies in the lodge for the presentation of Frank Arnott's 50 year jewel in June. The wonderful women who support us in our commitment to the craft certainly brought a vibrancy to the evening, and it is a pleasure as Master to have the opportunity to pay tribute to the lifetime of masonic support provided by Mrs Bev Arnott in particular on this occasion.

There is nothing more important than family. For me this includes my wonderful wife Wendy, 11 year old Ella and 9 year old Sam. This month we are spending the July school holidays in California as Ella's dance troupe (Funky Feet) is performing on stage at Disneyland, -one of those once in a lifetime opportunities. If I were to say the children were just a teensy bit excited it would be quite possibly the understatement of the year. So I shan't be with the Lodge as Briene Salosogcal is raised to the third degree, but I shall certainly be thinking about this special occasion, and convey to Briene and Romina my best wishes.

Talking of parenting, Graham and Diane Mayne's (adult) son was recently seriously injured in an incident in Australia, and I am sure all join with me in conveying our hopes for a speedy and full recovery.

In reflecting on progress, I am conscious that we must be active in attracting good men to the craft, and then focusing on the critical elements of success. Quality Ritual, harmony, and development of our members remains fundamental. Holding ourselves to a strong moral ethos, a commitment to a better society through the way we live our lives, and a generosity of spirit will I hope see our lodge prosper.



But I must put us all 'on notice'. As much as last year was a cracker for candidates, this year we are behind the eight ball. So brethren, I need nominations of good candidates, and I am asking you to seek them out! This is critical in setting the scene for a successful year in 2015.

While I am overseas RW Bro Noel Whiley will be leading several visits to Lodges around the District and elsewhere. This is a wonderful element of what Freemasonry is all about, and I ask that you support him in this. So please do check your calendars, and schedule in a visit with Noel!

That's all for now, - see you next month!

Matt Rae-Rankin

FROM THE EDITOR

The minuscule words printed on my calendar for the 21st June told me that it was the 'shortest day'. The size of the font suggested it was of little significance, yet to our ancient forefathers accurate measurement of the Winter Solstice was a matter of life and death.

Astronomical events during ancient times controlled the mating of animals, sowing of crops, metering of winter reserves between harvests and there it also evidence to suggest, the procreation of man. My thoughts went to the builders of such structures as Newgrange in Ireland, Stonehenge in England and the Ring of Brodgar on Orkney and the accuracy with which these builders in stone aligned those huge pieces used to measure the movement of the Sun and Planets. Measurements of such precision that todays scientists still marvel how such accuracy was achieved. I asked myself "were

these builders in stone not the start of a genealogical line that passed from them through the stonemasons who built the Temple(s) of Solomon, then the builders of the great religious houses across Europe and ultimately giving birth to speculative Freemasonry"? After all we are congratulated, as Entered Apprentices, on being admitted to an ancient and honourable Craft; *ancient no doubt it is having subsisted from time immemorial*'.

The first of what will be an occasional book review appears in this months Newsletter. These reviews will not always be of a recently published volume but will include older publications which are considered of interest. Indeed the edition of the book which is reviewed this month was published in 2010.

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FRANK ARNOTT – 50 YEARS A FREEMASON



- Bob Wright presented the Jewel and gave congratulations
- The District Grand Master presented the Certificate
- Matthew Rey-Rankin presented the flowers

A good time was had by all



photographs by Bob Wright and Mark Rowley

MASONIC MISCELLANY

Out and About with the Secretary

Brethren on their travels:



Stu and Carol Mill report from Aussie, "Bit of a cruise then catch up with friends in Hamilton Island and Townsville".

Another who is cruising, this time in Europe, is Richard Lumsden and wife Marcia.

Vic and Connie Fabian are still enjoying themselves somewhere in the USA .

Our Master Matt and Family are off to USA for a few weeks. While there they are going to explore California in a camper van.

Our Senior Warden, Sean Neely, is still on work assignment in Singapore. It's rumoured that he's been visiting local Lodges, telling them how B/A run things.

Lothar Caviezel is spending summer in Europe and will return in October..

Graham Mayn is still waiting to have his knee replacement and Murray wife, Kay, has just had her's done. Murray reports that all went well.

Brendan is still in pain with his back and reports that it may be a number of months before he is fully fit.

The report last month that Frank Ansell had been in hospital was erroneous and so apologies are offered.

Dave Barr

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

13/07/1993 - M.R. Ward
19/07/2012 - B. Salosagcol

FROM A WANDERING PAST MASTER

I greet you well Brethren from West Coker in Somerset.

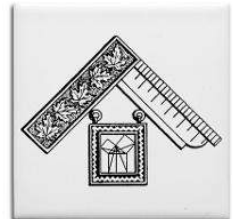
The weather has at last turned to summer here. Our travels have taken us via LA to London, across the sea to Ireland, by air of course, then to Jersey in the channel Islands, back to London before driving to the Midlands and then to Swansea in Wales. From there we went to the South coast spending a few days in each place. Marge and I then drove to Somerset, the purpose of my holiday to attend the 40th reunion of

the closing of my school, at which ex pupils came from all over the world.

Apart from meeting long forgotten friends and relatives, revived by their clever 'ancestry discoveries', I have not been able to follow up any masonic duties due to the summer recess.

Look forward to catching up on our return

Out Pipes. Humphrey



100 Years Ago

W.Bro. Secretary then read a Dispensation from the Prov. G.M. to initiate Mr. A.G. Rogerson this evening instead of at the next monthly meeting in August.

Mr. Arthur George Rogerson presented himself for Initiation and being properly prepared was announced, admitted and obligated by the W.M. W.Bro. Bunby explained the Mode of Preparation and communicated

the Secrets of the Degree. W.Bro. Barty gave the Charge in the N.E. Corner, Bro J.W. Presented and explained the Working Tools of the Degree and Bro. S.W. Gave the Final Charge.



The New Zealand Herald

Lodge Coromandel No. 17 New Zealand Constitution, Installation of Officers

On Friday the 17th June, the M.W. Grand Master, Brother Malcolm Niccol, proceeded per steamer to Coromandel, accompanied by Past Masters Dr H. Walker and F.G. Clayton, and Brothers Fowlds, Bartlett, Cousins, Massey, Neumegen, Robson and Murray, the object of their journey being to attend the annual installation of officers of the local lodge.

The Master Elect, Brother John Fawcus, is held in high estimation by all who have the pleasure of knowing him, and there are few indeed of the craft in Auckland to whom he is not known.

The party were favoured with delightful weather and the trip to and from Coromandel was most enjoyable. (ed. It appears they travelled by steamer)

They arrived at five o'clock, and having dined, made their way at once to the lodge, which was announced to be opened at six p.m., so as to permit of the business being got through by half-past eight, at which hour the ball or social to celebrate the installation was to begin.

The visiting brethren were all much struck with the neatness and comfort of the Lodge-room, and the completeness of its appointments, giving strong evidence of active interest and intelligent painstaking on the part of the officers.

The M.W. Grand Master having been received and saluted, the installation was proceeded with, Brother Thomas Scott, W.M., conducting the earlier portion of the ceremony. Brother

Niccol opened the Board of Installed Masters, and completed the work, concluding with an address to the brethren specially adapted to the occasion, and the circumstances of the lodge.

During the ceremony the brethren were regaled with quite a musical treat, Brother Dr Walker presiding at the harmonium, and Brothers Cousins, Bartlett, Massey and others rendering the vocal music in an exceptionally perfect manner.

Brother John Fawcus, W.M., then invested his officers as follows:- I.P.M., Brother Thos Scott; S.W., Brother Arch. Kelso; J.W., Brother E.C. Randle; treasurer, Brother J.H. Harrison, P.M.; secretary, Brother J.D. Colebrook, P.M.; S.D., Brother A. J. Litten; J.D. Brother V.Y. Gatland; I.G., Brother E.J. Surtlen(?); Tyler, Brother J. Marshall.

The Lodge-room was comfortably filled, the total number present being about forty. The new Master delivered the addresses to his officers very fully, in a manner seldom achieved by a tyro*, and altogether acquitted himself admirably.

The lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the Public Hall, where dancing was commenced, and kept up with great spirit until four next morning, the visitors all taking part, and thoroughly enjoying themselves. The Trip was in all respects a very pleasant one, the brethren of Coromandel vying with each other in their efforts to entertain their visitors.

It is quite safe to prophesy that a large number will journey to Coromandel on the next occasion of a similar kind, for the recollection of the charms of the Coromandel maidens, and the deliciousness of the 'natives' will not easily be effected from their memories.

* *editors note: tyro, a word not often heard today meaning 'novice or beginner'*

THE HIDDEN MYSTERIES OF NATURE AND SCIENCE

The Hippocampus is the part of the brain that is involved in memory forming, organizing, and storing. It is part of the structure that is particularly important in forming new memories. The hippocampus is a horseshoe shaped paired structure, with one hippocampus located in the left brain hemisphere and the other in the right hemisphere. The hippocampus acts as a memory indexer by sending memories out to the appropriate part of the cerebral hemisphere for long-term storage and retrieving them when necessary.

Scientists at University College London scanned the brains of Black Cab drivers after they had completed 'The Knowledge'. 'The Knowledge' requires the cab driver to store a detailed mental map of central London. These tests found that the only difference between the driver's brains and those of 50 'control' subjects was an increase in the size of the hippocampus. The implication is that this increase was driven by repetitive learning which strengthens the retentive memory. Ergo the act of learning a Masonic Charge has a mental benefit as well as increasing the understanding of that Charge.

Our Hearts may actually be the intelligent force behind the intuitive thoughts and feelings we all experience.

Many ancient cultures, including the Mesopotamian, Egyptian, Babylonian, and Greek, assert that the heart is the primary

organ responsible for influencing and directing our emotions and our decision-making ability. Similar perspectives of the heart as a source of intelligence are found in Hebrew, Christian, Chinese, Hindu, and Islamic traditions. For example, the Old Testament saying in Proverbs 23:7, "*For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he,*" is further developed in the New Testament in Luke 5:22, "*What reason ye in your hearts?*"

Neuroscientists have found that the heart has its own independent nervous system, a complex system referred to as "the brain in the heart." There are at least forty thousand neurons (nerve cells) in the heart, cells similar to those in the brain. Scientific study shows that the heart uses these neurons to send our brain extensive emotional and intuitive signals and is in constant communication with the brain, indeed tests have shown that more information is passed to the brain by the heart than in the reverse direction.

A paper recently presented in Auckland, by Howard Martin, showed data confirming that in certain situations the heart responded to emotional input faster than the brain.

Sources: *Dr Eleanor Maguire UCL / Martin / Heartmath Institute et. al.*

BOOK REVIEW: The Secret Science of Masonic Initiation

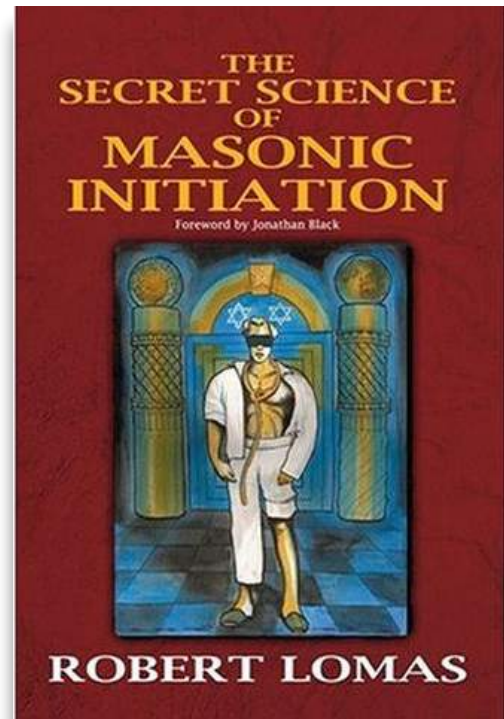
Robert Lomas scientist, author, Freemason has written this slim volume which is a look at some of the deeper understandings of Freemasonry. At a mere 110 pages, it is a useful book that has much to offer both the new and the experienced Freemason. He has authored alone and co-authored with Christopher Knight a number of books on the history and possible origins of freemasonry. However, recently he has written more of the symbolism of Freemasonry. I believe the later books are far superior to his earlier work which are very speculative and developed theories on shaky foundations.

When he writes on philosophy and symbolism of freemasonry, particularly from the point of view of a scientist who I believe has successfully reconciled science and spiritual matters, he has produced some interesting and worthwhile work. The author in this book asks the reader to temporarily set aside science and to listen, as a child to the ancient teachings of the Craft as it shows how you might know yourself.

The book focuses on the changes that we should experience as we take our first steps in Freemasonry. What the three degrees represent in the initiatory experience and shows that it is not unique but has been used throughout the ages. The book does not contain anything that is significantly new, rather it describes the adventure of initiation and provides insights that will give many pause for thought and provide a refresher in some basic understanding of the ritual and symbolism of Freemasonry.

The Secret Science of Masonic Initiation is about the philosophy of freemasonry, the Science of Life, understanding who we are and are relationship with nature, each other and God. The book emphasises the importance of the Tracing Boards to understanding each degree. It provides a short and succinct pathway through Craft Freemasonry that should prompt further study and reflection. How many of us have really studied each tracing Board and could describe each symbol.

Much of the Book can be read in a short time but is a book that you will want to read again as there are a number of points that provide room for thought. Chapter one entitled, under the heading "Why become a Mason" refers to many reasons why men join Freemasonry and highlights that perhaps the ritual workings are what have given Freemasonry its



widespread appeal and sustained the organisation over a number of centuries. It is the philosophy embedded in this ritual that is the essence of freemasonry.

This book is for the Master Mason who has completed the three degrees. It is useful for those who are mentoring others.

This book is recommended to anyone seeking more light on Freemasonry. It is not an expose or a step by step guide to freemasonry but a series of essays that successfully illuminates the Journey.

After reading the book, it prompted that common dilemma that too often when on the journey we are focussed on the destination rather than the journey. It is the journey in Freemasonry that is so important.

This review appears by kind permission of W.Bro. Bruce Cowie and was first published in 'Freemasonry Victoria' issue 136.

Editors note; This book is available from www.bookdepository.com - www.amazon.com (hard copy and ebook) and from www.scribd.com Unfortunately Auckland Library's catalogue does not show a copy.

THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT

The Emulation Lodge of Improvement meets every Friday at 6.15pm at Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London. The Lodge first met on 2nd October 1823, and meets under the sanction of the Lodge of Unions No. 256 in the English



Constitution. The aim of the lodge is to preserve Masonic Ritual as closely, as is possible, to that which was formally accepted by the newly formed United Grand Lodge of England in 1816 and as amended since.

The Ritual to be used under the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) and by Lodges under that Constitution was produced by the Lodge of Reconciliation which was formed following the union of the Antients and Moderns Grand Lodges in 1813, approved and confirmed by Grand Lodge in June 1816. This formed the basis of Emulation Working since its inception in 1823. It should be noted that the Emulation Ritual takes its name from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement not the other way around.

The Working of the Lodge is controlled by a Committee which is elected annually. It is the policy of this Committee to

preserve the working of ritual, as nearly as possible, in the form in which it was approved by UGLE allowing only those changes approved by UGLE.

The most notable changes to the ritual were made in 1964 when an alternative form of reference to the 'ancient penalties', was approved and again in 1986 when a resolution from UGLE decreed that the, so called, 'blood oaths' or symbolic penalties taken within the Obligations by candidates for the three Degrees or Installation as a Master were to be amended. This to 'soften' public opinion of the Craft.

On 22nd October, 1897 Bro. Major R.L.S. Badham, who was occupying the Chair, worked the second degree in a manner described as exemplary by the then Senior Member of the Committee, Bro. Robert Clay Sudlow, who was the preceptor on that occasion. Bro. Sudlow subsequently presented him with a silver matchbox to mark the achievement. He also made similar presentations to other Brethren attaining a similar standard, this at his own expense until the rest of the Committee decided that he should be relieved of what was a considerable cost.

Within a few years it had become the established custom and a Brother who works a ceremony from the Chair "without standing in need of prompting or correction" receives a silver matchbox, engraved on the front with his name and on the reverse with the heading "E. L. of I." and beneath it the ceremony he has worked, together with the year (e.g. "2nd. Deg. & T.B. 1975"). If the Brother subsequently works a different ceremony without correction that is recorded in the same fashion and if he has worked all four ceremonies, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Installation, without correction, the words "Complete Record" are added at the foot of the list. The Lodge website shows 337 matchbox's or match safe's as they are sometimes termed awarded with 115 Brethren having worked the four Rituals and so gaining the distinction of a 'Complete Record'.

Source: *Henley / Dyer / et. al.*

LETTER TO BRETHREN

Dear Editor,

Is it possible your readers may be able help me? My paternal and maternal Grandfathers were both masons and the family has various jewels / medals and items of regalia, all in safe keeping. I have one medal which I have not been able to trace the origin of.



It is inscribed 'Presented to W. C. Young for services rendered to the A C E D A of W A' and it is dated '1906'. On the other face there are engraved 'clasped hands' and the words 'Tell the Boys to Pull Together'. I attach a photograph of this face only as the other side has been worn and is difficult to photograph showing detail.

My Grandfather lived in South East Australia and as far as I can find out never travelled to Western Australia (W A).

Is this a masonic medal or is it from another fraternity? I would be so grateful for any help in solving the puzzle.

Many thanks
Fiona Young



UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS



July

- 1 Tuesday** - Final Rehearsal 3rd Degree.
Management Meeting
- 8 Tuesday** - Raise Briene Salosogcal to MM.
Education night for EA's and FC's Note
Master overseas, DM to open and
close, Geoff Foote to be in chair for
ceremony.
- 15 Tuesday** - Lodge Orewa District Combined
Meeting VISIT
- 22 Tuesday** - Rehearsal 2nd Degree
EA programme outside the Lodge
- 29 Tuesday** - Rehearsal 2nd Degree
EA and FC programme outside the
Lodge

August

- 5 Tuesday** - EA and FC programme
outside the Lodge
Alistair Lumsden 5 minute Education
- 12 Tuesday** - Regular Night, 2nd Degree for Allen de
Guzman
- 16 Saturday** - North Harbour installation
- 19 Tuesday** - Education - Group Education
- 26 Tuesday** - Rehearsal



Royal Arch Masonry

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO CRAFT MASONS TO FURTHER YOUR MASONIC EDUCATION

North Shore Royal Arch Chapter No.52 cordially invites members of Craft Lodges who have not taken the Three Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry to attend a harmony and lecture evening to be held in the Refectory of the North Shore Masonic Centre, Albany, on Thursday 7th August 2014 at 8:00 pm. (following the Chapter Regular meeting and presentation of the Mark Degree Tracing Board. Companions please note the Chapter will Tyle at 7:15).

The speaker will be R.Ex. Companion Dennis Waller, Grand Lecturer, his presentation is titled 'Continuing the Masonic Journey'. The focus being 'The Six Degrees of Masonry – their relevance, relationship, history and importance'.

The journey beyond initiation as an Entered Apprentice, passing as a FellowCraft Freemason and raising as a Master Freemason will be seen as continuing and following the Hiram Legend and then through the Royal Arch Degrees explaining;

- A Mark Master – discovering who the really skilled Mark Master was.
- An Excellent Master – Set in Babylon and contemplating the proposed future journey from Babylon to Jerusalem.
- A Royal Arch Companion – Symbolically in Jerusalem and by exaltation through a colourful ceremony, the culmination of your journey of discovery.

These are in compliance with Rule 71 of the Book of Constitution and encouraged by the Grand Master and the First Grand Principle

A refectory charge of \$10 will apply. Please confirm your attendance so catering can be arranged.

V.EX.Comp. Noel Whiley
First Principal

“In today's rush we all think too much, seek too much, want too much and forget about the joy of just Being.”

Eckhart Tolle



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