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INSTALLATION OF THE DDGM AND ADDGM

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 14 October—SI Masonic Charitable Trust meeting @ 5pm.
- Followed by District AGM @ 5.45pm. Both held in the Canterbury Masonic Centre, Christchurch.

During these dark time, occasionally we have some incredible light times. On the 8th July at the Canterbury Masonic Centre during Conyers Domestic night, District held the ceremony to invest the DDGM and the ADDGM to make this a memorable light time.

The WM of Conyers, David Mackay, invited the DGM to take the gavel and conduct the ceremony.

W.Bro John Woollcott acted as the DC and escorted the various players to their roles. W,Bros David Gregson and Nigel Patterson acted as Deacons.

The District Grand Secretary read out the Patent for the DDGM, John Soper, and after being escorted to the East, took the oath and was invested and seated.

The District Grand Secretary then read the Patent for the ADDGM, Frans van Zoggel was then escorted to the East, took the oath and then invested.



W.Bro van Zoggel was then given greetings



From The DDGM

Brethren for the most part of this year it has indeed been a worrying time for every one in our community. It is a time when charity is needed the most and we look with compassion towards others. And when you look around it is certainly being given with vigour.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all brethren for their support of me during my tenure as ADGM and hope this will continue during my term as ADDGM. It is not a role I take lightly and will do my best to uphold the values that it holds and to assist the brethren and their lodges in any way I can



Brethren some of you may not know me too well as I have advanced through my masonic journey. I was initiated into Conyers Lodge 1916 in 1991 being passed and raised during that same year. Having steadily moved through the chairs was installed as WM in March 1999. Later that same year I joined Albert Edward RAC No.6 in Lyttleton, where I reached the 2nd principals chair when the chapter was put into recess. in about 2001 I joined Canterbury RAC 1048 though I resigned in 2003 when we moved to Ashburton. At this time I became a country member of Conyers Lodge and joined Ashburton Lodge 1811 where I am currently serving my 3rd term as WM. That same year I joined Rose & Thistle RAC 35 where I have served 5 years as 1st principal four of these consecutive. In 2010 I re-joined Albert Edward 6 and served 2 years as 1st Principal. due to travel requirements I resigned again in 2014. Currently I am a member of Canterbury 1048; Ashburton 1811 Craft Lodges; Canterbury 1048 and Rose & Thistle Royal Arch Chapters; Timaru Cryptic Council; and Clifton Rose Croix.

I am looking forward to when we all get back to normal and all our lodge can operate freely and without fair for those of us that may be more prone to this dreadful disease.

John Soper

Women's Refuge Van donated by West Coast Freemasons

West Coast Freemasons have presented Women's Refuge with a new van for their use.

Three Greymouth and Westport Lodges combined funds to purchase a \$10,000 Nissan El Grand 8 seater coach from Greymouth Car Centre. The grant was also supported by the Westland Masonic Charitable Trust.

Freemasons van organiser Leon Dalziel said the vehicle will be used on the Coast to support the important work Women's Refuge does in the community.

"We heard Women's Refuge were looking for a vehicle, and felt it was a worthy charitable cause, and a men's organisation helping a women's organisation", Mr Dalziel said.

Greymouth Car Centre Manager Phil Campbell, also donated a tow bar as a goodwill gesture and in appreciation of Women's Refuge.

The vehicle will be used to transport women and families in times of need, and for general use such as grocery shopping, appointments and moving furniture and household goods.

Freemasons have supported many charitable organisations and other worthy causes on the West Coast for over 150 years. Nationally, almost \$10 million is donated, supporting education scholarships, cancer and medical research, and many other important regional and local projects.

Photo caption: Back, Peter Robertson (Advance Mawhera No. 61), Ray Moroney (Phoenix No. 1690), Phil Brewer (Greymouth No. 1233), Phil Campbell (Greymouth Car Centre), with Trish Smith of Women's Refuge and Leon Dalziel of West Coast Freemasons.



FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARDS

Subject: President of Boards 29/8/20

Good afternoon

The Death of WBro Charlie Hogson from Southern Star Lodge 735 was acknowledged with regret.

WBro Jason Young was elected Vice President of The Board and I'm sure his administrative ability will be beneficial to us all.

As you are hopefully all aware WBro Murray Tasker is our Degrees South newsletter editor and Murray is working in conjunction with our District Grand Secretary to finalise a data base, which will enable all our Brethren with email to receive their newsletters by email.

There will still be a few copies printed to go onto Secretary's desks for those who don't have email.

South Island English Masonic District Charitable Trust.

It is pleasing to be able to advise that our investments with Craig's Investment Partners, have after an expected sudden dip due to Covid 19 returned to pre Covid levels

A grants committee has been established, consisting of our President of The Board, Assistant District Grand Master, District Grand, Treasurer and Secretary

The purpose of this committee is as follows

The Grants committee is tasked with setting the proposed annual charity budget for approval by the Trust; reviewing the standing grants, Supporting the District Grand Charity Steward with research on major District Projects, approving emergency appeals for support up to a level delegated by the Trust. Currently proposed to be set at two thousand dollars

After discussion and consideration, the following grants were approved totalling \$16,830

Lodge No Received Recipient Raised Support Requested Presentation

Nelson Hospice \$2,000.00
Nelson Coast Guard \$2,000.00
Cancer Society \$600.00
Kirkpatrick Home \$750.00
Lodge of St John \$500.00
Salvation Army Foodbank \$2,000.00
Specific Learning Difficulties \$1,500.00
Life Education Trust \$1,000.00
Centennial Scholarship \$1,000.00
Ashburton St John \$2,000.00
2020 Nurse Maude \$2,000.00

Standing Grants

Lawrence area school \$440.00
Lawrence St. John Ambulance \$440.00
Dixon House \$150.00
Midland Almoners \$150.00
Canterbury Almoners \$150.00
Ashburton Almoners \$150.00

I look forward to catching each and every one of you up again when life returns to our so called normal

Fraternal Regards

John Woolcott JP
President of The Boards
South Island English District Grand Lodge

MEET OUR PRO GRAND MASTER



PETER LOWNDES

Peter Lowndes was born in 1948 and educated at Eton. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

He served as a Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies from 1984 until 1986, and was subsequently appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1995, serving until 2003.

On 10 March 2004, Peter Lowndes was installed as Deputy Grand Master, continuing until his appointment as Pro Grand Master on 11 March 2009.

When the Grand Master is a Prince of the Blood Royal - a member of the Royal Family - he may appoint a Pro Grand Master to be his principal adviser, and to act for him on those occasions when, due to royal engagements, he is unable to be present.

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CANTERBURY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO 1048

Unfortunately the Covid Pandemic has impacted on the Chapter's programme with the loss of the April meeting but we did manage an exaltation of a candidate from St Albans at the July Convocation with another candidate in the offing. So the number of members is slowly increasing but unfortunately this is not reflected in the number of attendees and we have two aims. Firstly to get existing members to return to regular attendance and secondly to encourage new members particularly from the Christchurch area lodges. On a high note the Scribes of the Chapter, Ezra and Nehemiah attended the Consecration of the Chapter of Discovery No 8737 in Vanuatu on 14 March at which the Canterbury Chapter donated the Platonic bodies.

Scribe Ezra was the consecrating J and gave the Oration. It was a truly remarkable ceremony and with the risk of being marooned by border closures and flight cancellation.

Karl Moen Scribe E Canterbury RAC No 1048

