

Daily Advancement

September 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 25th September 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. Receive Visitors
7. ***Initiation: Mr. Nick CURTAIN***
8. Close Meeting

Obligation
 Lesser Lights
 Secrets & Investiture
 Apron Extension
 Northeast
 Reasons for Preparation
 Working Tools
 Final Charge
 Tracing Board

V. Wor. Bro. Barry Curtain
 Wor. Bro. George Sanders
 Senior Warden
 Bro Graham Alomes
 Wor Master
 Rt Wor Bro John Millington
 Junior Warden
 Wor. Bro. Barry Ford
 Wor Master

Special Invitation to Ladies & Friends

An invitation is extended to the wives, partners and friends of Brethren
 to welcome a new Brother (and Lewis) into 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.

LIFE'S LITTLE MYSTERIES

One evening in 1974, building workers in Indianapolis employed by the Dowling Construction Company securely locked up their site leaving a steel demolition ball dangling from a crane over two hundred feet above the ground.

When the operator arrived for work the following morning, he had climbed the crane and taken his seat in the cab before he noticed the steel ball was missing. It had completely vanished.

A thorough search was made and state-wide appeals for information were issued. To this day, police officers are puzzled by the theft. No trace of the demolition ball - at nearly three tons in weight, not easy just to slip into one's pocket - has ever been found.

On Wednesday 9th February 1859 John Lewis, of Aberdare in Mid Glamorgan UK, was fetching a piece of timber when he was startled by something falling over his head and down his neck. On reaching down he was surprised to find they were little fish. By this time the whole ground was covered in them and when he took his hat off the brim was full of fish, all jumping about.

Since then there have been thousands of reports from all over the world of showers of either small fish or tiny frogs. These so-called fish of frog 'falls' have never been properly explained and remain one of nature's mysteries.

In fact, the phenomenon goes back further than the nineteenth century. In 1666, a letter to a Fellow of the Royal Society went largely unreported, probably because it was also the year of the Great Fire of London.

"On the Wednesday before Easter, a Pasture Field at Cranstead near Wrotham in Kent, about two acres, which is far from the part of the sea or river and a place where there are no fish ponds and a scarcity of water, was all overspread with little fishes, conceived to be raining down. There having been at the time a great tempest of thunder and rain. The fishes were about the length of a man's little finger and judged by all that saw them to be young Whitings."

But even further back in history, in the second century BC, the following account in the *Histories of Heracles Lembus*:

"In Paeonia and Dardania, it rained frogs and so great was their number that they filled the houses and streets. Well, during the first days the people killed them and shut up their houses and made the best of it. But before long they could do nothing about it. Their vessels were filled with frogs, which were found boiled or baked with their food. Besides, they could not use the water, nor could they step upon the ground because of the heaps of frogs piled up and they also became overcome with disgust at the smell of the creatures that they fled the country".

A whirlwind or waterspout picking up the contents of a lake and depositing it elsewhere has been put forward as a possible explanation for the phenomenon, but nobody really knows why fish or frog falls occur.

At some time between 28 June and 6 July 1907 a person, or persons, unknown walked into the strong-room of Bedford Tower in Dublin Castle and stole the Irish Crown Jewels, said to be worth 350,000 pounds at the time. Whoever stole them must have had keys as no locks were broken and there were no signs of forced entry. Although how the thieves could have got hold of a set of keys is a mystery in itself as the sole key holder was Sir Arthur Vicars, the Ulster King of Arms, who was out of the country at the time.

Staff calculated it would have taken between fifteen and twenty minutes to remove the jewels from their individual cases before the thieves made their escape. During this time, none of the four heavily armed guards on duty noticed anything out of the ordinary, and despite a lengthy investigation by Scotland Yard, no trace of the Crown Jewels has ever been found.

Curiouser and curiouser!



AROUND THE TRAPS

The Annual **Gourmet Dinner** organised by the Southern Masters Association will be held at Drysdale House on Wednesday 5th November 2008. Please contact the Secretary, Wor Bro Greg Cleeland, if you are interested in attending.

There will be a raffle conducted in the lead-up to the dinner, with a 'living prize' (a tree). More details later.

Wor Bro Ric Goninon of Derwent Valley Lodge is organising an **Ambrose Golf Day** to be held at the New Norfolk Golf Club on 9th March 2009. Lodges will be invited to supply a team of four players each. Proceeds from the day will go to charity.

Officers of Research Lodge, led by our own Wor, Bro, George Sanders, will be presenting the **Blaikie Memorial Lecture** at Kingston Lodge on Saturday 11th October 2008. Pembroke will be conducting its usual Fraternal Visit and the Worshipful Master would appreciate support from Officers and Brethren.

The meeting of Glenora Lodge on Tuesday 14th 2008 will feature a lecture on the **Ecclesiastes** charge from the Third Degree. For any who have not witnessed, this is a most interesting and instructive lecture.

Derwent Valley is conducting a Past Master's Night on Wednesday 15th October. Wor Bro K O'Brien will be honoured with the presentation of a **60 Year Jewel**. The work for the evening will be a simulated First Degree.

Pacific will conduct their Past Masters Night on Thursday 16th October when Bro Tete Awatedu will be advanced to the **Third Degree**.

A **Simulated Second Degree** will be conducted at the meeting of Lodge Bothwell on Saturday 18th October.

The lecture on the **First Tracing Board** will be given at Bowen on 20th October, while Hutchins Old Boys will host a **Friends and Family Night** on the 22nd October.

A LITTLE PUZZLE

Do you remember these little mathematical problems they used to set in Primary school?

A train puts down one-third of its passengers at its first stop and takes up 24 new ones. At its second stop it puts down half the number then in the train and picks up 3 others. When the tickets were collected there were 62 passengers.

How many started on the train?

Answer:

Sixty two passengers make three more than half the number of passengers at the second stop. Therefore, 59 is half the number at the second stop; that is, 118 is the number that travelled from the first stop. That is 24 more than two thirds of the number which started. In other words, 94 is two thirds of the number which started and, therefore, 141 was the original number of passengers in the train when it started.

Which is almost as incomprehensible as the question!

KEY TO THE DOOR

The August meeting featured the passing of Bro Andrew Montgomery and the election of Officers for 2008/2009. Wor Bro Paul Kregor was elected to for another year as Master. The full list of Officers is:

Wor Master	Wor Bro Paul Kregor
Sen Warden	Bro Geoff Reynolds
Jun Warden	V Wor Bro Barry Curtain
Sen Deacon	Bo Graham Alomes
Jun Deacon	Wor Bro George Hanslow
Inner Guard	Wor Bro Graham Hawkins
Tyler	Wor Bro George Sanders
Director	Wor Bro Tony Bruce-Mullins
Chaplain	Wor Bro Manny Kean
Secretary	Wor Bro Greg Cleeland
Treasurer	Wor Bro Peter Page
Organist	Rt Wor Bro John Millington

Wor Bro Sandy Thomson will fill the Office of IPM.

Bro Montgomery was duly passed to the Second Degree, with Wor Bro A'church of Lodge Bowen giving an excellent presentation of the Tracing Board charge. There five visiting Masters, including Wor Bro Max Robinson on the last occasion he could visit before leaving the chair.

Brethren and ladies enjoyed a friendly supper before retiring to their homes.

GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATIONS

At Communications at Kingston on Saturday 23rd 2008, the President of the Board of General Purposes, Rt Wor Bro Ewen Cummins, announced the ruling that it will no longer be a requirement that Candidates repeat their obligations in open Lodge prior to being further advanced. This expected to be confirmed shortly and will take effect following its promulgation on the GL Exchange Notice. In explanation, it was noted that there had been a number of instances where this requirement had been a contributing factor in the withdrawal of a number of new Brethren. The ruling brings the Tasmanian Constitution in line with other Australian jurisdictions. Candidates will still be required to learn and recite the answers to questions.

FRATERNAL VISIT TO KINGSTON

In keeping with time-honoured custom, Pembroke will be conducting a Fraternal Visit to Lodge Kingston on Saturday 11th October 2008. The work for the evening is the presentation of the Blaikie Memorial Lecture by Officers of Research Lodge.

Calendar

Tuesday September 23rd 2008
Rehearsal

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

Wednesday October 1st 2008
Instruction

Saturday October 11th 2008
Official Visit to Kingston Lodge

Monday October 20th 2008
Esperance Installation

Tuesday October 21st 2008
Rehearsal

Thursday October 23rd 2008
Pembroke Installation
[Tying at 5.30pm)
Open Ceremony

Wednesday November 5th 2008
Instruction

Tuesday November 11th 2008
Glenora Installation

Friday November 14th 2008
Beltana Installation

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