

LODGE SCOTIA No. 263

Holding under the United Grand Lodge of Queensland

MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on 4th September, 2015

OPENING:

The Lodge was tyled at 7:17 pm and the meeting was opened by the Worshipful Master, Wor Bro Greg Hovey.

The Meeting was declared open after several visiting brethren had been vouched for.

Present were 18 members and 3 visitors inc. our AGSW.

APOLOGIES:

Wor Bro Vic Walker, Joe Ryan, Jim Williams, Denis Atterbury and Bruce Kelly Bro Valmor Morais .

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 7th August,, 2015, having been circulated to all Scotia brethren, and there being no business arising,

It was moved by Wor Bro Acting Secretary and seconded by Wor Bro Joe Filippone that they be received and adopted.

The motion was carried

The Minutes of the Emergent Meeting held on the 28th August, 2015, having been circulated to all Scotia Brethren and there being no business arising, it was moved by the WB Acting Secretary and seconded by WB Joe Filippone that they be received and adopted

The motion was carried and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7th August and of the Emergent Meeting of 28th August were duly signed by the Worshipful Master.

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARD

From UGLQ

'Clamo' Newsletter.

Notice of Past Grand Rank Conferred

Quarterly Communication

Board of Benevolence Report

Hand Heart Pocket –request for Lodge Logos

Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of 03.06.15 and Business Paper for 2nd September

Quarterly Communication Papers and Conferred Grand Rank

Email from Bro. Andrew Halton in which he outlines various grievances hr has with Grand Lodge, some of its Officers and employees. Bro Halton has foreshadowed legal proceedings against Grand Lodge and one of its employees.

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Other Inward Correspondence

AGSW's Report\

Lodge Ashton No. 218 –Installation Notice for 5th September

Celtic of Ithica Lodge No. 84 – Notice of Meeting on 14th September

Letter from Wor. Bro. Bruce Kelly saying he would be prepared to take the Office of Chaplain in 2015-2016

Thistle Lodge No. 490 –Installation of WB Robert Alexander on 5th September

Pine Rivers Lodge N. 51-Nitice of Meeting

AIF Memorial Lodge No. 289Instalation

WB Tony Vecchio – Almoners Report

Emails from:

Bro Eddie Lim - apology

Bro. Doug Paterson- apology

Bro. Ed Cameron re Bro Doug Paterson’s Right Vascular Artery surgery

WM re WB Bruce Kelly wishing to stand for Chaplain

WB Kerry LeBoutillier re reference for Mr Warren Griffiths (applicant for Initiation

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OUTWARD

To UGLQ

.. Lodge Meeting Reports.

.. Copy of Summons to GSW, AGSW and Grand Secretariat.

.. Request for Permission to Ballot for R Van Dartel

Other Outward Correspondence

.. Minutes and Summons to brethren.

..General emails to brethren.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

There being no further business arising, Wor Bro Secretary moved that the Inwards Correspondence be Received and the Outwards Correspondence be confirmed.

Seconded by Wor Bro

Terry Philip - Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Treasurer, Wor. Bro Don Munro, advised the Lodge of the balances of our various accounts:

General Account: \$ 7845.09 Benevolent Account: \$ 2229.67 Anniversary Account: \$ 2502.08

Wor Bro Treasurer moved that his report be adopted. Seconded by Wor Bro Terry Philip
Motion Carried

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Accounts for payment: UGLQ: \$1488.82 Music (2 Meetings): \$40.00 Festive Board: August \$110.00, Emergent Meeting: \$83.06 Phoenix Lodge Rent –August \$125.00, Soft Drinks Emergent Meeting: \$26.00
BALANCE of RECEIPTS less EXPENDITURE as at 04.09.15 = \$5775.21

Moved by WJW: Wor Bro Terry Philip and Seconded by WSW: Wor Bro Stuart Nobbs, that the accounts as read be passed for payment - Carried

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT: The Treasurer tabled the audited FINANCIAL REPORT. He observed that the General Account reduced during the year by \$605.00 because of arrears of Lodge dues owing by some Brethren and over catering costs at the 2014 Installation Banquet

The Treasurer said he saw no reason for an ncrease of Lodge Dues for the 2015-2016 Masonic year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016

DEPUTY DC: WB Joe Filippone nominated **WB Kerry LeBoutillier** Seconded by WB Rod Sellin
There being no further nominations, the WM declared WB Kerry Le Boutillier DEPUTY DC Elect

WSW: WB Stuart Nobbs nominated **WB Terry Philip** Seconded by WB Don Munro
There being no further nominations, the WM declared WB Tery Philip WSW Elect

WJW: WB Terry Philip nominated **WB David Hanney** Seconded by WB Stuart Nobbs
There being no further nominations, the WM declared WB David Hanney WJW Elect

CHAPLAIN: WB David Kirk nominated **WB Bruce Kelly** Seconded by WB Joe Filippone
There being no further nominations, the WM declared WB Bruce Kelly CHAPLAIN Elect

TREAS: WB David Kirk nominated **WB Don Munro** Seconded by WB Terry Philip
There being no further nominations, the WM declared WB Don Munro TREASURER Elect

SECY: WB David Hanney nominated **WB David Kirk** Seconded by WB Joe Fillipone
There being no further nominations, the WM declared WB David Kirk SECRETARY Elect

DC: Stuart Nobbs nominated **WB Joe Filippone** Secondrd by SWB T Philip
There being no further nominations, the WM declared WB Joe Fillipone DC Elect

SD: WB Rod Sellin nominated **WB John Ashby** Seconded by WB D. Kirk
There being no further nominations, the WM declared WB John Ashby SD Elect

JD: WB John Ashby nominated **BRO. Joshua Vecchio** Seconded by WB Terry Philip
There being no further nominations, the WM declared BRO Joshua Vecchio JD Elect

ALMONER: Bro Joshua Vecchio nominated **WB Tony Vecchio** Seconded by WB Terry Philip
There being no further nominations, the WM declared WB Tony Vecchio ALMONER Elect

I G:Bro. Nathan Vecchio nominated **BRO Darrel Vecchio** Seconded bt WB Terry Philip
There being no further nominations, the WM declared BRO Darrel Vecchio IG Elect

PRESIDENT OF THE STEWARDS: WB Joe Fillipone nominated **BRO Douglas Bates**
Seconded by WB John Ashby
There being no further nominations, the WM declared BRO Douglas Bates PRES of the STWDS

The WM then asked the Acting Secretary if there was any further business in this Degree.

The Acting Secretary replied that the Candidate had to be examined on his proficiency in the 1st Degree.

The Candidate, Bro Scott Bannan, was escorted to the East where he surrendered his Card and was then taken to the West where he was examined by the IPM, WB Denis Atterbury on his knowledge of the First Degree.

The WM congratulated Bro Bannan on the excellent way in which he had answered the questions and he was then allowed to retire from the Lodge to be prepared to be passed to the Second Degree.

The Lodge was then passed to the Second Degree and Bro Scott Bannan was admitted to the Lodge room for the ceremony of being passed to the Second Degree.

WORK:

Traditional History.....WB Kerry LeBoutillier
South East Charge.....WB Tony Vecchio
Signs and Secrets.....WB Terry Philip
Apron Charge.....Bro. Darrel Vecchio

ALL OTHER CHARGES WERE PERFORMED BY THE OFFICER SPECIFIED IN THE RITUAL

After Bro. Bannan had been passed to the 2nd Degree, he was congratulated by our WM, WB Greg Hovey and Bro Bannan was presented with a lecurette on the Degree and Card of questions and answers for him to learn so that he might be prepared to Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason at some future time Bro Bannan was then retired from the Lodge room to restore his formal dress

As there was no further business in this Degree, the Lodge was reduced to the 1st Degree and Bro. Bannan was readmitted to the Lodge room.

At the FIRST TIME OF ASKING – Nothing

At the SECOND TIME OF ASKING –

The WM warmly welcomed the visiting Brethren and our AGSW, VW Bro John Dodd AGSWks who addressed the brethren, congratulating the Candidate, Bro. Scott Bannan on being passed to the 2nd Degree.

VW Bro Dodd thought that it was an excellent ceremony and he congratulated Bro. Bannan and the way in which he had answered the questions on the 1st Degree and he said he was most impressed with Bro Scott's behavior during the ceremony.

VW Bro. Dodd said that Lodge Scotia appeared to be in a very strong position with so many candidates and so much work.

Our AGSW said that he was going on holidays and that he would not be attending our Installation. He advised us that **VW Bro. Andrew Pankhurst** would be our substitute AGSW acting in his stead. VW Bro. Dodd will be back for our November meeting.

Our WM welcomed our Visitors and particularly welcomed back to the Lodge Bro. Doug Paterson after a serious illness which had necessitated surgery. Bro. Paterson responded by thanking our WM for his kind words and thanked the Brethren for their support during his illness, Bro. Doug said he was recovering well.

The WM welcomed Bro. Roger Kelly back to the Lodge.

The WM also said that due to the closure of Kedron Temple for reconstruction of the fire stairs we had had several meetings at the Petrie Masonic Centre and one meeting at the Eustace Jones Hall at Masonic Care Sandgate.

He thanked Members for their support in helping to pull the Lodge together and for making the Lodge much 'healthier' Our WM said that we had come a long way during the year due to the support of our Members. He reminded us that **some Brethren from Scotia are travelling to Clifton Lodge near Toowoomba on a fraternal visit for their Installation on Saturday 26th September.**

Our WM also said that he would like to have, if possible, a **LADIES NIGHT** before the Installation

Our Senior Warden, Wor. Bro. Stuart Nobbs, asked the Brethren to rise and honour our outgoing WM, Wor. Bro. Greg Hovey for his outstanding contribution to Lodge Scotia during his year in Office as Worshipful Master.

Our Almoner, WB TonyVecchio gave a report and in it he said that he has been gradually working through a list of our absent Brethren. Tony said that it was a great pleasure to speak to Brethren who have not been in Lodge for years. He would like to start an '**ADOPT A BROTHER**' system to stay in contact with absent Brethren.

On behalf of the Brethren, our Treasurer, Wor. Bro. Don Munro, addressed the WM, WB Greg Hovey, to say a big 'thank you' to him for his profound influence on the Lodge during his term of 2014-2015. Wor. Bro. Munro said that Wor. Bro. Greg assisted in the process of meeting prospective Candidates for initiation into Scotia. Wor Bro. Munro thanked Greg for all that he had done for the Lodge and that he (Wor. Bro. Munro) had enjoyed working with our WM.

Wor. Bro. Joe Filippone addressed the Lodge about the make-up of the **Installation team:**

Installing DC:	Wor.Bro. Kerry LeBoutillier
Installing SW:	Wor.Bro. John Ashby
Installing JW:	Wor.Bro. Don Munro
Installing SD:	Wor.Bro. David Hanney
Installing JD:	Wor.Bro. Shane Mepstead
Installing Chaplain:	Wor.Bro. Bruce Kelly

Proposed work for next Meeting - INSTALLATION MEETING on 3rd October, 2015, when Wor. Bro. Stuart Nobbs will be Installed as Worshipful Master along with his team of Officers

The next Installation Practice meeting will be next **Friday 25th September**, and again another Practice Meeting on **Friday 2nd October** and the following day, **Saturday 3rd October, 2015** will be our Installation Meeting at the Kedron Centre on Saturday 3rd October tiling at 4.00 pm in the afternoon.

At the THIRD TIME OF ASKING - Nothing

CLOSING:

At 9.35 pm the WM, Wor Bro Greg Hovey, directed the WSW, 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.

The WJW, Wor Bro Terry Philip, 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
3rd October, 2015

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Acting Secretary
3rd October, 2015