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RAILWAY CRAFTSMEN NEWS

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2014 GENERAL MEETING REPORT

A very successful event was held in Johnsonville to convene a General Meeting and conduct a 2nd Degree on Brother Leroy Cross, a member of The Coronation Lodge No. 127. 12 Brethren attended the General Meeting and RCA members participated in the 2nd Degree Working held under the charter of The Coronation Lodge and under the leadership of their Master and our member WBro. Bill Hudson. The General Meeting saw VWBro Mike Kendrick and WBro Bill Hudson elected as Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer respectively. So the future of the Association is assured. RCA members participating were as follows: WBro Bill Hudson (Master), WBro Adrian Douglas (SW), WBro John Lockyer (JW), WBro Rowdy Robertson (DC), VWBro Mike Kendrick (SD), Bro William Gelido (JD), WBro Alistair Stoddart (IG), VWBro Malcolm Stone (Tyler) . Also giving charges were: WBro Bob Pollard (Test Questions), WBro Tony Rich (Secrets), Bro Jonathan Brunton (SE Charge) and VWBro Malcolm Stone delivered the Tracing Board.

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The Assembled Brethren after the Second Degree Ceremony — Photo supplied by Bro Christian Hipolito

Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand held at the Johnsonville Masonic Centre, Phillip Street, Johnsonville at 1120hrs on Saturday 4 October 2014.

Present: Some 12 members were in attendance

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman (WBro Tony Rich) welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Obituaries

Members stood in recognition of all Railway Craftsmen who had passed to the Grand Lodge above since the last meeting. They were Brothers Les Boswell, Hilary Finkle, Dick Feather, Loyal Fox, Graham Hancock, Jack Parker, Jack Sheehan, Joe Templeton.

Apologies

WBro Peter Clifford-Marsh, WBro Mail, WBro Mosely, WBro Wolfsbauer; WBro Hardy, WBro Nicholson, RWBro Polkinghorne, VWBro Pointon, WBro Armstrong, WBro McRoberts, WBro Keenan, VWBro Wagener. WBro Maru, Bro Williams, RWBro Workman, WBro Mangin, VWBro Williams, WBro Beck, WBro J Robertson, WBro Morris.

It was Moved VWBro Stone and seconded WBro Robertson that apologies were accepted. **Carried.**

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the General Meeting held 13 October 2012 and the General Meeting held 13 March 2013 were tabled and copies were issued to members. It was moved WBro Douglas and seconded WBro Rich that these minutes represented a true and correct record of these meetings. **Carried.**

Matters arising

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

Chairman's Report

A copy is attached. It was moved WBro Lockyer and seconded VWBro Kendrick that the Chairman's report be accepted. **Carried**

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

A copy is attached. It was moved VWBro Kendrick and seconded VWBro Stone the Secretary/Treasurers Report be accepted. **Carried**

VWBro Kendrick thanked the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer for their respective work in their roles on behalf of all members.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected

Position	Nominee	Moved	Seconded	Vote
Patron	RWBro Workman	WBro Robertson	VWBro Stone	Carried
Vice Patrons	As per the 2009 AGM minutes – no alterations			Carried
Chairman	VWBro Kendrick	WBro Lockyer	VWBro Stone	Carried
Vice Chairman	WBro Robertson	VWBro Stone	WBro Douglas	Carried
Secretary/Treasurer	WBro Hudson	VWBro Kendrick	WBro Robertson	Carried
Auditor	WBro Straugheir	WBro Douglas	WBro Rich	Carried

It was decided that the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer would be empowered to approach, recruit and appoint regional delegates/committee members as they see fit. Moved WBro Douglas Seconded WBro Lockyer **Carried.**

The bank account signatories would be VWBro Kendrick, WBro Hudson and WBro McRoberts. Moved WBro Douglas Seconded WBro Rich **Carried.**

Notices of Motion

One Notice of motion had been received. The notice of motion was withdrawn by the proposer.

General Business

Future of the Association

WBro Rich commented that the Association continued to battle in a number of areas. He received very little feedback when he put the paper on the future around for discussion, but when feedback was again requested he received 8 replies – none of them offering any assistance with many agreeing it may be time to wind up the Association.

WBro Robertson commented that it was difficult to raise interest to attend meetings these days. He had made 15 phone calls to Marlborough members to encourage them to attend without a result.

VWBro Stone commented that the difficulties the Association was going through were similar to those being experienced by freemasonry as a whole.

WBro Robertson said that his lodge had 7 candidates recently with 3 being railwaymen. He will be approaching them to join the Association. He believes strongly that the Association still has a future and that members must support it. The Association means a lot to him.

WBro Douglas commented that it is very difficult to organise meetings when members are not returning attendance forms (so logistics such as meal numbers cannot be estimated) and he had 3 members pull out of the ceremonial work in the last few days. It is really important that the new Secretary/Treasurer be supported by returning the forms and any other information requested.

WBro Rich read out his paper on the future of the Association (it is attached to the minutes).

New Members

It is important that the Secretary/Treasurer and/or Chairman be informed as new railwaymen join the craft so that we can invite them to be members of the Association. District Co-Ordinators can help with this.

Subs Arrears

WBro Pollard asked is members could be advised if their subs are in arrears? This would be passed to the new Secretary/Treasurer for action. WBro Douglas commented that the Association was financially strong as there are few running costs, but it was proposed by various members that arrears should be chased up.

Installation – Picton

WBro Robertson confirmed that his installation would be in Picton on Saturday 2nd May 2015. The Installing Officer would be RWBro Workman and WBro Robertson would be approaching members to participate. Participating officers may be required to be in Picton on Friday for a rehearsal. There will be a function on the Saturday night with ladies and brunch on Sunday Morning at WBro Beck's residence. Accommodation is recommended at the Aldan lodge and the Marlin Motel.

It was moved VWBro Kendrick and seconded VWBro Stone that the Association cover the costs for the Sunday BBQ/Brunch. **Carried.**

Donation to Paekakariki Railway Station Museum

At the Picton General Meeting it was passed that the Association pay for a display case for the Paekakariki Station Bell on it's return to the station museum. Due to the generosity of David Lockyer, the case was constructed at no cost. It was moved WBro Douglas and seconded WBro Wolfenden that \$500 be donated to the Paekakariki Station Museum. **Carried.**

Meeting Closed 12:08pm

UPCOMING RCA EVENTS

2014

16 Oct 2014 Installation of WBro Chris Leigh Franklin lodge No.58 (Auckland)
8 Nov 2014 RCA Installation of Bro. James Clifford-Marsh SW Lodge Tawhiri No. 166 (Hamilton)

2015

TBC April Installation Of WBro. Warren (Rowdy) Robertson Lodge Waitohi No. 111 (Picton)

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Brethren - please keep in touch with the Secretary/Treasurer regarding any 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. 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 distribution.

THE RETURN OF THE PAEKAKARIKI STATION BELL

The Paekakariki Station Bell has been returned to the Paekakariki Station Museum in an unveiling ceremony on Sunday 5th October 2014. When the operational life of the station came to a close many years ago, the bell was luckily “rescued” by WBro John Lockyer and has been tolled at many freemasons and RCA meetings since. John’s son David built a magnificent case to house the bell and prepare it for the ceremony. The ceremony included a re-enactment of the wartime incident using soldiers in period costume and rolling stock from Steam Incorporated (lead by the recently restored Passchendaele locomotive AB608) and a song written especially for the occasion. The Paterson and Nash families, the local community and the Railway Craftsmen’s Association were all well represented.



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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: _____

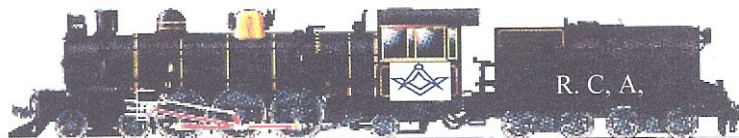
Address: _____

Phone: _____

Item	No.	Price	Total
Railway Craftsmen Tie	—	\$21.00	_____
Railway Craftsmen Cap	—	\$13.00	_____
Railway Craftsmen Lapel Badge	—	\$15.00	_____
Postage		\$6.00	
		Total	_____

Send (with payment) to: Bill Hudson, Secretary/Treasurer, Railway Craftsmen's Association. C/- 24A Duncan Street, Johnsonville, WELLINGTON 5028. 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 the Secretary/Treasurer when payment is made.



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MEMBERSHIP FEES - 2014 / 15

Please note membership fees for 2014/15 are now due. If you have paid at the recent 2014 General Meeting or since you are up to date. Please contact the Secretary/Treasurer if you are unsure of your financial status with the Association or believe that you may be in arrears.

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 2015

\$ **10.00**

Donation to Apron Fund (optional)

\$.....

Donation to the Association (optional)

\$.....

\$15.00 for the Railway Craftsmen's lapel badge (optional)

\$.....

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$.....

Please return to:

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