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THE CORONATION LODGE NO.127 INSTALLATION

A number of Railway Craftsmen were on hand to both witness and participate in the installation of Bro Bill Hudson S.W. in to the Chair of King Solomon at The Coronation lodge No.127 at the Johnsonville Masonic Centre, Wellington on Saturday the 2nd of November 2013. At the same time Jonathan Brunton, another Railway Craftsmen's Association member, was invested as Junior Warden of the lodge. A list of officers participating in the ceremony is contained within this magazine. A toast to the Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand was replied to on your behalf by WBro Bill McRoberts.

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Pictured L-R VVBro Mike Kendrick, WBro Charles Pettit, VVBro Phil Wagener, VVBro Malcolm Stone, WBro Ron Mail, WBro Colin Wolfsbauer, WBro Fred Key, VVBro Peter Coombe, WBro Bill Hudson (WM), VVBro Jim Watt (Installing Master), WBro Rodney Mayo, Bro Jonathan Brunton (JW), WBro Bob Pollard, WBro Bill McRoberts, WBro Bob Wolfenden - Absent RWBro Dave Marshall and WBro Tom Hallen

The Coronation Lodge No.127 Installation (Cont)

Installing Officers

Installing Master	VWBro Jim Watt DistGM Kapiti/Wellington District No.19
Senior Warden	VWBro Phil Wagener PDistGM *
Junior Warden	WBro Colin Wolfsbauer PGS *
Chaplain	WBro WBro Bill McRoberts PGBB *
Director Of Ceremonies	VWBro Graham Redman GDC
Assisted By	WBro David Henry PM
Inner Guard	VWBro Peter Coombe PGLec *
Organist	WBro Harry Baron
Herald	WBro Clive Lloyd PGS
Tyler	WBro Glen Houlihan GS
3rd Degree Working Tools	WBro Tom Hallen Master of Lodge of Harmony No. 2180 EC *
2nd Degree Working Tools	WBro Fred Key Master of Lodge Manchester No. 287 *
1st Degree Working Tools	WBro Morris Robertson Master of Westminster Lodge No. 308
Address to The WM	VWBro Malcolm Stone PGDC *
Address To The Wardens	WBro Ron Mail PGSwdB *
Investiture Of Officers	WBro Clive Lloyd GS and VWBro Mike Kendrick PDistGM *

* Railway Craftsmen's Association Members



Bro. Jonathan Brunton JW

WBro. Bill Hudson Leaves The Lodge Room

Obituary - **WBro Arthur LYall FOX** PGBB RH



Recently we said goodbye to WBro. Arthur Lyall Fox PGBB RH. To most of us he was known as Lyall or Foxy. Lyall was a staunch 'Palmerston North' boy supporting Tech and Old Boys in Rugby and in the early 1940's became a railway employee as a fireman and steadily progressed through various positions, eventually moving north to New Plymouth in mid/late 70's. On April 24th 1972 Lodge New Plymouth No. 338 were favoured with his initiation, passed June 10th, raised Sept 29th, and progressed to Worshipful Master for the term 1979-1980. This lodge was labelled the 'Railway Lodge' for it was mainly made up of railwaymen. Lyall's masonic involvement continued for some 41 years and expanded to Lodge Ngamotu No. 48 (Master 1990) and last but not least Lodge United Taranaki No. 456 (Master 1997). He was also a full member of Taranaki Daylight Lodge No. 455, where he attended the lunches with Yvonne over later years. Ritual was always a pleasure for Lyall, the three tracing boards, any lodge work through a brothers absence WBro. Lyall would always oblige.

He was recognised by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand Roll of Honour for services to Freemasonry in 1997. Grand Steward followed in 1998 followed yet again by Grand Bible Bearer in 2004.

An active and supportive member of Railway Craftsmen Association he was most recently chairman from 2008 to 2011.

To Yvonne, Marie, Karen and families our condolences to you all and thank you for sharing the life of Lyall with the Brethren of Taranaki and Freemasonry throughout New Zealand.

Article Submitted by VWBro. Peter Coombe PGLec

50th Year Jewel Presentation - Brother Jack Nisbet



Recently the presentation of a 50 year Service Award was made to Brother Jack Nisbet in Lodge Rangitane No. 369 in Palmerston North. The night was one of success. The lodge was full of visitors with a reasonable number of craftsmen including members of the Association. RWBro. Dave Marshall PDepGM gave a presentation speech. RWBro Marshall did not make the presentation. In a nice touch he explained the procedure to Jack's family and Jack's son John made the presentation of the badge and certificate, and his daughter Christine presented the lapel badge. It was different but very nice and greatly appreciated by his family, the brethren and friends present. The presentation was made in the Lodge Room with the brethren in their regalia and was then followed by a very nice supper. The members of Lodge Rangitane had made the evening and supper a special event that all will remember.

Jack was born in Wanganui on the 17th of November 1931 and was educated at Taumarunui District High School and Merton District High School. He joined the Railway as a Locomotive Cleaner on the 3rd of February 1948 at Taihape. He transferred to Napier as a Fireman and qualified there as Acting Engine Driver. He transferred again to Wellington and eventually became a Staff Instructor. He retired in 1986 after 8 years in that role. Jack and his wife Enid settled in Palmerston North in the year 2000.

He was initiated in to lodge Sincerity No.351 (Lower Hutt) on the 11th of November 1963. He has also been a member of Lodges Boullcott-Sincerity No.420, Te Puni No, 315 and has been a loyal member of Lodge Rangitane No. 369 seldom missing a meeting and regularly offering his services for stewarding duties. Congratulations Jack on behalf of the Association

Article Submitted by VWBro. Mike Kendrick PDistGM

Speech Notes: RWBro. Dave Marshall PDepGM

Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand

Annual Accounts 2012/2013

(draft until audited)

ANZ Cheque Account Year Ending 30 August 2013

Opening Balance 30 August 2012		\$4,333.32
Receipts		
Subs	885.00	
Apron Fund	320.00	
AGM Payments	180.00	
Merchandise	349.50	
Donations	215.00	
Interest	63.23	
Sundry*	<u>5,523.93</u>	
	<u>7,536.66</u>	
Payments		
Postage		\$7.90
Stationery		\$95.12
Merchandise		\$464.00
Meeting Donations		\$200.00
Meeting Costs		\$390.00
Apron		\$158.50
Honorariums		\$150.00
Tax		<u>\$12.57</u>
		<u>\$1,478.09</u>
Closing Balance 30 August 2013		<u>\$10,391.89</u>

GLDS Investment Account (Closed) Year Ending 30 August 2013

Opening Balance 30 August 2012		\$5,408.62
Receipts		
Interest	<u>139.77</u>	
	<u>139.77</u>	
Payments		
Tax		<u>\$24.46</u>
		<u>\$24.46</u>
Closing Balance 9 May 2013 * (Closing Balance Transferred to ANZ Account)		<u>\$5,523.93</u>

Stock on Hand 30 August 2013	Units	Cost	Total
Ties	2	20.12	40.24
Caps	8	11.84	94.72
Lapel Pins	21	14.52	304.92
Aprons	2	125.00	<u>250.00</u>
Total			<u>689.88</u>

A J Douglas Secretary/Treasurer - 30 September 2013

Notes To Accounts

The financial situation of the Association remains strong. Since the closing date for the 2012/2013 financial year, a term deposit account has been opened at KiwiBank under the Association Rules and \$8000 from the ANZ Cheque Account above has been transferred in to term deposit to maximise interest earnings. Unfortunately, since the recent High Court ruling regarding the charitable status of freemasonry, the Association will now be liable for taxation on interest earnings.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2013/2014

Brethren, your subscriptions for the 2013/14 year are now due. Many brethren have already paid their subscription or have made double payments in previous years. These brethren are listed here:

WBro Tim Barry

Bro James Clifford-Marsh

WBro Ray Keenan

WBro Bob Borland

WBro Grand Dowie

Bro Ernie Porter

WBro Bob Budge

WBro Tom Hallen

Bro Bruce Riach

If your name is on this list please do not send payment for the 2013/14 year. If you think you have paid for the 2013/14 year and your name is not on this list, please advise me and I will investigate and advise.

Before filling the below form in, please feel free to copy this form and hand it to any prospective new members of the Association

Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand.

Membership Application & Renewal Form

NAME:

Date:

ADDRESS:

LODGE NAME & NUMBER:

Receipt Required: Yes* / No

MASONIC RANK:

PHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL:

Subscription to October 2014

\$ 10.00

Donation to Apron Fund (optional)

\$.....

Donation to the Association (optional)

\$.....

Railway Craftsmen's Association lapel badge (optional—\$15)

\$.....

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$.....

Please return to: Adrian Douglas
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* Please Include self addressed envelope with payment if receipt required.

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RAILWAY CRAFTSMEN APRONS

Aprons are available for Railway Craftsmen's Association members who are being installed in to the chair of King Solomon. Please advise the Secretary/Treasurer if you know if any members who are to be installed. This will allow the presentation plaque and presentation of the apron to be arranged. It will also allow for wide distribution of the installation date amongst our members. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

RAILWAY CRAFTSMAN MERCHANDISE



Merchandise is now available for purchase from the Secretary/Treasurer. There are only a few left - so be in quick to secure your order using the order form below. We will order more merchandise from the supplier if necessary. An order form appears below.



RCA MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Item	No.	Price	Total
Railway Craftsmen Tie	—	\$21.00	_____
Railway Craftsmen Cap	—	\$13	_____
Railway Craftsmen Lapel Badge	—	\$15.00	_____
Postage		\$5.50	
		Total	_____

Send (with payment) to: Adrian Douglas, Secretary/Treasurer, Railway Craftsmen's Association. C/- 57 Meadowcroft Grove, Johnsonville, WELLINGTON 6037. Please make cheques out to the Railway Craftsmen's Association.

Internet Banking - payment can be made in to the following Account:
01-0527-0007014-00 ANZ Bank Marlborough Branch - Railway Craftsmen's Association.
 Please include surname and AGM as reference and advise Secretary/Treasurer when payment made.



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KEEP IN TOUCH!

Brethren - please keep in touch with the Secretary / Treasurer regarding any installations, workings or bereavements of Railway Craftsmen. Please also bear in mind that RCA members can be presented an Installed Master's apron on being installed in to the chair of King Solomon for the first time. Prompt advice to the Secretary / Treasurer means that details can be distributed amongst the membership. We rely on YOU to be our eyes and ears out there! Your assistance would be appreciated. Important - please send photos of any event you attend to the Secretary / Treasurer for inclusion in this magazine!

THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Our Chairman is putting together a proposal on the future of the Association. He is very keen to hear from members on their views. The Association now has 124 members and we are struggling to get members to attend meetings, particularly where travel is involved. Points to ponder include future meetings / locations, declining membership and what the future is of the organisation generally. Tony can be contacted on 06 843 4855 or bev.tonyrich@clear.net.nz. The information you provide will help Tony to form a paper to be discussed at the next General Meeting of the Association. It should be kept in mind that both the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer intend to stand down next year. If you can help, please advise Tony.

*Merry
Christmas*

*Wishing all members and their families a very Merry Xmas and all the best for 2014 - From
Tony Rich (Chairman) and Adrian Douglas (Secretary/Treasurer)*