



Ethos —

EDITORIAL

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FROM THE EAST

I would like to thank the brethren for their great work last month. Bro Masters did a fantastic job, and was a wonderful candidate, we look forward to seeing him take his next step.

I would like to thank W Bro Michael McNamara (WM Qbn-St.Andrew) for his presentation of the apron of W Bro Bob McAusland.

It was great to have so many attend our emergent management meeting we were able to complete a number of important tasks.

This month, I would like you to join me on our annual fraternal visit to Lodge Caledonia. This will be on the First Thursday of May, not the tradition date after our regular meeting.

I would also like to take a Fraternal to Lodge Capitol this month, as they will be conducting a Scottish 3rd. It is a great chance for our younger MM to see this fantastic ritual and with so many of Lodge Ethos' brethren involved in the Thistles it would be great to show them your support. It will be a truly international affair as the Capitol candidate is was born in Singapore.

FROM THE WEST

On behalf of the DC and Myself we wish to congratulate all who did the work in April and in particular our candidate Nathan. Keep up the good work in May.

It was great to be at the NFSA for the Mask of Zorro with a goodly number of Ethosians.

FROM THE SOUTH

Thanks to Bro Ken Rowland for his fantastic presentation of the 1906 Kelly Gang film. With \$100 being raised from the 27 brethren at the south, maybe we should have Ned Kelly run the 'Honest Ethos' Raffle more often.

The Ethos movie night was very well supported. After a very long American History Lecture "The Mask of Zorro" was a very enjoyable film which showed that quality films will pass the test of time.

This month we will be undertaking our traditional visit to "Mother Cally" I hope you will support WM with a good attendance.

FROM THE TREASURER

An aspect which many brethren are generally unaware is that the dues levied on members by Lodge Ethos comprises of two elements.

The first is the United Grand Lodge Capitation fees element and the other the Lodge Ethos operating costs element.

Lodge Ethos is billed by the UGL at the start of each financial year for a Capitation fee, the amount of which is based on the number of billable Members registered with the UGL as at midnight on the 30th June. The Lodge has the option of paying this liability in one lump sum or by specific installments throughout the year. The amount billed is based on a fixed fee determined by the UGL for each billable member, the only exceptions being for Lodge Ethos members who also belong to another NSW or ACT Lodge and whose UGL Capitation fee liability is met by that other lodge. This year, for cash flow reasons, Lodge Ethos will pay the Capitation fees by installments to ensure sufficient funds for the Installation.

The lodge Ethos dues payable to the Lodge by the Brethren are based on enabling the Lodge to meet the UGL Capitation fees liability plus a budget estimate of the non-recoupable operating costs of the Lodge for the financial year, such as the monthly rent (especially on return to the CMC), postage, telephone, printing and stationary, South banquets expenses and Installation costs overruns, regalia replacements, funeral expenses and cards etc.

The Capitation fee element of each brothers, Lodge Ethos dues is the same for each billable member, the current reduced rates for concessional members (non-resident members and the other special cases, effectively only reduces their lodge Ethos operating element.

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The determination of the Lodge ethos members dues for the forthcoming 2010-2011 financial year will therefore necessarily involve consideration of the likely UGL Capitation fees liability (a reduction in billable members but an increase in the rate), an anticipated Cost of living increase in the operating cost of the Lodge and the number and composition of the current membership (ie: full and concessional members). These matters will be discussed at the next Management Meeting and Lodge Meeting.

April Regular Meeting



Left - NPB: Bro Nathan Masters with his brief response.



Right - Toast to the Visitors by VW Bro Davies

Below - Toast to the NPB by Bro Norman Ivory



Left - Ned Kelly (aka Bro Ken Rowland)

Showing his hand at running the Ethos Honest Raffle



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One very welcome Visitor was Rt W Bro Tom Amos who made paid the Lodge a surprise visit.

Rt W Bro Amos affiliated with Lodge Ethos on 21 December 1966, and acted as Secretary of the Lodge from 1972-1974.

Rt W Bro Amos was the Founding W Master of Lodge Woden Valley



VALE Ron Jemesen

Ron Jemesen, the DGIW of District 104, the First Principal of Chapter Caledonia, Member of Lodge Ethos and a PM of Lodge Woden Valley, passed beyond the veil at 3 o'clock Monday morning (May 3). He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Brethren,

This is to advise the arrangements for farewelling VW Bro Ron Jemesen, DGIW District 103, who passed beyond the veil at 3:00am on Monday 3 May. He is to be buried in the Services' Section of the Woden Valley Cemetery on Tuesday 11 May. After the graveside service there will be a Masonic Tribute followed by, or following, a Legacy Service. Lodge Woden Valley will hold a Lodge of Sorrow at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre at 9:00am preceding the service at St Paul's Anglican Church, Manuka. The service at the church will begin at 10:30am.

- *Dress. Lounge suite or equivalent with regalia at the graveside*
- *Medals may be worn*
- *The graveside service is expected to begin between 12:30 and 1:00 pm*

A wake will be held in the St Paul's community centre following the graveside service. A respectful invitation is extended to all addresses to attend all three of the planned ceremonies.

Fraternally,

*John Church
WM Lodge Woden Valley*



Social Events this month: Nil

PLEASE NOTE: MASONIC HOMES – Sat 22 May 9am

Birthday's this month: Brian Wells – 10th May

Robin Parker – 23rd May