

# LODGE SCOTIA No. 263

## *Holding under the United Grand Lodge of Queensland*

### MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2013

#### OPENING:

The Lodge was tyled at 7:10pm and the meeting was opened by the Worshipful Master, Wor Bro David Kirk. The Meeting was declared open after several visiting brethren had been vouched for.

Present were 19 members and 5 visitors.

#### WELCOME:

The WM warmly welcomed the visiting Brethren and our AGSW, R W Bro Ted Sharp PJGW.

#### APOLOGIES:

Wor Bros... Tony Vecchio, Ted Faulkner, Joe Filippone, Bruce Kelly

Bros... Matt Fuller, Chris Gaylard

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Bro Secretary informed the WM and Brethren that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May had been circulated to all Scotia brethren, and being unaware of any Business Arising therefrom that needed to be dealt with at this meeting, it was moved by the Secretary and seconded by Wor Bro Stuart Nobbs that they be received and adopted – Carried

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

##### INWARD

From UGLQ

- .. Copy of report from the Board of General Purposes presented at the June Quarterly Communication
- .. Advice from Accounts Manager as to likely cost of increasing Insurance on Lodge property from the nominal figure of \$5,000. Current cost for insurance at \$20,000 is \$95.50 but an anticipated increase in insurance fees is likely to see that figure rise to \$130+. A list of regalia and contents is not required but it is suggested the Lodge have its own schedule.
- .. Advice of an Invitation about to be forwarded to new members from the MW Grand Master to give them an opportunity to meet.
- .. Receipt for \$45 being for raffle tickets sold to assist Mrs Regina Burton in her fund raising efforts for the Guide Dogs Raffle.
- .. Recommendation of the Grand Secretary to a forthcoming invitation which will be received from the Supreme grand Royal Arch Chapter of Qld, for Master Masons to attend a Master Masons' Evening scheduled for 7:30pm at the Ann Street Memorial Masonic Centre on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2013.

##### Other Inward Correspondence

- .. Proposal from Wor Bro Atterbury to hold a fishing trip at Teewah Beach.
- .. Masonic Motorcycle Association of Australia information flyer offering masonic membership as well as non-masonic Associate Membership to Non-masons both male and female. Social rides take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. A weekend ride is being planned. There are no formal meetings - just the social rides. See the Secretary for more details.

##### Invitations to:...

- .. Enogerra Lodge Installation of Wor Bro Faulkner – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm – Banquet \$20 (no charge for Ladies).
- .. Celtic of Ithaca Lodge Installation of Wor Bro Gilmour on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm – Festive Board \$20.
- .. Lamington Lodge Installation of Bro Andrew Little at Ann St on Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30. No charge for Festive Board.

## OUTWARD

### To UGLQ

- .. Lodge Meeting Report.
- .. Copy of Summons to GSW, AGSW and Grand Secretariat.
- .. Letter enclosing copies of Scotia's Audited Statements of Account for the years 2011 and 2012
- .. Letter seeking Insurance details relating to Lodge property.
- Other Outward Correspondence
- .. Summons and Minutes of May meeting circulated to all members.
- .. Invitation to Open night to all Brethren and other contacts.

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

There being no business arising, Bro Secretary moved that the Inwards Correspondence be Received and the Outwards endorsed.  
Seconded by Rod Sellin - Carried

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Treasurer, Wor. Bro Kerry Le Boutillier, advised the Lodge of the balances of our various accounts:

General Account: \$ 4720.27

Benevolent Account: \$ 2889.56

Anniversary Account: \$ 2042.77

Wor. Bro Le Boutillier advised he had no Accounts requiring Payment at this time although there would be one for the Festive Board this evening.

Moved by WJW: Bro. Stuart Nobbs and Seconded by WSW: Bro Denis Atterbury that the Treasurer's report be received and that all lawful accounts be passed for payment - Carried

## WORK:

The Wor Master informed the brethren and visitors of proposed proceedings where the lodge would be formally closed before bringing in guests to witness the presentation of 50 year Jewels and other business to be conducted.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no General Business

## Almoner's Report:

- The Wor Master informed the Brethren of the ill-health of the wife of our Almoner, Wor Bro Bruce Kelly.
- Wor Bro Kerry Le Boutillier reported on Joe Filippone's progress advising he is on the mend and hopes to be back at the next meeting.

## Other Reports:

.. The WM reported on the recent Installation of the Grand Royal Patron and Grand Court Officers and the coronation of the Grand Royal Matron to which the lodge had been invited advising that he is carrying on for another term as Patron due to ill-health of the intended occupant of the position.

.. The WM advised that in addition to the two 50 year jewels to be presented this evening, arrangements needed to be made to send a small contingent to travel to the Gold Coast to present a 50 year jewel to Bro Harper Rappel.

.. Wor Bro Sellin reported on the proposed Bus Trip advising that due to insufficient numbers it would be put on hold until a more suitable time. Wor Bro Kirk thanked Bro Sellin for his efforts.

.. Wor Bro Sellin also advised he was travelling to Canberra later in the year and asked the lodge to consider a proposal that he purchase a Pine Tree that might be presented on behalf of the lodge to the Masonic Home at Sandgate as a mark of respect to our former War Service veterans. The significance of the 'Pine Tree' is:  
"The Aleppo (pinus halepensis) is the species only grown in Turkey. During the battle of Lone Pine Ridge at Gallipoli in 1915, a soldier was killed and in his effects that were sent home to his mother was a pine cone. She had the cone for 13 years. Then planted 3 seeds only 2 striking. One was planted in her home town of Inverell and the other was planted at the War Memorial in Canberra in 1934. From these trees the seeds were collected and propagated in the National Nursery. In the 1980s these seedlings were presented to R S L Clubs and Schools for ceremonial occasions."

.. The Worshipful Master again welcomed our AGSW, R.W. Bro Ted Sharp and invited him to address the Brethren. R.W. Bro Sharp informed the Brethren that this was his last evening as the AGSW of the Lodge but that he hoped to return as a Caledonian member to visit. He spoke of the improvement he had seen in the Lodge work and hoped he had been of some assistance pointing out that he had attended the Lodge now on 20 occasions in his time as an AGSW.

On behalf of Lodge Caledonian, R.W. Bro Sharp passed on congratulations to Wor Bro Terry Philip for the manner in which he had recently presented the Tracing Board for Caledonian Lodge.

At the FIRST TIME OF ASKING – Nothing

At the SECOND TIME OF ASKING

- The Charity Box was circulated.
- The WM expressed his thanks to the stand –in officers: - Wor Bro Nobbs - Acting WJW, Wor Bro Davis - Acting JD, and Wor Bro Ryan Acting IG.

Proposed work for next Meeting - on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm:

The WM advised the work for next meeting will be an Emulation 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and that the work would be allocated as was intended for the proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree earlier this year. Bro Secretary to advise of the allocation.

The next Committee of Inquiry and Practice meeting was set down for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm

At the THIRD TIME OF ASKING - Nothing

**PRESENTATIONS**

There being no further business, the Worshipful Master requested the Brethren to assist him to close the Lodge.

Following the Closing Hymn, the WM requested the Wor Bro Director of Ceremonies to bring in the Visitors. A good number of Ladies and Gentlemen were escorted in by the Deacons and were encouraged to take a seat near their family/friends within the lodge following which, Wor Bro Greg Hovey presented for the benefit of the Visitors, a brief explanation of the Role of the various offices in the Lodge and of some of the lodge workings and furniture.

The Worshipful Master then called in turn, the following brethren to make the presentations ...

- Wor Bro Bob Davis presented a 50 year Jewel to Wor Bro Don Munro
- Wor Bro Stuart Nobbs presented a 50 year Jewel to Bro John Hughes

In making this presentation, Wor Bro Nobbs read an email from Wor Bro Tony Vecchio congratulating Bro Hughes on the presentation and recalling their long association since their teen years.

In a surprise announcement, the WM then called on Wor Bro Don Munro to present on behalf of the Lodge, a Jewel commemorating 40 years of service to Wor Bro Bob Davis.

Each of the Jewel recipients in turn, responded to the presentation expressing their appreciation to the Lodge and the MW Grand Master for the acknowledgement, and to the presenter of their Jewel for their heartfelt messages of congratulations and reminiscence of good times shared.

Following the presentations, the Worshipful Master offered his personal congratulations to the three recipients of the Jewels.

The WM then expressed his appreciation to the visiting Brethren and the Ladies and Gentlemen for their attendance and invited all visitors to join the lodge for a Festive Board.

At 8:50pm the Worshipful Master, Wor Bro David Kirk directed the Acting Worthy Senior Warden, Wor Bro Stuart Nobbs to close the Lodge after having seen that all the wages had been paid so far as due and demanded whereupon the ceremony concluded with the Square of Friendship on the floor of the Lodge.

Minutes endorsed:

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Worshipful Master  
5<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

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Secretary  
19<sup>th</sup> June, 2013