

LODGE SCOTIA No. 263

Holding under the United Grand Lodge of Queensland

MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on 1st November, 2013

OPENING:

The Lodge was tyled at 7:15pm and the meeting was opened by the Worshipful Master, Wor Bro Denis Atterbury. The Meeting was declared open after several visiting brethren had been vouched for.

Present were 15 members and 3 visitors.

WELCOME:

The WM warmly welcomed the visiting Brethren and our AGSW, VWBro J.E. (John) Dodd AGSWks.

APOLOGIES:

Wor Bros... Kerry LeBoutillier; Derek MacMillan; Vic Walker, Bruce Kelly

Bros... Eddie Lim, Michael Wilson, Doug Paterson

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Bro Secretary advised the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 5th October, 2013 had been circulated to all Scotia brethren, and there being no further business arising, it was moved by the Secretary and Seconded by Wor Bro Greg Hovey that the Minutes of our regular meeting of 5th October be adopted as a true record of that Meeting.

The motion was carried and the Minutes were duly signed by the Worshipful Master.

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARD

From UGLQ

- .. Dispensation from the MW GM for the members, Piper and visitors of Scotia to wear Traditional Scottish (Highland) dress at Regular Meetings and Installation.
- .. In response to Scotia's request to change our Practice Night of 25th April, 2014 to a night other than Anzac Day, the Property Officer has agreed to our switching to Wednesday 23rd April.
- .. Advice from the UGLQ of NSW & ACT on the NSW Bushfires Disaster Appeal encouraging donations which can be made to the "Disaster Relief Fund" and posted to Freemasons NSW & ACT, PO Box A259, Sydney, NSW. Alternatively, donations can be made over the phone using Credit Card on Ph: 02 9284 2800.
- .. Letter from the GSWkgs expressing gratitude to the many volunteers and workers who helped make the Open day a resounding success.
- .. Letter urging support of the Movember fundraiser. The catchphrase for the Freemason's Team this year is 'Be a Bro, Grow a Mo'.
- .. Masonic Bursaries - Any brother of good standing having Children, Wards or Grandchildren who are Year 12 Students and are proceeding directly on to Tertiary Education in 2014 is invited to apply. Applications close Friday 31st January 2014. Contact the Grand Secretariat or Bro Secretary for the applicable forms.
- .. Advice of 68th AGM of the Board of Benevolence AMWOF on Monday 4th November open to Brethren and Guests.
- .. Report from our AGSW V W Bro John Dodd on meeting of 5th October, 2013.
- .. Order Form for Stanley Pocket Diaries for the year 2014.
- .. Returned letter from Bro Haigh (not at 'Tannum Sands address').

Various emails from Brethren on general matters.

Invitations to ...

- .. Master Masons seeking further Masonic knowledge. An evening is being conducted on the 18th Degree – otherwise known as the Rose Croix Chapter by the Rose Croix Chapter NO. 153 Euoggera. On Monday 31st March at 7:30pm No Regalia required. Dress is Smart, casual.

- .. Caboolture Lodge – 3rd Degree on Thursday 21st Nov – tyling 7pm
- .. Stanley Lodge – 3rd Degree on Bro Alistair Imrie 7th Nov – tyling 7pm
- .. Vigilance Lodge Annual Police Night – Mon 2nd Dec at Stones Corner tyling 7pm. Fest Brd \$20
- .. Northgate Remembrance Lodge Annual Open Remembrance Service – Fri 8th Nov at 7pm
- .. Barron Barnett Lodge Installation – Wed 20th Nov at 7.15pm
- .. Camp Hill Lodge Installation – Sat 23rd Nov at 3pm Fest Brd \$25 – Ladies are guests.

OUTWARD

To UGLQ

- .. Lodge Meeting Report.
- .. Copy of Summons to AGSW and Grand Secretariat.
- .. Property Officer – Scotia’s request for Centre Bookings for 2014 (including advice of change of April practice away from Anzac day (to Wed 23rd April) and assenting to request of Northgate Remembrance to use Room No. 2 for our November meeting in 2014.
- .. Request for Dispensation for Brethren and Visitors to wear Traditional Highland dress at meetings and Installation (including Piper at Installation).

To Board of Benevolence AMWOF – letter enclosing Lodge donation of \$50.

Summons to this meeting and a copy of Minutes of last meeting despatched to all Brethren by Post or email.

Other Outward Correspondence

- .. Letter to Somers & Sons enclosing payment for upgrade of IPM’s jewel
- .. General email to Brethren regarding proposed Kids Day Out and Ladies Night.
- .. Letters to Brethren who are substantially behind in their dues advising that rather than allow outstanding dues to accrue beyond current year, memberships will be terminated if steps have not been taken to return to good standing by the end of November.

General emails to brethren.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

In the absence of Bro Treasurer, Bro Secretary, advised the Lodge of the balances of our various accounts: as provided by Wor Bro Le Boutillier:

General Account: \$ 5297.40 Benevolent Account: \$ 3053.11 Anniversary Account: \$ 2042.77
 Bro Secretary moved that the Treasurer’s report be adopted. Seconded by Wor Bro Nobbs - Carried

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Bro Secretary advised the following Accounts requiring Payment were to hand:

John Ashby	-	Postage Stamps and Envelopes	\$79.99
UGLQ	-	Festive Board Drinks	\$37.20
UQLQ	-	Dues	\$1,848.52
UQLQ	-	Benevolent Levy	\$135.00
UGLQ	-	Hall Rent	\$659.11
Stuart Nobbs	-	Festive Board	\$44.17
Ray Harris	-	Organist	\$20.00

Moved by the WJW, WBro.Nobss and Seconded by WSW, WBro Hanney that the accounts as read be passed for payment - Carried

WORK:

- The Worshipful Master called on the Immediate Past Master, WB David Kirk to invest Wor Bro Rod Sellin as Senior Deacon of the Lodge. WB Sellin was duly obligated, invested and placed in the position of Senior Deacon.
- The Worshipful Master again called on the Immediate Past Master, WB David Kirk and gave him freedom of the Lodge to present to the Brethren a talk on the Order of the Amaranths. Wor Bro Kirk gave a very insightful presentation covering the origins of the order and its creation over 300 years ago by Queen Christina, the Ruler of Sweden - through to its present day workings. Of news to many of the Brethren in attendance was that the Order of the Amaranth and the Order of the Eastern Star are both governed by its female members and that Males are associates. Bro Kirk made mention of his reasoning for joining both these orders being that he liked the idea of having somewhere to go with his wife and through their association with both orders have met good friends and get to travel together for events in which they both have an interest.

GENERAL BUSINESS - There was no General Business

At the FIRST TIME OF ASKING – Nothing

At the SECOND TIME OF ASKING

- The Worshipful Master, once again welcomed our AGSW, invited him to the Festive Board and to speak to the Brethren. VW Bro John Dodd indicated that all the matters he had intended to speak on had already been covered in correspondence and confirmed he would be happy to join the Brethren at the Festive Board.
- The WM thanked the organist and the Stand-in Officers, Wor Bro Ted Dawson, and Wor Bro Tony Vecchio.

Proposed work for next Meeting - on Friday 6th December at 7.00pm:

Was yet to be decided.....

Secretary's note... The WM proposes to give the new Officers practice at opening and closing in the three degrees.

The next management/Practice meeting was set down for Friday 29th November at 7.00pm

Social Events

The WM reminded the Brethren of the following planned events...

- Kids Day Out – Sat December 1st at Sutton's Beach, Redcliffe. *It is intended that this be a breakfast gathering at Sutton's Beach, Redcliffe in the form of a BYO breakfast. Barbecues are available. The WM will be there by 7am. Note: Numbers are required to assist with provision of presents and nibbles. The Worshipful Master would like names, gender and ages of Children/Grandchildren 12 yrs and under – and an idea of the type of present that would suit.*
- Ladies night – Saturday 7th December, at Aspley Hornets Club at 50 Graham Road, Carseldine. *The suggested time to meet is 6:30 to 7pm. Numbers are required by Wor Bro Stuart Nobbs.*

Almoner's Report:

Wor Bro Almoner was not present to give a report but it is reported he and his wife, Ann, are enjoying some time at Caloundra.

Other Reports:

The Charity Box was circulated.

Proposed visits to other Lodges:

- The WM intends visiting ...
Northgate Remembrance on Fri 8th November and would appreciate company.
Caledonia on Sat 14th Dec for their Xmas meeting
Clifton on 19th December.
- Wor Bro Vecchio advised he had recently taken his grandson, Bro Joshua Vecchio to Lodge Tullebardin and is planning on going to St Andrews on the 19th November if any other brother wished to accompany them.

At the THIRD TIME OF ASKING

- Wor Bro Stuart Nobbs spoke about the availability of the Bursaries from UGLQ and recommended the Brethren consider applying if they had children or grandchildren who met the criteria (see correspondence).
Wor Bro Nobbs also mentioned the invitation to the Rose Croix event for Master Masons that was raised in correspondence. On looking around the room he had identified a number of members from that Order. Stuart has offered to talk to anyone who is interested in it.
- Wor Bro Hovey raised the issue of our upcoming 100th Anniversary and the fact that Caboolture Lodge who also celebrate theirs in the same year, in 2018, have offered for the lodges to get together to discuss preparations.

At 9:45pm the Worshipful Master, Wor Bro Denis Atterbury directed the Worthy Senior Warden, Wor Bro David Hanney 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.

The WJW, Wor Bro Stuart Nobbs invited all the brethren to adjourn to the South and the invitation was especially directed to visitors.

Minutes endorsed:

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Worshipful Master
6th December, 2013

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Secretary
6th December, 2013