



## RAILWAY CRAFTSMEN NEWS

### Newsletter of the Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand

A very successful event was held in Hamilton to conduct the installation of Bro. James Clifford-Marsh as Worshipful Master of Lodge Tawhiri No. 166. Previously WBro. Dave Simpson was installed as worshipful master of Lodge Tawhiri No. 166 by VWBro. Phil Wagener and the members of the RCA in 2007.

21 Brethren attended on this occasion and RCA members participated in the installation under the leadership of RCA chairman VWBro. Mike Kendrick. RCA members participating were as follows: VWBro. Mike Kendrick PDistGM (Installing Master), WBro. Colin Wolfsbauer PGS (SW), VWBro. Trevor Hardy PDistGM (JW), VWBro. Charles Pettit PDistGDC (DC), WBro. John Lockyer PGBB (Chaplain), WBro. Warren Merrilees PGS (IG), RWBro. Ian Nathan PGW (Organist) and VWBro. Phil Wagener PDistGM (Prompt). Also giving charges were: WBro. Adrian Douglas (Tools in the Board), WBro. Bob Wolfenden (Master Mason working tools) and WBro. Bill Hudson (Fellow Craft working tools). WBro. Peter Clifford-Marsh undertook a critical role of installing his son, under the supervision of the installing master.



The Assembled Brethren after the installation:

WBro. Dave Armstrong, WBro. Adrian Douglas, Bro. Kelvin Williams, RWBro. Robin Meehan PProvGM, WBro. Russell Rickards, WBro. Dave Simpson, VWBro. Phil Wagener PDistGM, VWBro. Mike Kendrick PDistGM, WBro. Rodney Mayo, WBro. Bill Hudson, WBro. James Clifford-Marsh, WBro. Colin Wolfsbauer PGS, VWBro. Trevor Hardy PDistGM, WBro. Peter Clifford-Marsh, RWBro. Reid Polkinghorne PProvGM, RWBro. Dave Marshall PDepGM, WBro. John Lockyer PGBB, WBro. Bob Wolfenden (WBro. Warren Merrilees PGS, RWBro. Ian Nathan PGW & WBro. Charles Pettit PDistGDC already at refectory)

## **UPCOMING RCA EVENTS**

### **2015**

10 Feb Passing of Bro. Kelvin Williams Te Awahou Lodge No. 133 (Foxton)

2 May 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. Your assistance is appreciated. Important - please send photos of any event you attend to the Secretary/Treasurer for distribution.

## **RAILWAY CRAFTSMEN APRONS**

Aprons are available for Railway Craftsmen's Association members who are being installed in to the chair of King Solomon for the first time. 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



Members can purchase the items shown above from the Secretary/Treasurer using the order form below. There are only a few left. We will order more merchandise from the supplier if necessary.

### 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 item as reference **and** advise the Secretary/Treasurer when payment is made.

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## New Initiate Profile: Bro Mark Chaney

**In October an ex-railwayman was initiated into Lodge Westminster 308.**

I was born in Porirua in 1969. The third of three children, to my father (Rewi) an electrician with his own business and my mother (Rae) who, as well as looking after 3 children, also worked in the electrical shop.

I have lived in Tawa all my life, but did spend a considerable amount of my early years staying in a bus on a section our family owned at Otaki Beach. This was a great place to spend time as a youngster and is probably where I picked up my love of the outdoors, especially fishing.

We spent many an evening and early morning dragging for flounder or fishing.

I went to Tawa Primary School, Tawa Intermediate and just to round it off, Tawa College. My father and grandfather were keen rugby players and heavily involved in local and Wellington rugby. I followed the family tradition and played rugby from the age of 5.

By the time I was about 10, my family had purchased a dairy farm in Te Horo. This was managed by a sharemilker and I spent many a weekend helping out and working around the farm. I also spent many hours keeping the rabbit population in check. Although spending time on the farm was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, I did learn that farming life was not the life for me.

From the age of 12 I worked after school in the family electrical business. This ranged from serving customers, helping with electrical repairs and also going out on jobs with the electricians.

Unfortunately, even though I was the boss's son, I was inevitably the one that would end up crawling around in the mud under houses running cables.

Working in the shop, I gained an appreciation for all things electrical. I left college aged 16 after completing University Entrance and managed to land a Telecommunication Technicians apprenticeship at New Zealand Railways. This was a great opportunity to be paid while training. I worked in various IT roles and saw many technology changes during this time. It was great place for building lifelong friendships, including meeting my lovely wife, Jean. I worked at Railways for 13 years and left during one of the many restructures. It was about this time that I had my first child, Victoria (16).

After life at Rail, I joined Ericsson Communications and worked my way through the ranks to become the National Service Manager. During this time I also had my second child, Alyssa (12).

I left Ericsson after 6 years to work for as Product Manager for a US based Microwave Communications company called Stratex Networks. This was an International role that required significant international travel. Unfortunately after 18 months, I realised that being overseas most of the time and having a very young family, was not an ideal mix. I left there and joined NZ Post as Outsource Services Manager.

I left NZ Post after 6 years and Joined Telecom (now Spark Digital) in my current role as Service Director. It was also here that my wife and I were blessed with the surprise arrival of an additional member to our family, Isabelle (2).

The whole family enjoys the outdoors and we spend as much time as we can out on the water fishing, diving and towing the kids around on various water toys. We also spend time every January camping with friends by the lake at Taupo and also try to sneak in a family overseas trip whenever we can.

My father was raised in Johnsonville and a member of the local Masonic Lodge. Various other family members were also active lodge members, with my grandmother living next to the Lodge in Johnsonville. These exposures meant I had always had an interest in Lodge life, but it was not until recently, when talking to a friend who had recently joined Westminster, that I made the commitment.



# Application Form for Membership

## "The N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association"

(Founded in France in 1916).

Established in 1917, in France, by N.Z. Freemasons of the 1<sup>st</sup> N.Z.E.F.M.A. The Association continued through the second World War with the 2<sup>nd</sup> N.Z.E.F.M.A. whose members, in 1946, decided to wind up its affairs, allowing its members to become part of the 1<sup>st</sup> N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association which, at that time, was still very active within New Zealand.

Today, and in 2014 The Association, which is centred in the Manawatu area, is still operating with a New Zealand wide membership of approximately 50 Brethren, living both locally and around N.Z.

The original criteria for membership, which is still applicable today is –

**"A Brother must have served in any Military conflict overseas during and since the Second World War for which a Campaign Service medal has been awarded to them."**

Note - He must also be a member of Freemasons Lodge, whether N.Z. Constituted or any other recognised Grand Lodge at the time of joining the Association..

This criteria has recently been reviewed and **effective from January 2013** the following and additional criteria is applicable,

**"those Servicemen who were unable to serve abroad but were vital to the war, or any other and subsequent combat efforts, and who qualify under all other criteria may become an "Associate Member" of the Association"**

The Association is actively involved in the following,,

- An "Annual Re-union" of members and their wives or partners, usually in January each year.
- A Representative attendance at the annual ANZAC service held by a Lodge, or Lodges each year, with active participation.
- By invitation, attend a Lodge meeting and carry out a degree working or, A specially prepared presentation based on the history of the Association.

Any Brother interested and who believes he qualifies, please apply to –

The Secretary – W.Bro. A. R. Tim Brown. 53 Burn Street, Levin 5510. Tel. - (06)368 8655.

Note - The current annual dues for membership, is \$10.

**Please tear off this section below and return to – A.R. Brown, Secretary NZEFMA 53 Burn Street, Levin 5510.**

## "NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE MASONIC ASSOCIATION"

### "Full Membership" or "Associate" Application .

Full name -..... d.o.b. ....

Address..... Tel. No. ....

Lodge Name..... No. .... Constitution .....

Served in N.Z. / Commonwealth/Allied Armed Forces from ..... to .....

(cross out which not applicable).

Branch of Armed Forces..... Service No.....

Area/s of Active Service (War, Conflict or Campaign directly associated with) -

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signed. ....

Date. .... / ..... / .....

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