

Daily Advancement

August Meeting

Your attendance is requested in performance of your Masonic duty for the next regular meeting of Lodge Pembroke to be held at the Masonic Hall, 3 Forcett Street, Sorell on **Thursday 28th August 2008** to be tyled at **7.30pm** sharp.

Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Business Arising
3. Correspondence & General Business
4. Financial Report
5. Almoner's Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Receive Visitors
8. **Passing: Bro. Andrew Montgomery**
9. Close Meeting

Obligation
 Secrets & Investiture
 Apron Extension
 Southeast
 Working Tools
 Tracing Board

Wor Master
 Senior Warden
 Bro Graham Alomes
 Wor Bro Barry Ford
 Wor Master
 Wor Bro. Alan A'Church

Special Invitation to Ladies

An invitation is extended to the wives and partners of Brethren to join us as our new Brother takes another important step in Freemasonry.

The Ladies will be entertained in the Supper Room while the Brethren meet in the Lodge Room.

After the close of the meeting, Brethren and their Ladies will sit down together for the Banquet in the South.

Assistance with the supper would be appreciated.

TAKE CARE ON COUNTRY ROADS!

Echidnas are normally quite solitary creatures and you rarely see more than one at a time. But at this time of the year, things change. With single-minded zeal the male of the species ranges wide and far in search of sex!

For their part, a female echidna on heat exudes a scent that a male can detect from miles away. And when they do, the guys start travelling.

On the way home the afternoon, I spotted a stray echidna crossing the road and was astonished to look across the road and see four large converging on a roadside drain. They took off when I went to look, and tried to hide under the bracing post on a fence.

Meanwhile, the smaller female was being coy. After a closer look, I returned to the car and watched them from a distance. The males waited for a while and, when they thought the coast was clear, came to life again and resumed the charge.

The female looked keen but wasn't all that anxious to be set upon by the pack, so backed quickly into the drain. For their part, the guys set about doing what echidnas do well - digging holes - each in his own way determined to be the first to reach her.

At this point, I thought it best to leave them to it



They think I can't see them



This drain looks like a safe place to hide



C'mon boys!

Probably unwise to think too much about what happens next!



We know she's in there somewhere!



RUNNING: COLD & HOT

The weather forecast was looking bleak ahead of our planned weekend stint of sausage sizzling at Cambridge Park. Tuesday was the coldest day this year, with snow down to 100m in Hobart, roads closed and legions of smiling schoolchildren stranded at home all over the South of the State.

Similar conditions were forecast for Saturday 16th August, and the following day. It was 3°C as I left home on Saturday morning. The sky was quite dark, there was an icy breeze and three layers of clothing didn't seem like it was going to be enough.

The set up at Mitre 10 is very good. They provide a specially built open-sided hut complete with barbecue, as well as a trestle table, and a 4m x 10m tent, the walls providing much needed shelter from the icy wind. They supplied an extra barbecue to handle any overflow, as well as three full bottles of gas. Mitre 10 staff were generally very helpful throughout the weekend.

Most of the organisation for the two days of sizzling sausages was done by Libby and Greg Cleeland. They arrived with a large eski of sausages (from a secret but reliable source), three trays of bread from Dodges Ferry bakery, a bulk supply of sliced onions, trays, napkins, tools, cans of drink, sauce bottles and thermoses of hot drinks for the workers.

It was pretty obvious that Libby, and her friend Barbara, have had plenty of practice at this sort of thing, and they soon had everything organised, barbecues fired up by 9.30am and the subtle and enticing smell of fried onions released on the breeze.

By this stage, the temperature had risen rapidly to about 5°C, the Mountain had disappeared behind a thick veil of grey-black cloud and there had already been two brief but drenching showers.

The crew for the day included Greg & Lindy Cleeland, and their friend Barbara,

Rosemary Bruce-Mullins, Barry Ford, George Sanders, Peter Page and Geoff Reynolds (Oh! and me).

As this weekend was chosen for the official opening of the Cambridge Park complex, most of the on-site businesses had organised some sort of sale. This, together with some of the entertainment and attractions laid on especially for the day, meant that there were more than usual numbers of people and families around, despite the miserable weather.

There was a crew that set up to entertain the kids with juggling and face painting. A group of Taiko drummers performed at various sites.

Mitre 10 had set up fences and a marquee which became their main entrance for the day, and we were set up right by the door.

It started out easy but as the smell of fried onions began to waft across the site, we got busier and busier. By lunch-time we were churning them through four and five at a time.

We'd gone through 40kg of sausages by 2.00pm and had a break while Greg went to get more supplies. By 3.30pm, we were ready to pack up, with some of us set up to come back the next morning.

Sunday saw Chris Healy and Graham Hawkins join the crew as able replacements and, while it wasn't quite as busy, we still had a successful day.

By the end of the weekend, it was calculated that we'd sizzled almost 75 kgs of sausages and 30kg of onions, with around 60 loaves of bread and 4 dozen cans of cordial. And there's enough left overs to ensure one or two good feeds of curried snags in coming months.

In the end it looks like the sizzle raised around **\$1,400** after expenses.

Thanks to all involved. It was a lot of fun!

KEY TO THE DOOR

The July meeting tyled as usual, despite a last minute scramble to fill vacant offices. The Lodge was again grateful for the support of Wor Bro Vic Phillips who stood in as Tyler.

The main business of the evening was the initiation of Bro Jeremy McGuire. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of visiting Masters and other visitors, as well as a goof number of our own members, and all were impressed with the way in which the Candidate conducted himself. Wor Bro Ford acted as Senior Warden and Wor Bro Tony Pearce stood in as Senior Deacon.

Proceedings in the South were lively and friendly, with the Brethren enjoying a hearty supper of Italian dishes.

THE EAGLE HAS LANDED

Very Wor Bro Curtain has returned home after about four weeks of adventure in the skies over Eastern Australia. While not achieving their ultimate objective in New Guinea, Bro. Newell tells me that the trip was memorable as much for the things that went wrong as those that went right.

We look forward to getting a full report from Barry and seeing some of the photographs from the trip.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Brethren are advised that those intending to make themselves available for Lodge Office in the ensuing year, should attend Committee of Management on Tuesday 26th August 2008, or contact the Secretary ahead of the meeting.

GOING CRUISING

Those who attended the successful Antique Roadshow last month may be interested to know that Gordon Brown will be departing soon to join a Mediterranean Cruise as a guest lecturer and guide. The cruise leaves from Istanbul and travels to Rhodes, Alexandria, Iraklion (Crete), the Pelapponese, Mykanos and finishes in Piraeus (Athens). He has offered to give a talk at a future Pembroke meeting and this might be scheduled for the early months of next year.

COMMUNICATIONS

All Master Masons are reminded that the Communications of Grand Lodge will be held at the Kingston Lodge Rooms from 1.00pm on Saturday 23rd 2008. For all those who have never attended, it is something every Brother should experience at least once. For others, there are important matters to be discussed.

Calendar

Saturday August 23rd 2008
Grand Lodge Communications
[Kingston Temple]

Tuesday August 26th 2008
Committee of Management
& Rehearsal

Thursday August 28th 2008
Pembroke Meeting
Election of Officers
Passing of Bro Montgomery

Wednesday September 3rd 2008
Instruction: Third Degree

Monday September 8th 2008
Clarence Installation:
Wor. Bro. Alan Burton

Thursday September 11th 2008
Huon Installation:
Wor Bro Mark Hollick

Monday September 15th 2008
Bowen Installation
Wor Bro Alan A'Church

Tuesday September 23rd 2008
Rehearsal

Thursday September 25th 2008
Pembroke Meeting
Initiation of Mr Nick Curtain

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