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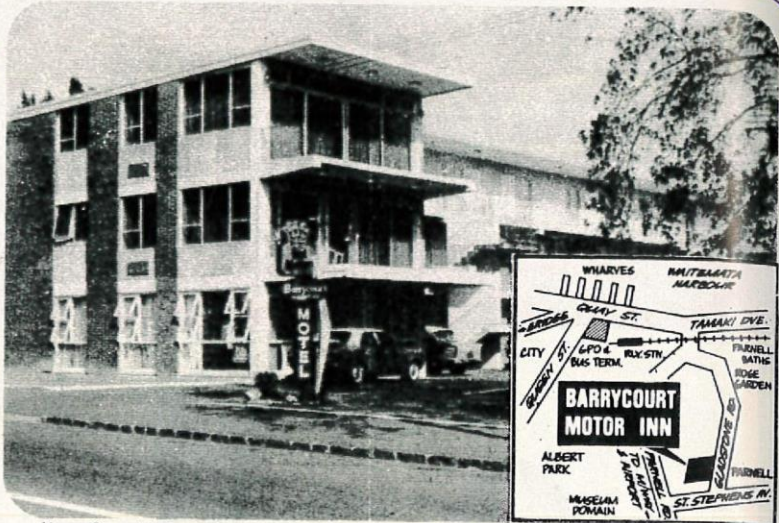


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Cover Picture

Always welcoming an opportunity to revisit his home territory he was born at Hokitika and grew up there — our Grand Master, MW Bro Raymond J. Duncan, attended the installation meeting at Lodge Kuranga No 65 (Greymouth) recently. Our cover picture shows him with the newly-installed master of Lodge Kuranga, W Bro Les Burton, and RW Bro Robert B. Millar, the Provincial Grand Master of the Westland District.



EDITORIAL

The price to be paid for survival?

FOLLOWING a trend that appears to be general in Western countries, Freemasonry in New Zealand continues to lose members. In the last financial year there was a net loss of 932 members compared with a loss of 851 the previous year, and at the end of the year our membership stood at 33,076, a figure which is recognised as not strictly accurate as many in our ranks are members of more than one Craft lodge.

While some pessimists have predicted that by the year 2000 Freemasonry in New Zealand will boast a mere 20,000 members, because all the indicators point that way, others claim that the Craft is in good heart and cite the increasing volume of work being done in the community and the extension of our Masonic Homes as evidence.

It is true that Freemasonry is very active in some areas and where there are worthy projects under way members with a job to do have been obtaining real satisfaction from their involvement. There are lodges that do not have a membership problem and are in the happy position of bringing in additional seating from the refectory on ordinary meeting nights. They have new candidates, plenty of visitors and the meetings are well run by capable officers.

Unfortunately, the reverse is also true. There are lodges in the Wellington District where the membership decline and attendance record are such that when officers and past masters are accounted for, a mere four or five Master Masons sign the attendance register where once there were 40 or more. What is true of the Wellington District probably applies to other areas too. And if the members who do attend are in the elderly bracket then there is every reason for misgivings about the future of such a lodge. Not surprisingly, some of these weaker lodges are talking of amalgamation.

In this issue we publish an article on the amalgamation of Lodges Karori and Endeavour in the Wellington District which led to the formation of Lodge Homewood No 447 in 1983. Many lodges show a marked reluctance to initiate merger talks. They fear a takeover, and the consequent loss of name, sovereignty, lodge customs and so on. They dread the prospect of being swallowed up, with nothing to show for their great years except, perhaps, a list of names.

Because of the good services of W Bro M. A. Sherlock, PGD, we have been able to present in Lodge Homewood's story what might be a model for others to follow. A partnership in which two or three lodges come together to create an entirely new lodge, submerging their own identities equally, might have advantages over the other method whereby two lodges combine their names and continue under an existing charter.

The Lodge Homewood example is worthy of study while merger talks are in the air. A weak lodge in 1986 is unlikely to be stronger in 1987 without the stimulus and injection of new members that a merger will bring. Does it matter all that much if a respected and time-honoured name has to pass into history? It might well be that this is the price to be paid for survival. **GB**

Kororareka's enterprising new venture

IN THIS issue Lodge Kororareka No 304 advertises a unique form of Masonic holiday in the "winterless north" and we draw our readers' attention to this innovation.

Lodge Kororareka meets at Russell, in the Bay of Islands, as one would expect.

The years from 1980 have been good for this lodge, which has set up a Craft Award in perpetuity for a 6th Form or 7th Form student at Bay of Islands College, a gesture made possible by the generosity of three members of the lodge, initially.

Russell Primary School also has an award (for Form 2 pupils) which was presented by the lodge, in perpetuity, for cultural attainment.

"Tiger Lily" cruises have been a highlight in the lodge's social endeavours and both the Northland Masonic Trust and the Chair of Geriatrics Appeal have benefited. Last year the Russell Lions Club joined the lodge on "Tiger Lily" to support extensions to Puri Lodge, Kalkohe. More than \$500 was raised, much to the satisfaction of both brethren and Lions.

The response from non-Masons to these trips has been most encouraging. The band (of five musicians) has given its services free; the skippers have contributed their time without charging and Mount Cook (Northland) Ltd has made available the venue.

This enterprising Masonic lodge in the nation's historic first capital now looks forward to its new venture. Masonry will benefit if there is a rush to make bookings.

FEATURE STORY

Lodge Homewood explains how amalgamation worked

IN THE late 1970's the progress and viability of Lodge Karori No 247 and Lodge Endeavour No 368 were causing both lodges concern. Membership was falling, a high proportion of the members were in the older age bracket, there was difficulty in filling the offices and attendance at regular meetings of the lodges was lower than in past years. These disturbing aspects were a reflection of the general condition of the Craft in many parts of New Zealand.

Lodge Karori decided to approach Lodge Endeavour to see if sufficient common ground existed to warrant consideration of an amalgamation.

Lodge Karori, the daughter of Renown Lodge No 218, had been founded in May 1923 and Endeavour was the daughter of Lodge Karori, being formed in March 1952. So the two lodges were "family" anyway.

Each lodge had enjoyed a reasonably close association with the other for some 30 years when amalgamation talks were initiated in July 1982.

The two lodges duly combined to form a new lodge, Lodge Homewood No 447, which was constituted and dedicated by MW Bra A. M. Dick, Grand Master, in August 1983, with W Bro R. A. Hall installed as master.

As many lodges in New Zealand are facing similar problems to those encountered by Karori and Endeavour prior to their amalgamation *The New Zealand Freemason* invited Lodge Homewood to comment on how they went about it. We are grateful to W Bro M. A. Shellock, PGD, secretary of Lodge Homewood, for the information upon which this article is based.

At the first meeting between the two lodges in 1982 four duly appointed representatives of each lodge attended, and this numerical equality of representation was maintained throughout the negotiations.

As the view was propounded at the outset that each lodge would lose its identity upon amalgamation the lodges proposed not a combining of names under an existing charter but an entirely new beginning, with a new name and a new charter.

The option of going into dormancy was not seriously considered, as this would not have been in the best interests of the Craft or the active lodge members.

The lodge representatives considered that amalgamation could succeed having regard to the compatibility of the existing members, and the availability of sufficient potential officers. They aimed at building a strong and harmonious membership of varying age levels which could attract initiates and others to carry on in the future.

The assets, including land, building, cash resources, furniture and equipment, would become the property of the new lodge and would be vested in trustees to be appointed pursuant to the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of New Zealand Trustees Act 1903.

APPROVAL GIVEN

In September 1982 the result of informal preliminary enquiries, made without commitment, was reported to the lodges in a circular to all members, and at the next regular meeting of each lodge the members agreed that approval in principle be accorded the amalgamation and Standing Committee be authorised to enter into discussions, the results to be reported back to the lodge for approval.

At no stage was there any concept of a "takeover" of one lodge by the other.

Following that decision, a memorandum was sent to all brethren quoting the resolution in full and inviting brethren to express an opinion by completing a brief questionnaire and returning it to the lodge secretary.

The wording of the questionnaire was as follows:-

- 1) Name of member.
- 2a) I agree with the proposal that Lodge Karori and Lodge Endeavour should amalgamate.
- 2b) I do not agree with the proposal that Lodge Karori and Lodge Endeavour should amalgamate.
(Delete one of the above)
- 3) If you do not agree with the proposal and have struck out 2a above, what alternative suggestion do you offer?
- 4) My additional comments and/or suggestions are:—

A satisfactory response was received to the circular, with brethren favouring the proposals and expressing confidence in the future.

A co-ordinating committee of eight comprising equal numbers from each lodge was formed (the same brethren that met originally in July) and appointees to that committee were in regular touch with the then Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro R. D. Richmond, and the then Grand Secretary, RW Bro P. J. Oliver, reporting on progress and receiving guidance and support.

GUIDELINES

Early in November 1982 a senior member of each lodge holding Grand Lodge rank met with RW Bro Oliver and discussed the guidelines which should be followed in the continuing discussions between the two lodges. These included such matters as:—

The name of the new lodge, the fate of existing charters, pooling of assets, fate of present emblems and their future use, first master and wardens of the new lodge, adoption of the Alternative Third Degree working and the long closing, meeting and rehearsal dates, Lodge of Improvement and associated "Book of Customs", month of installation, striking of a founders jewel, new by-laws, the application to the Board of General Purposes and the petition to the Grand Master.

Following these discussions, three committees, each of six brethren comprising three from each lodge with power to elect their own chairmen, were formed to bring forward recommendations to the co-ordinating committee on:-

- 1) Ritual and business procedure
- 2) Finance, including dues
- 3) By-laws, meeting dates, etc.

A deadline was set for each committee to submit its recommendations. (Because of delays due to the holiday period, these deadlines were extended.)

TIMETABLE DRAFTED

At the same time a broad timetable was drafted for the completion of the amalgamation having regard to the time involved in obtaining signatures for the petition to the Grand Master, approval of the proposals by the Board of General Purposes, existing installation dates and so on.

Satisfactory progress was made by the three committees to the extent that the co-ordinating committee was able to meet with the Provincial Grand Master in March 1983 to acquaint him with the progress made to date.

Emergency meetings of each lodge were called for mid-April when, in the presence of RW Bro R. D. Richmond, a resolution was passed:

- A) That in accordance with Rule 180 of the Book of Constitution this lodge recommends to the Grand Master, MW Bro A. M. Dick, the petition to form a new lodge to be named Lodge Homewood.
- B) That the existing charter of the lodge be surrendered at the conclusion of the last meeting prior to the constitution of the new lodge.

After the mid-April meetings the duly signed petition was forwarded to the Provincial Grand Master for transmission to the Grand Master. New officers were drawn almost equally from the two former lodges.

Subject to the formal approval by the Board of General Purposes, the draft by-laws were adopted at the first meeting of Lodge Homewood on 25 August 1983. At the same meeting the lodge adopted the Grand Lodge

of Freemasons of New Zealand Trustees Act 1903 and later five trustees were elected two former members of Lodge Endeavour, of whom one was elected chairman, and three former members of Lodge Karori. A Common Seal for use by the new lodge was also adopted.

PROGRESS SINCE

Lodge Homewood has been in existence for two and a half years. How has it fared? W Bro Sherlock says it came into existence with 131 foundation members and four other brethren below the rank of Master Mason. In the first year there were nine joining members but also five deaths and 12 resignations, many by brethren who held dual membership or had moved away from the district and possibly joined other lodges. At the end of the first year the total membership was 127.

During the second year there was one initiate and four joining members, but this was more than offset by three deaths and five resignations, of which three were brethren who had earlier joined the lodge while retaining membership of their respective "mother lodges". At the end of the second year the total membership was 124.

In retrospect, he says, the success of the amalgamation has resulted from a number of factors:—

- 1) Compatibility of membership.
- 2) Adequate communication whereby brethren are kept informed of progress. A monthly newsletter is still circulated.
- 3) Involvement of a significant number of brethren from each lodge in the committee stages.
- 4) The offices were initially almost equally divided between the two lodges although the aim was to get the best officer material available.
- 5) The cessation of the use of memorial jewels. (These were presented to Grand Lodge for display in the museum).
- 6) Dues which had been similar for each lodge prior to amalgamation were maintained at the common figure.
- 7) Foundation members were listed in the successive installation programmes and in the lodge records in alphabetical order irrespective of rank or date of initiation (or joining) in the former lodges.
- 8) Support from the Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.
- 9) The will and enthusiasm of the majority to make it succeed.



The photograph above shows the Southland Masonic Club's golf team which has won a competition competed for by all chartered clubs in Otago and Southland. The same team won the cup (pictured) for the annual golf contest between the Southland Masonic Club and Lodge Switzers 223 (Waikaka). The team is (from left): J. Egerton, R. Jackson, D. Stewart (president of the club), K. Smith and G. Smith.

Annual Communication — Are our wires crossed?

AN ISSUE HAS been raised both in *The New Zealand Freemason* and at the Annual Communication at Invercargill last year relating to the current format of Annual Communications and the cost of them in relation to the benefit derived by the Craft. I believe Communication can be positively changed and set out my thoughts below.

There are disadvantages in the present structure, some of which can be listed as follows:-

- 1) The cost to Grand Lodge, primarily in respect to the delegates' expenses.
- 2) The cost to the delegates, primarily in travel and accommodation which could be in excess of \$125,000.
- 3) The lack of involvement of all brethren present in discussions at Communication, and the lack of involvement of those brethren who do not attend.
- 4) The absence of involvement of the lodges themselves, exercising their voting rights and having their say in the running of their Grand Lodge.
- 5) A lack of communication back to the brethren in their lodges.
- 6) A feeling that Annual Communications are impersonal. Many brethren are invested into Grand Lodge in provinces far removed from their home towns and in the absence of many of their friends and colleagues.

One of the remits which was passed at the Annual Communication in Invercargill required the Board of General Purposes to set up a committee to revise and redraft the Book of Constitution. If any changes were to be introduced into the existing structure, now would appear to be an ideal opportunity. My suggestions are as follows:—

- 1) We should retain the existing basic structure of Grand Lodge (for example, the Board of General Purposes, the Board of Benevolence and the Executive) and retain Wellington as the location for the Headquarters of the Craft.
- 2) Three regions should be set up within New Zealand constituted as follows with probable membership in brackets:—
 - (a) The Northern Region consisting of Northland, Auckland, South Auckland and Waikato (11,647).
 - (b) The Central Region consisting of Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Ruapehu and Wellington (10,800).
 - (c) The Southern Region consisting of Nelson-Marlborough, Westland, Canterbury, Midland, Otago and Southland (10,629).
- 3) We should cease Annual Communications as presently known and instead introduce an annual regional conference in each region.
- 4) It would be an essential ingredient of the new structure that lodges exercise their votes for or against remits by means of a postal vote.
- 5) The Annual Investiture of Grand Lodge officers would take place in the respective regions, except for the Grand Master who could be installed in a different region each year.
- 6) At the conclusion of the Regional Conferences, the various delegates and representatives would return to their respective lodges and discuss the remits there; then each lodge could decide the manner in which it wished to exercise its vote. The lodge would then complete the postal voting form, and forward it to Wellington.

There would be no sense in changing the status quo simply for change's sake. I believe there would be direct benefits to be derived from change.

There would be the opportunity for greater participation by brethren in the operation and progress of their Grand Lodge — postal voting enables every lodge to express its opinion easily and accurately. Conferences in each of the three regions would be more accessible to more brethren on a regular basis, at a lower cost to

In this paper W Bro M. R. Winger, a past master of Lodge Westmere No 333, Auckland, brings some new thoughts to an old argument — that Annual Communication as we know it is too costly and not sufficiently effective and should be replaced. His ideas should stimulate discussion on what is an important issue: the right form of Annual Communication for the best government of the Craft. W Bro Winger is also a ' member of United Masters Lodge No 167, Auckland.

Grand Lodge and to the brethren. A lodge's decision would be made by the lodge after it had heard the arguments for and against the various remits rather than by a delegate with a direction as to the manner he should vote, when he has not heard the arguments for or against a particular remit.

There would be clear savings in cost. As the regional conferences would be held nearer the representatives' homes, there would be no necessity to pay travelling expenses. The other expenses (relating to preparation and distribution of the Statement of Accounts and Annual Reports) would continue at the existing level.

There would be an increased responsibility on the regional areas to ensure that brethren were kept up to date, encouraging "communication". Members would also have the chance to see brethren from their own lodges being invested in Grand Lodge.

With the greater opportunities for brethren to take part in the decisions affecting their Craft, a rekindled interest in the management of Grand Lodge, the progress of the Craft and all matters affecting Freemasonry in New Zealand, could be expected.

The savings in cost would be available to be utilised in alternative areas. Initially there would be a small expense involved in setting up the regional concept, but once the structure was in place and working I believe there would be a substantial saving for Grand Lodge and for individual members.

In order to make the best use of our funds to achieve the aims of Freemasonry, we must ensure our administrative structure is efficient and cost effective. If there are disadvantages in the present structure which result in its being inefficient, expensive or undemocratic, then I believe there is room for improvement and change. I accept that we must not change the status quo unless some benefit can be obtained, but in my view the proposals I have briefly outlined show many benefits and are at least a basis for consideration and discussion.

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LODGE CENTENARY

Lodge Taringatura No 100 will hold its Centenary Celebrations as follows:—

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Lumsden

75th anniversary meeting

DAYS OF travel on horseback or by river steamer to attend masonic meetings were recalled at the 75th anniversary celebration meeting of The Marsden Lodge No 169, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Maungaturoto, in March.

The celebration was attended by RW Bro Charles N. Chamberlain, Deputy Grand Master, of Whangarei, and was his first official visit to a lodge in Northland since his appointment last November.

After he had been welcomed by the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro George W. A. Petersen, also of Whangarei, RW Bro Chamberlain addressed the brethren, giving a history of the lodge, pointing out that in the days before the Marsden Lodge was formed, the Maungaturoto brethren travelled from as far away as Warkworth, Helensville and Auckland to attend meetings, on trips that often took days.

The first meeting, and the installation of the first master, W Bro Albert H. Curtis, was held on 31 January, 1910, and it was decided to hold the monthly meeting of the lodge on the Monday nearest the full moon, so that members would have the maximum amount of moonlight to guide them home.

An early move was made to acquire both a section and funds to erect a lodge building, which was completed on 23 February 1911.

The site for the Masonic Hall was chosen because a stream flowed through the section (which W Bro A. H. Curtis had given to the lodge), thereby enabling members arriving on horseback or in horse-drawn buggies to let their horses go into the lodge enclosure for water. Members travelled long distances, over sometimes dangerous muddy roads, to attend the new lodge's meetings.

At the refectory proceedings which followed the celebration meeting the toast to the Marsden Lodge was proposed by RW Bro T. J. C. (Jack) Smith, P Dep GM, who in 1928, as a fairly new Freemason (he was initiated into Lodge Whangarei No 102 in 1926) was given the contract to extend the building, and the present refectory and kitchen were completed in 1929.

RWM

DEADLINES FOR NEW ISSUE

DEADLINE for articles and news items for the next issue of this magazine — the Spring Issue — is 15 July. This is the last day on which any material can be accepted for which typesetting is required. Naturally, we would appreciate earlier receipt of all copy. Photographs and advertisements which are camera-ready can be accepted up to 31 July.—EDITOR.

PROFILE

Charles Chamberlain, our new Deputy Grand Master

RW BRO CHARLES N. CHAMBERLAIN of Whangarei is the new Deputy Grand Master, having been installed at Annual Communication last November.

A retired businessman and farmer, he brings to his exalted post a record of long and able service to Freemasonry, and many years' experience in sports administration against a background of happy family life.

Charles Chamberlain was born in Paeroa in 1910. His father was employed by the Northern Steamship Company and in 1915 the family moved on transfer to the small far north township of Awanui, which was the port for the Kaitaia area.

Charles Chamberlain commenced his education in 1915 but four years later the family again transferred, this time to the port of Mangonui, and he completed his schooling to Certificate of Proficiency standard after a year at the district high school.

At the age of 15 he started working in the warehouse of Sargood, Son and Ewen at Auckland but after seven years, in 1932, was discharged at the time of the Great Depression.

He then joined a small manufacturing company and over the following 25 years assisted with its growth to become sales manager with other managerial duties.

In 1935 he met and married Miss Phyllis Hewlett, of Auckland.

During the Second World War RW Bro Chamberlain served with the armed forces for four years and saw active service in the Solomon Islands, New Caledonia and Italy, attaining the rank of sergeant in an infantry unit.

In his pre-war years he had become active in the sport of rowing and devoted 25 years to this sport in active participation and administration.



RW Bro Charles N. Chamberlain.

He was a member of a crew which won a New Zealand four-oar title and secured placings in various other championship events.

He is a life member of the Auckland Rowing Club and has held office in the Auckland Rowing Association, serving as its chairman for a number of years.

Charles Chamberlain was selected for trials for the eight-oar crew to represent New Zealand at the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles and later was appointed a New Zealand Olympic selector.

Another of his major interests was music, playing cornet in the Ponsonby Boys Band and later the Auckland Garrison Artillery Band as well as in classical and dance orchestras.

In 1948 RW Bro Chamberlain was initiated into Lodge Morningside No 228 in Auckland.

In 1957 the Chamberlains purchased a mixed dairy and drystock farm in the Trounson Park area of Northern Wairoa and RW Bro Chamberlain joined Pono Lodge No 203 in Dargaville.

Sixteen years later, when the couple sold out and moved to retire in Whangarei, he joined Lodge Northland No 341. He retains his membership of the three lodges and shows an active interest in each.

RW Bro Chamberlain was elected to Grand Lodge office (Northland District) as Grand Steward in 1974, Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1976 and 1977 and became Provincial Grand Master in 1979 for a three-year term.

On completion of his term as Provincial Grand Master he was appointed to be the representative in New Zealand of the Grand Lodge of Sweden - an office he holds for life.

Phyl and Charles Chamberlain celebrated their golden wedding last year. Their three sons and one daughter are all married.

The youngest son, Hugh, who farms near Kaikohe, is following in his father's footsteps, having become a member of Lodge Kaikohe No 255 and has started his progress through the various offices.

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HONOURED MILESTONE**

LONG SERVICE by another 51 Freemasons has been acknowledged by the Board of General Purposes in lists of recipients of the Fifty Years' Service Badge issued following February and May meetings of the Board.

Newly entitled to the badge are:-

Bro William Waldron, MM, Lodge Dunstan No 103.

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RW Bro John Walter Vivian, P Dep GM, The Christchurch Lodge No 91.



Masonic Reflections

By W Bro Bill Hibbard, PM

The best way of giving that charge

AN ASPECT of our ceremonial work that appears to receive insufficient emphasis is that of helping members to prepare to give a charge. Without guidance in how to learn and deliver a charge, brethren may well adopt an approach to the task that makes hard work of what can be a pleasant and rewarding effort.

The Mason giving his first small charge in open lodge is often nervous and very conscious of the number of eyes watching his every move and the ears listening to his every word. But he need not worry on that score. Everyone has to start somewhere, and he can be assured of a sympathetic hearing by members who remember their own first halting efforts. The aim of all senior Masons is not to criticise but to help the new member along the way. With the right support, he will be encouraged and motivated to accept new challenges requiring progressively greater feats of memory.

STRENGTHENED WITH USE

Memory may be compared with our muscles. When they are not used, muscles become weak and flabby and may fail us when needed. But when used regularly, they become firm and strong and are always ready to serve our needs. So it is with memory. Many of us have done little memory training since our school days, and as a result our memories have become weaker. I have heard brethren say "I could never learn that. I don't

know how you do it". Let me assure such brethren that you can do it, and that your memory is quite capable of recovering its earlier strength, with training.

KEY POINTS

How does one go about learning a piece of ritual? There is no one correct method; all should have in common two key points. The first is that there must be understanding. Before commencing to learn, read the charge through carefully several times. Make sure you understand it fully. If it contains words you are not familiar with, look them up in the dictionary, so that you fully understand the meaning of the relevant sentences. Check that your pronunciation is right. You cannot hope to get the message across to your audience unless you fully understand it yourself and speak it clearly. The second key point is frequent practice. I have found that to fix a passage firmly in my memory, it is necessary to spend a short time every day going over what I have learned to date. We can all find a few minutes at some time during the day, when our brains are not required to concentrate on other matters. Times I have found suitable are while shaving in the morning, while travelling to and from work, and while taking a walk in the lunch hour.

My method is to learn a new sentence every day. I start by reciting to myself (aloud if there is no one else around) what I learned up to yesterday. When I am sure that it is fixed in my memory I read, and recite to myself, the next sentence of the charge until I am word perfect. Then, once again I start the charge from the beginning, and endeavour to recall all that I have learned including the new sentence. That is all.

LITTLE AT A TIME

Don't bite off more than you can chew at one sitting. In my experience, about 10 minutes per session is enough. The concentration starts to waver after that. If you ensure that you have at least one, but preferably two, such sessions every day, you will find that you are providing your memory with all the training it needs. But remember, don't proceed to the next sentence until you are able to recall successfully all that you have learned to date. I have found this method of learning to be successful for me. I hope it will be of assistance to others.

Aim to complete learning the charge at least a week before you are to deliver it in open lodge. This gives you time, by daily recall, to consolidate it in your memory, and to develop an expressive form so that you speak the charge as if you mean it, which I hope you do. Never gabble in a monotone - that becomes boring or unintelligible to your listeners. Speak slowly and deliberately with suitable voice inflection, pausing at the end of each sentence.

A charge well given is thrice blessed. It is instructive to the candidate, it is a joy for other brethren to hear, and it is a source of satisfaction to the giver. In addition, and this is most important, the giver has engraved on his memory some of the moral truths that Masonry teaches, to be recalled at his leisure, and for application in his daily life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The role of the newsletter In Craft Lodges

I have been a subscriber to the *NZ Freemason* for many years, and enjoy its articles thoroughly. I was particularly interested in an article in the Spring 1985 issue, entitled Excerpts from the Discussion Paper by Bro Schischka, on page 10, the extract: W Bro R. A. Johnston, PM, re lodge "summons" being renamed Monthly Communication, etc.

As a matter of interest, in my lodge, Wynnum 81 (founded in 1894), in addition to our usual Lodge Notice or Summons issued for each meeting, we have for some time also included a monthly newsletter prepared by one of our PMs free of cost to the lodge or its members. This newsletter is called "Club 81", and contains important notices (sometimes also covered in the Lodge Notice), and social news, and also items of outside masonic interest (we quite often use extracts from masonic magazines including the *NZ Freemason*).

The newsletter is primarily aimed at our "book Masons" to encourage them to attend lodge and, believe it or not, it appears to be working. From a total membership of about 60, with many members residing in other than the local area and unable to attend, we are now averaging 20 members at lodge each meeting — about 33⅓ per cent — which we consider very good in this day and age. Our aim is at least 40 per cent and we feel that we will achieve this, with the help of our newsletter, "Club 81".

Some years ago we formed a small committee to organise social functions and outings for members and to raise finance to supplement refreshments at the lodge festive boards; this group took the name Club 81 and that is how the newsletter came to be so named.

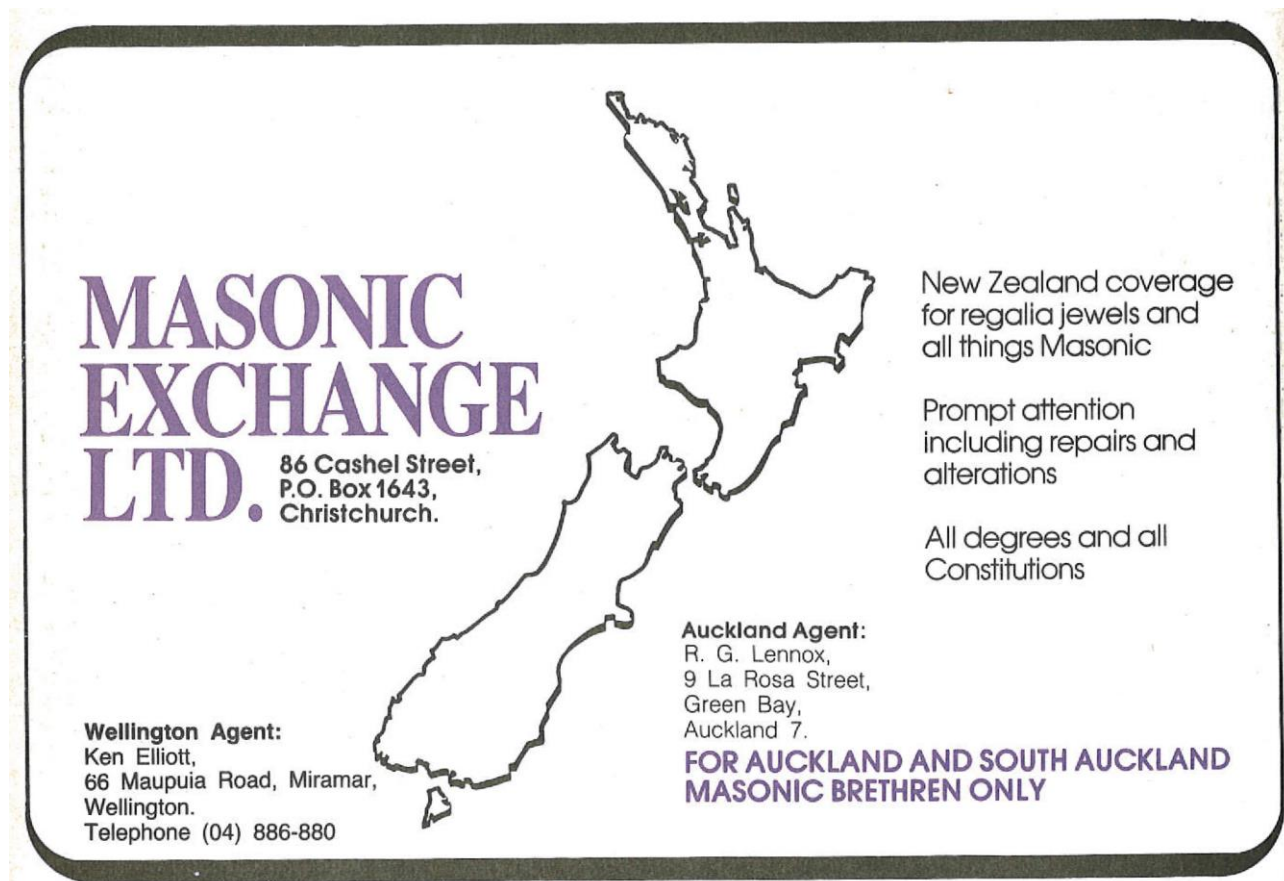
B. A. Shrimpton, PM

Wynnum Lodge 81

United Grand Lodge of Queensland

Thank you for your letter. I found your comments most interesting. I don't know what proportion of Masonic lodges in this country publish a newsletter but all Rotary clubs do — most Rotarians receive a weekly news bulletin — and Rotary clubs don't appear to have an attendance problem. I believe this is significant.

Congratulations on the format and presentation of your newsletter. Your use of tinted paper and illustrations make for greater appeal and readability.— Editor.



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"Questions and Answers" (2nd Edition), the Masters' and Past Masters' Lodge No 130.

This, the Second Edition, has been prepared to meet the continuing demand for an authoritative and easy-to-read book on practical Freemasonry.

The text has been extensively revised and much new material introduced.

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A new feature is the alphabetical index prepared by VW Bro R. T. Wade to facilitate reference to the many interesting subjects referred to in the text.

The Masters' and Past Masters' Lodge has always been a follower of the authentic school of masonic research and endeavoured to present a factual account of the history and evolution of modern speculative

Freemasonry. Successive editors have followed this policy and used a direct and easy-to-follow style in describing the more obscure aspects of the Craft.

This book, the Second Edition of "Questions and Answers", will continue to be a useful tool for those involved in conducting programmes of instruction for their brethren.

(My copy supplied by Masonic Exchange Ltd, PO Box 1643, Christchurch). JA

Chairing Meetings, by John Milligan, Whitcoulls Limited, 1985. Price \$2.95.

At last we have a pocket-size book, locally published, that from its publisher's blurb ought to be the last word on its subject. It's also at a bargain price. But bargains are only so if the goods are excellent value in their own market, performing their designed function effectively.

How well does this book do? In only 68 small pages it is asking too much to expect great depth for the expert chairman wishing to hone his skills. But for its target audience it does a fine job, covering matters such as the duties of chairmen, motions, amendments, discussions, stating and putting the question, formal motions and points of order. It uses crisp and clear typography, even though the book's soft cover might need a little care. The English style is simple and direct which makes reading it an easy exercise.

The author and publisher have designed this text for the widest of audiences. Masters and committee chairmen within the Craft, with some traditional procedures just outside ordinary meeting practice, will find numerous items not applicable to them. For example, the author points out that it is not strictly a legal requirement to have motions seconded before being put. But let the WM be warned: you will be wasting the always-short business time of the lodge meeting if you cannot be assured that at least two votes will support a motion before it is put. Solo motions normally indicate a need for more canvassing before a matter comes before a meeting for decision.

Freemasons who know correct meeting procedure would agree that too many of the business parts of our meetings call for a crash course in chairmanship. We see floundering chairmen all too often. This book will provide just such a crash course, though its precepts will need assiduous practice just the same.

Even one skip reading of it will benefit the experienced and the inexperienced master. A thorough study will be well repaid. In fine, it is good enough to warrant purchasing by all lodges, in two copies at least, to use as a rotating resource for master and master-elect. If this were done, we could look for a big chairing uplift throughout the country inside 12 months. All attending Craftsmen would then benefit from more effective meetings.

GCP

"Masonic World Guide", Kent Henderson. Published by Lewis Masonic, London.

This book of 416 pages is designed to assist a Mason who travels away from his own country to do the right thing when visiting a lodge of another constitution. The book contains several sections, the first of which is general information for the travelling Mason while the remaining sections deal with constitutions in various continents. There is an important chapter on "Regularity and Recognition" which makes the point "The basic fact is that not every Grand Lodge recognises every other Grand Lodge as being regular. If a Mason's own Grand Lodge does not recognise a particular Grand Lodge elsewhere then that mason *cannot in any circumstances* visit a constituent lodge under it, or associate masonically with any of its members." And further "Indeed, it is a *most serious masonic offence* for any mason to visit a non-recognised lodge, or be associated masonically with a member of any unrecognised Grand Body".

The first thing that the author does is to set out as accurately as possible the way to ensure that such an offence is not committed and then he goes on to explain local customs (on the admission of visitors for example) so that the visitor will have less chance of offending local etiquette. It is not possible to judge whether all the information given is accurate but judging on what he writes about our own Constitution, which has only minor errors, the author has done extensive research and has obviously striven for accuracy.

For the masonic traveller to 'strange' countries this book would be most useful. It is available from Kent Henderson, PO Box 301, Belmont, Geelong, Victoria, Australia 3216. The price is \$A10 plus postage and packing making a total of \$A17. The author's royalty of \$1 per copy goes to Masonic charity wherever it is sold.

JFYS, *United Masters 167*

ME Comp John W. Vivian, FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL

IN ME COMP John Walter Vivian, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand has installed as its First Grand Principal a man firmly convinced that Freemasonry is a moral way of life.

"A man has to be endowed with certain sensitivities and look at things in a particular way to enjoy it and help advance its precepts", he says.

Companions will readily realise that Christchurch-born Jack Vivian exemplifies those qualities very well indeed. Formerly with the Addington railway workshops, and in later years a successful businessman, he was initiated, when not quite 23, in The Christchurch Lodge No 91 in 1936, and is today the oldest active member of that time.

Nine years later, he was installed in the master's chair. By 1952, he was Provincial Grand Steward, six years later Provincial Senior Grand Warden, in 1964 Grand Director of Ceremonies, and between 1965 and 1967 Provincial Grand Master of Canterbury. He was appointed Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in 1976.

Thoroughly convinced that Royal Arch Masonry is "part of the whole Masonic structure", ME Comp Vivian joined Prince of Wales Chapter No 31 in 1948 and ever since has given unstinting service to the Order. First Principal of his chapter in 1972, he became a Grand Lecturer in 1976, was Chairman of Supreme Committee in 1978-79, and in 1985 was appointed Depute First Grand Principal.

A compassionate man, he has made invaluable contributions of time and wisdom to the Canterbury Masonic Charitable Trust since 1955. He was its chairman in 1973, and today is a life member.

A dedicated churchman and office-bearer, ME Comp Vivian places great store by the capacity of Royal Arch Masonry to serve and influence the community for good. A most impressive ritualist, he jealously guards the beauty and spiritual insights of the Ritual. He sees in it an inspiration to Royal Arch Masons to exemplify among themselves and in society generally the qualities of concern, adequacy and compassion, which he stressed in his installation address.

It is typical of the First Grand Principal that he has indicated to Grand Superintendents his preference for informal gatherings with ladies present when he visits their districts and the pleasure it would give him to join companions at church and other services. He is keen to meet people as individuals.

Throughout his Masonic career, ME Comp Vivian has enjoyed the understanding support of his wife Marcia. They were married in January 1939 and he is proud to announce "we have been sweethearts from a long way back".



ME Comp John W. Vivian

Successor named

Convocation last March elected RE Comp J. R. Ferguson as Depute First Grand Principal for 1986-87 and subsequently Supreme Committee nominated him as First Grand Principal to succeed ME Comp J. W. Vivian.

RE Comp Ferguson has made a noteworthy contribution to Royal Arch Masonry since he joined Rangitoto Chapter No 52 in 1951. He became its First Principal in 1962. He received the rank of Grand Standard Bearer in 1967, was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies three years later, and served the Auckland District as Grand Superintendent between 1981 and 1983.

In line with RE Comp Ferguson's nomination, the 1987 Annual Convocation will be held in Auckland, the tentative dates being 6-8 March.

Income sought

Following a lengthy discussion, Convocation adopted a resolution that, for the purpose of financing the Centennial Commemoration, voluntary contributions of \$2 a year for the next six years be sought from all companions, a total of \$12 per head.

The point was stressed that, while \$2 a year represents a very small sum indeed even for companions with limited incomes, the eventual total income will be worthwhile. It was indicated that if any companions wished to make an immediate contribution of \$12 rather than spreading the amount this would be appreciated.

In his address, the retiring First Grand Principal, ME Comp I. F. Major, expressed gratification that contributions to the Scholarship Fund had risen by a little over \$2200. He would like to think the next accounts would disclose still greater support. Effects of inflation were not only eroding the value of the scholarships, but having an ongoing influence on dues paid to chapters.



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Easter holiday in the Sounds for girls of Kirkpatrick House

NINETEEN residents of Kirkpatrick House (Nelson) enjoyed an Easter holiday in the tranquillity of Onahau Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound, a trip made possible by the generosity of W Bro John Moore and his wife Mary, of Kekeurangi, who made their holiday home available, and the combined efforts of Lodge Awatere No 292 (Seddon) and The Waitohi Lodge No 111 (Picton).

The 16 girls were accompanied by the matron, Mrs Pat Rodgers, her husband, W Bro Les Rodgers, and the assistant matron, Mrs Lois Norgate.

The party was brought to Picton by bus on Good Friday and after they had taken their luggage to Bro Eric Wilkes's launch for transport down the Sounds the girls watched Arahura turn, berth and unload. The rail ferry terminal at Picton is full of interest and includes live fish in glass tanks, overseas yacht berths and numerous launches picking up and setting down passengers at the launch jetties. The girls were given a fish and chip lunch on the foreshore, arranged by W Bro Warren Workman, and then boarded Bro Bill Hicks's large, new launch Beachcomber for the trip to W Bro Moore's holiday home.

TRIPS BY LAUNCH

On Saturday, four privately-owned launches belonging to Waitohi Lodge brethren took the girls and others who had joined the party to feed pet fish in a bay where the fish are protected by special regulation. Three other boats went fishing elsewhere. Next day three launches returned to Moore's Bay. After morning tea there was a Bible reading and hymns, as a reminder that it was Easter Sunday. There was lunch for a very large gathering after which the launches took the party to a Maritime Park Board's reserve for afternoon tea and games.

The matron and her assistant walked across to Te Mahia in the Kenepuru Sound while others walked among some of the loveliest native trees in New Zealand.

The costs of the weekend, apart from the running of the launches and John and Mary Moore's contributions, were shared by the two lodges concerned. Some of the girls who are resident at present in Kirkpatrick House in Nelson come from the far north; seven are from Kaitaia, two from Napier, four from Auckland and three from Westland.

W Bro Noel Boote, master of Waitohi Lodge, with his wife and two daughters, made two trips with his secretary, W Bro R. Holmes; Gordon Barlow and Peter Nelson provided launches and Bro Eric Wilkes took his launch on four return trips to Onahau Bay besides leading the fishing trip.

PRIVATE RAILWAY

At Moore's Bay one of the great novelties is John Moore's private railway which conveys luggage, stores and people from his jetty to the house. He also provided canoes and his dinghy, and on the Monday he led the girls in a tree planting venture.

The five-day experience in Queen Charlotte Sound is one which none of the Kirkpatrick House girls will be likely to forget.

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Pacific journey narrated by master mariner

At the March meeting of The Waitohi Lodge No 111, Picton, the members were shown a photograph of an old steamer Ionic by VW Bro Ray Pugh-Williams, PG Lec, who then took them on an imaginary journey around the Pacific. Brethren who have heard VW Bro Pugh-Williams, a master mariner who formerly served as captain of the inter-island steamer express and numerous other vessels, including Royal Navy craft, will

be aware of his incredible memory which he couples up to a vast store of practical experience and Masonic knowledge.

The lecture invited listeners to travel to the very far south, around Cape Horn, Hawaii, Samoa; then to the north and after the long journey ended back in Shakespeare Bay near Picton with the old hulk, Edwin Fox which is probably New Zealand's most historical ship still in existence. It is to be restored and berthed back in Picton, near the ferry terminal.

VW Bro Pugh-Williams made a special trip from Christchurch to Picton to give this most interesting and educational lecture, which was entitled "Masonic Influence in the Pacific Basin".

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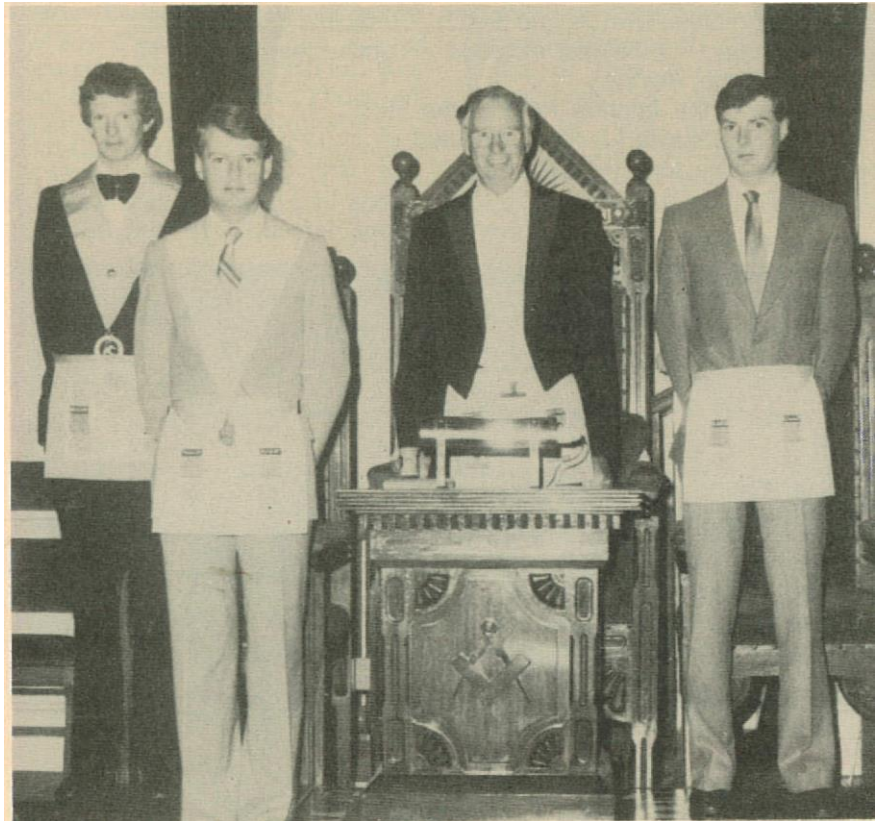
Kirker family prominent

With the investiture of Bro Peter Kirker as junior warden of Lodge Southland No 273 on 12 March the Kirkers joined the ranks of those families who are making a significant contribution to Freemasonry.

Peter Kirker's father, W Bro Russell Kirker, was initiated into Freemasonry on 11 April 1951 and became master of Lodge Southland in 1964. His son, Peter, was initiated into the lodge as a Lewis in

1977 and was followed in turn by his two brothers, Alan and Brian, both Lewises, who were initiated in 1982 and 1983 respectively. Peter is now junior warden of his lodge and Brian is inner guard. (Alan is currently in England).

The photograph shows Russell Kirker, third from left, with his sons (from left) Peter, Brian and Alan.



MEETING IN UK

The attention of Freemasons in New Zealand who might be planning a visit to the United Kingdom is drawn to the existence of New Zealand Lodge 5175 (EC) and New Zealand Royal Arch Chapter 5175 (EC), both of which meet in London.

The lodge meets on the third Friday in January and April (Installation meeting) and the third Thursday in May, June and September.

The chapter meets on the fourth Tuesday in March and the second Friday in June and October.

The lodge and chapter extend a warm welcome to New Zealand Masons to visit them but would appreciate advance knowledge of a visit to facilitate catering.

This information is supplied by W Bro H. Wiremu, MBE, secretary of New Zealand Lodge 5175, 12 Dacre Park, Lewisham, London SE13 5SP. Telephone 01 852 3953.

The Grand Master's Diary

At the time of going to press, the Grand Master proposed to make the following visits:— 17 June: Installation meeting, Lodge Takahe No 397, Christchurch. 20-21 June: Visit to Hawke's Bay District, Centennial meeting, Lodge Ruahine No 80, Woodville. 26 June: Installation meeting, Lodge Mairehau No 391, Christchurch. 1 July: Installation meeting, Lodge Awhina No 439, Christchurch. 5-8 July: Visit to Auckland District. Meeting of combined lodges 5 July; meeting of Fellowship Lodge 7 July. 18-21 July: Visit to Northland District; meeting of combined lodges and installation meeting, Lodge Kaikohe No 255. 25-27 July: Visit to Ruapehu District, meeting of Whanganui Lodge No 219 and Executive meeting. 9 August: Visit to Wellington District; open Masonic Flats at Masterton and attend combined meeting in Wairarapa. 22 August: Visit to Otago District, Lodge Hercules No 36 Debutante Ball.

Special outing

24 February 1986 saw a band of widows, widowers and brethren assembling at the Masonic Hall, Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston North, for a special outing organised by Lodge Awatea No 258. Following a brief welcome there was time for a short "get to know each other" chat. On the arrival of the bus the group left in drizzling rain, completely relaxed and happy, on an organised tour of the city.

The bus was a tour vehicle under the control of a competent driver narrator. He kept the interest of all with his stories and showed parts of Palmerston North that many had never seen before.

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New Zealand Masons attend Los Angeles meeting

New Zealand Freemasonry was well represented at a meeting of Ionic Lodge No 520 in Los Angeles, California, on 7 April when the Most Worshipful John W. Driskell, Grand Master of Masons in California and Hawaii, made an official visit.

New Zealanders present were VW Bro Owen L. Gwilliam, Grand Lecturer, Waikato Division; Bro Don Bremner of Lake Lodge of Ophir No 85, Queenstown; and Bro John Campbell of Lodge Fendalton No 384, Christchurch. VW Bro Gwilliam was holidaying in Southern California; Bro Bremner is with the New Zealand Government Tourist Office in Los Angeles and Bro Campbell was on a business trip to the United States.

Rounding out direct New Zealand representation at the meeting was the Worshipful George E. Harrison, Inspector of the 568th Masonic District in California, who is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand near the Grand Lodge of California:

Left to right: John Campbell, George E. Harrison, John W. Driskell (slightly to rear), Robert L. Sills, Don Bremner, Owen Gwilliam.



Anniversary celebrations at Owaka

At the installation meeting of Lodge Owaka No 180 in March the lodge also celebrated the 75th anniversary of its founding on 16 March, 1911.

A, 'strong contingent of Grand Lodge officers was present, led by RW Bro R. David Orr, Provincial Grand Master, well supported by a similarly strong representation from other Otago lodges.

During the refectory proceedings in the evening, at which the ladies were welcome guests, the two oldest members present, W Bros P. Shaw and R. Illingworth, cut the tastefully iced cake which was presented by W Bro Colin McNab and his wife. At the conclusion of the banquet, a commemorative address was delivered by VW Bro O. H. Laytham, Grand Lecturer, summarising the high points in the lodge's history.

REFURBISHING

For the occasion, brethren had striven mightily, both financially and physically, to complete the recladding and painting of the building's exterior with blue roof and facings and white walls. This brought the refurbishing of the lodgeroom to a conclusion as the interior had been progressively improved and redecorated in recent years.

The celebration concluded with a formal dance, the music being provided by Bro Campbell Stuart from Lodge Hercules and his wife on their violin and electric organ respectively.

As the lodge looks forward to its centenary, members are aware of the efforts of the past brethren and confidently expect to maintain the traditions they so solidly established.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

The following amendments to the 1986 Masonic Directory published in March have been issued by the office of the Grand Secretary.

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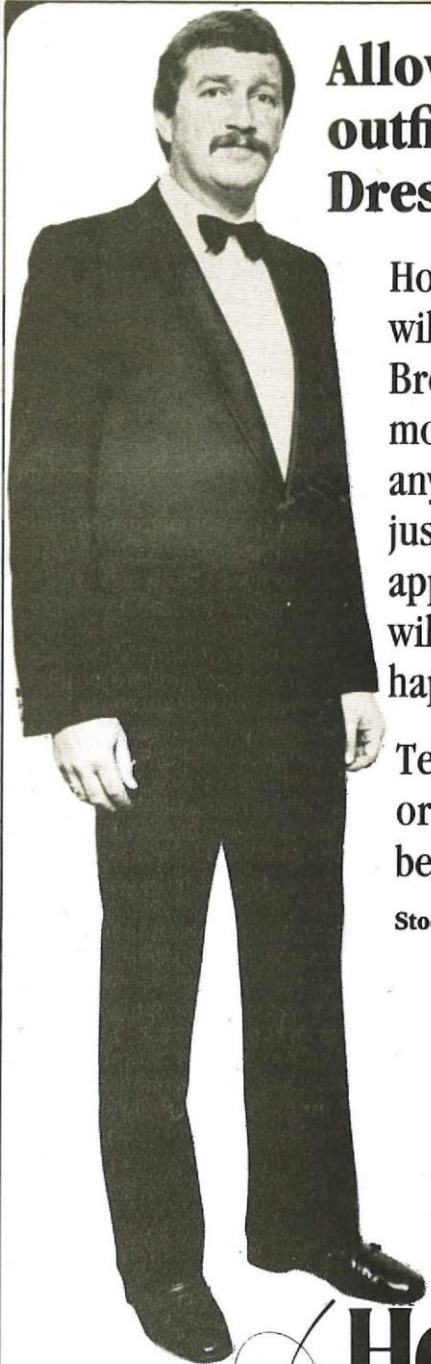
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Then tin reflectors threw the light
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And down the highway served to call
The faithful to Masonic Hall.
It wasn't very much, I know,
The little lodge of long ago.*

*But men who meet in finer halls,
Forgive me if the mind recalls
With love, not laughter, doors of pine,
And smoky lamps that dimly shine,
Regalia tarnished, garments frayed,
Or cheaply bought or simply made,
And floors uncarpeted, and men
Whose grammar falters now and then
For Craft, or Creed, or God Himself,
Is not a book upon a shelf.
They have a splendour that will touch
A lodge that isn't very much.*

*It wasn't very much — and yet
This made it great: there Masons met -
And, if a handful or a host,
That always matters, matters most.
The beauty of the meeting hour
Is not a thing of robe or flow'r,
However beautiful they seem:
The greatest beauty is the gleam
Of sympathy in honest eyes.
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It is a thing of Brotherhood,
And that alone can make it good.*

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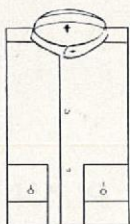
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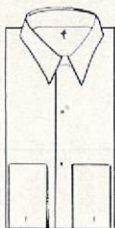
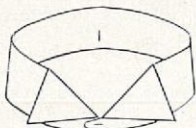
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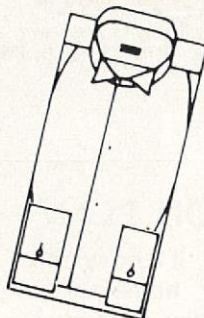
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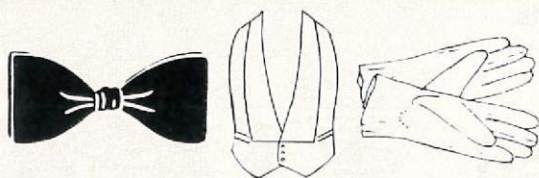


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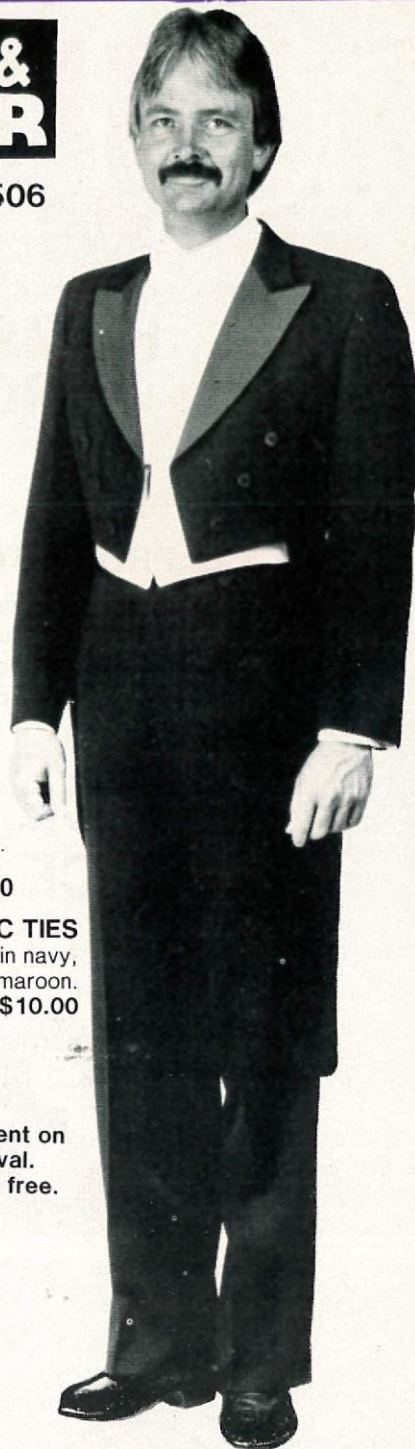


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