

The Belmont Albion Lodge No.45 Newsletter

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Vision Statement:

To prosper into the future.

Mission Statement:

The Belmont Albion Lodge No 45 shall practice the principles of freemasonry in all ways, to enhance education, knowledge and care for its members, attracting men of high quality, personal development and participation in our community.



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"I will strive to live with love and care, Upon the level and by the square"

THE MASTER'S MISSIVE

A year does not take long to pass and I have argued loud and long, with my scientifically- minded wife, that time is not linear. When one is young, time seems to drag. As we age, it passes more and more rapidly apparently because less information needs to go into our heads. Unless one is —for example- falling off a motorcycle, when, I am told, things virtually go into freeze-frame; but I've not tried it. My main aim when biking is to stay upright.

I read, recently, that time's perceived rate of passage is proportional to the amount of information our brains are processing at the time. Thus when one is young, and it is all very new; the brain is empty and there are no past experiences to draw on: It all takes a long time to stow the new facts. As we age, our well-loaded frontal lobes try to make what we are seeing fit a previous experience or set of images. It is an incredibly fast and smart algorithm and mostly works. If it doesn't fit, we shake our heads and then remonstrate with ourselves for being old fools and confused. You young brothers will go through this, don't worry: Time will fly as you get older –see me in 30 years time.

Where was I? Getting side-tracked is another problem of the aged. It seems but a flicker of an eyelid since I was last sitting, imperiously if not timorously; in the East. I do not for the life of me see why some lodges have such difficulty finding masters for the year to come because it is a magnificent task. I would have thought that the queue would be the longest for this great position -that of the ruler of the Lodge and representative of KS.

We have a great year planned, a keen set of officers and all the pillars are in place. You will note on our first Regular night, that there is change at the opening when The Plan is placed at the front of the pedestal in the East. The Plan is one of the most important documents in our lodge and deserves its rightful place.

It was developed by our Director of Ceremonies, Murray Morrissey, and was built on a survey he organised many years ago called "The Brethren Have Spoken!". The Plan languished for some years but it is now in its rightful place. Organisations have to plan because if you fail to plan, you plan to fail. We are no different and we will not fail: Our planning committee meets very regularly, rest assured.

The Plan contains the Seven Pillars of Masonic Organisational Development, Leadership, Education, Communication, Charity, Membership and Community engagement. If one pillar is poorly, the whole structure suffers.

Now to draw this philippic to a close before I lose you, my brothers, there are some other incidental facts you need to know. The Seven Pillars concept is not original: It has a Biblical origin:

"Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her **seven pillars**." (Proverbs 9:1).

And T E Lawrence (of Arabia fame) said in his biography The Seven Pillars:

I drew these tides of Men into my hands And wrote my will across the Sky in stars To earn you freedom, the seven Pillared worthy house.....

So the pillars are not original but they are a good metaphor: Believe this: We have an amazing Masonic history to draw on. Let's get drawing! We have a fabulous Lodge. See you on Tuesday –I'm there from 5 pm..

WM Russell Ward

From the Editor

This April marked the 103rd anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. There were many brothers who fought in that battle. I found a list of them with information about their lodge attached on the last page, lest we forget.



I read a rumour that Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was a Grand orient Freemason and in 1907, he was accepted into the Lodge Veritas in Salonica, a body warranted by the Grand Orient of France. He battled British forces masterminded by another famous and confirmed freemason, Winston Churchill. These two World War figures are national heroes in their own countries and have their own admirers and critics. Atatürk was a rootless leader but he had a vision to modernise Turkey and resolve international crisis with diplomacy and peaceful strategies. I think as the father of modern Turkey, he was mostly successful. Similarly, Churchill is known for his boldness, leadership, patriotism and moral principles. But, Churchill has been also blamed for being the mastermind behind Gallipoli defeat and his detractors point to his well-documented articulated often with bigotry, shocking callousness and contempt. "I hate Indians," he once trumpeted. "They are a beastly people with a beastly religion." He also referred to Palestinians as "barbaric hordes who ate little but camel dung."1

Freemason or not, human will never be perfect. We all do mistakes, the good man however, will learn from and not repeat mistakes. Freemasonry is not the gateway to heavens nor it has claimed. It provides us with an opportunity to excel in moral virtues and leadership skills. Freemasonry has a system which if followed wholeheartedly, is promised to deliver. It requires the candidate to invest a lot of time learning and practicing. It is with practice only one can become better.

Aristotle defines moral virtue as a disposition to behave in the right manner and as a mean between extremes of deficiency and excess, which are vices. We learn moral virtue primarily through habit and practice rather than through reasoning and instruction.²

This is what I like about Freemasonry, its systematic approach with repeated trials and approbations along with regularity of its ceremonies forms a complex system of allegorical education for making a good man better.

In this issue, we have some interesting articles. Bro Chris Bestwick has Witten a piece about his swim from Waiheke to Auckland. I encourage that every member share their stories in the Newsletter as I am sure you are all inspiring individuals. You will also get to know our new candidate Craig Cock little better. He will be a 4th generation freemason!

Happy reading

Ali (Editor)

Ref

¹ Ishaan Tharoor (2015), The dark side of Winston Churchill's legacy no one should forget, Washington Post

² Nicomachean Ethics: Books I to IV

Lodge highlights



RW Bro Murray Morrisey doing a last check on Belmont Albions 7 pillars.



IPM Sean Neely keeping the Scottish Night on our plans. Who doesn't like bagpipes, haggis and whiskey?



Always nice to have the lodge carpark full of cars!



Ali, Russell and Murray attending a very high level district meeting!



Richard signing his last check before handing the soughtafter treasurer position to Chris.



Caption this photo:)

High and exalted rank

By Bro Chris Bilham

For several years I was aware that the senior brethren of our lodge had different titles, but never troubled to clarify exactly what they signified. Now I have done so, and it occurs to me that there might be other brethren who would like to have this explained.

Freemasonry in New Zealand is organized with four levels. There are individual lodges; then there is the district (we are in North Shore); above that is the division, formerly referred to as a province (we are in Northern Division) and, at the top, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

The Officers of Grand Lodge are listed at article 122 of the Constitution; article 123 links their precedence, and 124 sets out their style of address.

Most Worshipful Brother; this is for past and present Grand Masters and Pro-Grand Masters.

Right Worshipful Brother: Present and Past Deputy Grand Masters, Divisional Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Presidents of the Boards of General Purposes, Presidents of the Board of Benevolence and Past Provincial Grand Masters. Belmont Albion Lodge has two brethren of this rank; Murray Morrissey is a Past Grand Warden, Jim Williamson is a Past President of the Board of General Purposes.

Very Worshipful Brother: Present and **Past** Grand Chaplains, Registrars, Treasurers, Superintendents of Works, Secretaries, **Superintendents** Ceremonies, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, present and past Grand Lecturers and Directors of Ceremonies. Our lodge includes the Very Worshipful Brothers Keith Eaglesome (Past Grand Director of Ceremonies), Vic Fabian (Past Grand Lecturer), Geoff Foote and Noel Whiley (both Past District Grand Masters). Worshipful Brother: other present and past Grand Officers, including Grand Almoners, Deacons, Bible Bearers, Sword Bearers and others. Present and Past Masters of Lodges.

Brother: all other brethren of the Craft.



An example of grand officers regalia

Introducing our new candidate Craig Cock

As my father briefly mentioned to me I will be the fourth generation potentially coming into the Freemasons.

My Great Grandfather Sir William Cock shipped down from England to South Africa with the 1820 settlers. He was ordered by the powers that be at that time to establish a trade point along the coast of Africa which is now known as Port Alfred. Sir William Cock had a fleet of two ships on of which came to its demise within the marina that he built. Sir William Cock was also influential in the establishment of Grahamstown which is a town approximately 60km from Port Alfred.

Edger Cock and Robert Edger Cock followed Sir William Cock in becoming members of the Freemasons. Robert Cock being my father that is still involved within the fellowship and Edger Cock being his father.

Unfortunately that's as much as I know since my Father or Grandfather where not very talkative regarding the topic but I do recall them attending meetings in both Port Alfred and then in Tzaneen when my father moved north to where he currently still holds a seat.

I am currently a project manager for Fulton Hogan Civil North and have just been awarded the Rosedale Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade. I've completed my civil engineering degree and MBA in Pretoria South Africa. Myself and Cindy got engaged over the Easter weekend in Queenstown which was absolutely amazing. We have known each other for 4 years and started dating about 2 years ago. She has been very supportive in my career and is now in the process of looking to start her career in Auckland within interior design and marketing.







2018 Westpac Chopper Swim Challenge

By Bro Chris Bestwick

In August last year I was approached by our deputy crew chief to take part in Swimming from Waiheke Island to Mechanics bay (Westpac Rescue helicopter base), I immediately knew this would be a challenge for myself, being a 20km swim. As a true lover of team sports, I accepted the challenge and the training commenced immediately along with three other members from Auckland Airport Emergency Services. This is the third year Westpac had held the fundraiser for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. The distance that is covered is swimming the equivalent to running two back to back marathons, the expected completion time is between 4-7 hours.



The challenge was tough, alongside training 3-4 times per week we also needed to begin fundraising right away. We are incredibly fortunate at Auckland Airport they support fundraising during work hours, so off our team went in the international terminal shaking buckets. Overall we were pleased with our fundraising and the public were very generous, we raised over \$6,500.

Over 7 months into training and 5 days to the big event, I completed my final swim before the big day. That evening I sprained my ankle and it became very swollen. I was so concerned that I was going to let my team mates down, having to drop out, this would of meant that they would have had to swim just under 7kms each. I did not expect to have it healed up in time, luckily I listened to the doctors and kept my foot up and kept it rested and iced. A day before the event the swelling was down and I was able to still swim, the next challenge was having to rely on swimming without kicking.

On the 26th march we caught the ferry over to Waiheke island with all the other swimmers. Just before 8 am the announcement was made that all support boats were to leave the beach. The nerves kicked in! 8am the swimmers were away. We waited patiently on the support boat roughly 2km offshore, about 30 minutes past we had our first swimmer change over. We worked out we would do 30 minute intervals to reduce the fatigue factor. When my turn was up we were passing the Motuihe Island, 15 minutes into my stint my support kayaker yelled out to me that there are a few orca whales up ahead and I could get out if I wanted to. I was wearing earplugs so I didn't really hear her and I thought that she might be just playing a joke, so I carried on. My round came to an end and soon after hopping in the boat two big orca whales appeared beside our boat and they were swimming beside us. It was an amazing experience, I've never been so close to a whale before so it was a great to witness this. The orca whales were curious, roughly 50meters from us a solo swimmer was taking a rest by hanging on the side of his support kayaker, when an orca swam up and pretty much touched his shoulder then backed away and swam off. If that was me I would of been running across the water.



The transitions continued and worked like clockwork with our set 30 minute stints. With perfect conditions and flat water we just dug it in and ended up finishing with a respectable time of 5 hours 45 minutes.

This was a great experience to go through and complete, I am looking to do it again next year. I would quite like to swim as a tandem and do 10km each to increase the challenge. Fingers crossed the conditions are the same and there's not a ripple on the water.

https://www.chopperswim.nz/about/



Chris Bestwick (1st from right) and the team.

M.M.

Lest we forget



Adams; Ernest Cleathing, s/n 60277 Tpr. AMR Lodge Sir Walter Scott No. 13 NZC; M.M.

Agnew; James, s/n11/199 Tpr. WMR Heretaunga No. 72 NZC; M.M.

Anderson; Bruce, s/n 34501 Tpr. MGS Lodge Havelock No. 104 NZC; M.M. Dome Mtg.

Baird; Kenneth William, s/n 7/160 Tpr. MGS. Hiram No. 46 NZC M.M.

Bale; Richard Francis, s/n 41288 Capt. NZTR Waiwhetu No. 176 M.M.

Beck; Horace William, s/n63543 Sgt. WMR Lodge Hinemoa (Kairanga) No.122 M.M. **Berry**; Percy George, s/n34981 Farrier Sgt. CMR Waitaki No.11 EC M.M. Dome Mtg

Bird; Reuben James, s/n 11/1394 Lieut. NZ Regt. Star of the East 1355 EC (Cairo) F.C.

Bradley; Richard William Russon, s/n17617 Tpr. CMR Lodge Wallace No. 129 NZC

Britten; Francis Allen, s/n 43759 Tpr. AMR Whakatane No. 198 NZC M.M.

Browne; Samuel George, s/n13/169 Lieut. NZE Lodge Franklin No. 2138 EC M.M.

Bull; Sydney Arthur, s/n 57738 Tpr. WMR Lodge Navua 3739 EC M.M.

Bush-King; Charles John, s/n 2/626 Chap. Maj. CMR ???????NO OTHER INFORMATION **Butters**; John Alexander, s/n 13310 Tpr. WMR Lodge St. Kilda No. 881 S.C. (Portrae) M. M.

Cameron; Clarence Frederick, s/n 57809 Tpr. AMR Lodge St. Andrew No. 8 S.C. M. M.

Cameron; William Oates, s/n43719 Tpr. Lodge Glasgow No. 128 S.C. M.M.

Clark; William Rogerson, s/n11/1304 Tpr. Sig. WMR Lodge Caledonian Railway No. 354 S.C. M.M.

Cleugh; Hugh McLeod, s/n 58739 Tpr. AMR Lodge Mt Ida Mo. 97 NZC M.M.

Cowan; Francis Henry, s/n 3/2837 Tpr. MFA Lodge Ede n No. 1530 E.C. (Auckland) M.M.

Collins; Herbert Alison, s/n 13/311 Lieut. AMR Waipa Lodge No. 119 NZC M.M.

Currie; John, s/n 11/988 Tpr. WMR Lodge Rongatea No. 146 NZC M.M.

Davidson; Norman Sutherland, s/n 18206 Tpr. AMR Lodge Ohimemuri No. 107 NZC M.M.

Dawson; Charles McBeath s/n 3/2989 Captn. MFA Lodge St Martins No. 53 (Carterton) M. M.

Davis; Percy Clifford, s/n7/1348 Tpr. CMR Lodge Christchurch No. 91 NZC M.M.

Devine; John, s/n 3/1009 Tpr. MFA Lodge Taupiri No. 118 M.M. Dome Mtg

Duffey; Albert s/n 13/2280 Cpl. AMR Lodge Mokoreta No. 19 NZC E.A.

Eade; James John s/n 3/4314 Captn. NZMC Lodge Opotiki No. 1930 EC. S.D.

Esther; CB, s/n ??????? Lieut. NZMR Bgde Lodge Horowhenua No. 135 M.M.

Evans; Allan, S/N 17571 Lieut. WMR South Rakaia No. 31 NZC M.M.

Evans; Henry Theodore Penrhys, s/n 13/681 Lieut. AMR Lodge Franklin No. 58 NZC M.M.

Fraser; John, s/n7/1468 Cpl. CMR Lodge Hinemoa No. 122 M.M.

Franks; John Frederick, s/n34562 Tpr. CMR Robert Burns No. 139 NZC M.M.

Gibbons: Gordon Bennett, s/n 11/767 Sqnt Mir. WMR Lodge Naumai No.177 NZC M.M.

Haeata; Walter, s/n 13/75 Lieut. AMR Lodge Warner No. 2256 EC M.M.

Hatton; John Thompson, s/n 11/1000 Sgt. AMR Lodge Te Kuiti No. 163 M.M.

Herrald; John Henry, s/n 13/161 Mjr. AMR Lodge Waiuku No. 90 NZC M.M.

Holmes; Walter Pollock, s/n 13/3035 Tpr. AMR Lodge No. 175 SC M.M.

Hollis; William Joseph, s/n 13/760 Lieut. WMR Lodgr Tongariro No. 765 EC? M.M.

Hunter; Douglas Gordon Graeme, s/n 66231 Capt. BHQ Lodge Dunedin No. 931 EC M.M.

Harper; Philip Thomas, s/n 3/4348 Capt. NZMC Lodge Navua No. 3739 (Fiji) M.M.

Hemphill; HarrieT Campbell, s/n 13/2397 Lieut. NZMR ????????? NO OTHER INFORMATION

Howell: Charles Ethelbert, s/n 50701 Tpr. CMR Lodge Lincoln No33 NZC M.M.

Hulbert; Edward James, s/n 4/591 Lieut. WMR Lodge Lotus No. 3296 EC M.M.

Ingram; Henry Stewart, s/n7/351 Sgnt Mjr. CMR Pollockshaw Royal Arch Lodge No153 SC E.A.

Johnson; Alexander Adair, s/n 37126 Capt. NZVC Lodge Canterbury No. 1048 EC M.M.

Johns; William Henwood, s/n 13/368 Lieut. AMR Lodge St. Johns No. 37 NZC M.M. (Featherston) Judge; Harold, s/n 7/1694 Tpr. CMR Lodge Wallace No. 129 NZC M.M. Dome Mtg Johnston; James Trevor, s/n 3/3898 Tpr. MFA Lodge Ponsonby No. 54 NZC M.M. Jefferies; W J, s/n ?????? Tpr. AMR Lodge Taupiri No. 118 NZC M.M. Johnston; William, s/n 35419 Tpr. CMR Lodge St. Johns No. 65 S.C. (Stonehaven) M.M. Kelly: Stanley Archibald, s/n 12554 Lieut. MGS Lodge Masterton No. 19 NZC M.M. Kidd; David Campbell, s/n 10730 Tpr. CMR Lodge St Martins No.162 M.M. Keeley; Frederick, s/n 13/611 Sgt. AMR Lodge Alpha No. 81 NZC M.M. Lovelock; George Robert, s/n16313 Tpr. MSS Lodge Otangaki No. 70 NZC P. M. Dome Mtg Lockhead; Norman Low, s/n 16102 Tpr. WMR Lodge Cheviot No124 NZC M.M. Lundon; David Paul, s/n 11/647 Tpr. WMR Lodge Hinemoa No. 786 M.M. aka David Hobson McCarroll; James Neil, s/n 13/148 Lt. Col. AMR Lodge Star of the North No. 1647 EC M.M. Dome Mtq McCarroll; Thomas; s/n 13/298 Lieut. MGS Lodge Franklin No. 2138 EC P.M. Dome Mtg McCormack; Roy David, s/n 13/1075 Cpl. MGS Lodge of Light No. 454 EC M.M McDougall; Archibald, s/n 3/853 Cpl. MFA Lodge Christon No.147 SC M.M. McEwin: George William Irvine, s/n 13/2605 Tpr. AMR Duke of Albany 2073 EC M.M. McKay: Roderick Murdoch, s/n 13/2057 Tpr. AMR Lodge Waipu No.179 NZC M.M. McLennan John, s/n 11/192A Farrier Sgt. WMR Lodge Naumai No. 177 NZC M.M. McRae; John, s/n 30483 Tpr. MGS Lodge Heretaunga No. 73 NZC M.M. Mansford; George Reginald, s/n 30442 Tpr. WMR Lodge Wairau No. 42 EC? M.M. Dome Mtg Matheson; Alexander Donald, s/n 7/1098 Tpr. MGS Lodge McKenzie No. 93 NZC M.M. Meldrum; William, s/n 11/675 Lt. Col. WMR Lodge Rangatira No. 71 NZC P.M. Dome Mtg Moffat; George Shepherd, s/n 11/1472 Tpr. MFA Lodge Trinity No. 885 SC M.M. Mossman; Pynson Wilmott, s/n 50887 Tpr. WMR Lodge Montrose No. 722 SCM.M. Munro; Duncan, s/n 13/757 Maj. AMR Lodge Moutoa No. 195 P.M. Nicol; Percy Charles, s/n 49306 Saddler. CMR Lodge Otago No. 7 NZC M.M. Oleson: Bryge Peter, s/n ??????? Tpr BHQ Train Lodge Manakau No.24 NZC M.M. Orr; Arthur Charles, s/n 13/609 Tpr. BHQ Train Lodge Conyers No. 1916 EC M.M. Paul; Joseph Lionel, s/n 11/678 Sgt. WMR Lodge Alexandra No. 1188 EC M.M. Penwell; Frank Preston, s/n 7/1126 LCpl. CMR Lodge Amuri No. 184 NZC M.M. Pepper; Leslie Stennett; s/n 7/258 Cpl. CMR ???????NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE Polson; Donald, s/n 35981 Tpr. CMR Lodger Unanimity No. 187 NZC M.M. Quilter; Philip George, s/n 55022 Tpr. AMR Lodge Waiuku United No. 90 NZC M.M. Dome Mtg Reed; Mervyn Rankin, s/n 13/990 Capt. AMR Lodge Te Awamutu No. 2221 EC M.M. Rorke; Henry Murray, s/n 16504 Lieut. AMR Lodge Beta No. 12 NZC M.M. Robinson; David Squire, s/n 3/149 Sgt. MFA Lodge Pelham Pillar No. 792 EC M.M. Scott; John Orlando, s/n 11/1274 Mjr. WMR Lodge Waikaremoana No. 158 M.M. Scott; John, s/n 5/556 Lieut. CMR Lodge St Augustine No. 99 NZC M.M. Scott; Samuel Edward, s/n 21945 Tpr. NZMP Lodge Auckland No. 87 NZC M.M. Sparks; James John, s/n 57517 Tpr. CMR Lodge Concord No. 39 NZC M.M. Stewart; Whalley, s/n 13/614 Lieut. AMR Lodge Defence No. 1221 EC (West Yorkshire) M.M. Stone: Edward, s/n 35900 Tpr. CMR Lodge Ashburton No 1811 EC M.M. Tate: Clifford Hudson, s/n 11/1982 L Cpl. WMR Lodge Sir Donald McLean No. 1646 EC M.M. Dome Mtg Teggins; Samuel,s/n 13/961 Tpr. AMR Lodge Auckland No. 87 NZC M.M. Thompson; John William Harrison, s/n 31795 Lcpl. MGS Lodge Karioi No. 165 NZC M.M. Tomkins; Walter Eric, s/n 24941 Tpr. AMR Lodge Orepuki No. 137 NZC M.M. Tennant; William, s/n 13/2931 Tpr. AMR Lodge Kirkcaldie No. 72 SC M.M. Trickett; Bertram, s/n 50435 Tpr. AMR Lodge Auckland No. 87 NZC M.M. Urquhart; Thomas Donaldson, s/n 58189 Tpr. AMR Lodge Owaka No 180 NZC M.M. Veitch; John Ogilive, s/n 3/2592 Capt. MFA Lodge Worchester No. 280 EC M.M. Wade; Lionel, s/n 13/246 Lieut. AMR Lodge Maungawhau No.168 NZC P.M. Walton: Robert Henry, s/n 3/299 Capt. MFA Lodge Maungawhau No. 368 NZC M.M. Ward; Benjamin, s/n 24945 Tpr. AMR Lodge Fortitude No. 66 NZC M.M. Watson; Edward George, s/n 31100 Tpr. AMR Lodge Bedford No. 25 NZC M.M. Walton; William James, s/n 54999 ???????NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE White; John Harold, s/n 12307 Lcpl. WMR Lodge Fortitude No. 66 NZC M.M.

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Williams; Andrew George, s/n 21/31 Capt. NZ Corps Lodge Lenister No. 44 NZC M.M.

Williamson; Arthur, s/n 31104 Farrier. CMR Lodge Cheviot No. 124 NZC M.M.

Williams; Reginald Eric, s/n 16989 Tpr. CMR Manuherikia Kilwinning No. 109 SC M.M.

Wilson; James Duncan McLellan, s/n 14180 Capt.AMR Oamaru Kilwinning No. 82 NZC M.M. Dome Mtg

Young; Frederick James, s/n 18148 Tpr. MFA Lodge Ikaroa No. 115 NZC M.M.

Wright; Frank Harvey, s/n 13/2268 Sgt. AMR Lodge Karioi No. 165 NZC M.M.