



# Ethosian Edition

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## From the East

WM Bro John Kicenko

It was a busy month for the brethren, with fraternal visits to Capitol, Caledonia and 'Feeding the Needy'. Fortunately we were blessed with a fantastic night from 'The Duke' who's lecture on the Apron was excellent. We enjoyed their presence in the Holt Lodge Room, and from their response they found our new home quite a difference experience as well. I hope we will have a suitably strong attendance when we will visit 'The Duke' for the final time in their current structure later this year! It was also good to have Lodge Truth of Braidwood along, who had the Sun in their eyes the whole way to Holt. Although for Bushmen who are use to tracking in the wilds it was amusing that they could not find their way when it was sign posted for them.

The Capitol Installation was, from their view point, a howling success. The Installation banquet (110 people) was fully booked out and so was the Lodge Room. There was the Grand Master with a retinue of faithful supporters.

Bro Ken Rowland was introduced to the GM, by WBro Rudi Koch, and shook hands with the GM, who passed on his best wished to Bro Rowland as he continues his Masonic career.

The Lodge Ethos stewards were only required at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre to pass food and drinks to the ladies whilst they learned the finer points of Indian dancing. But in true Ethos sStyle we still received messages from above the keep the joviality down as it was interrupting the ceremony.

Ethos again was well represented at Caledonia's Installation, even if we limped into the ceremony!! much to the mirth of the gathered Brethren. I would like to thank Lodge Capitol who twice now has allowed us to borrow some collars so that we have not had to bring the traveling regalia from Holt each time.

I look forward to seeing you all this month, and if you have any suggestions for a Ethos 'Grand' entrance at the next Fraternal visit please let me know, as we may otherwise get the Budgie and Pirate Outfits out of mothballs to lighten the mood.

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## From the West

W Bro Phil Higgs

This month we will be Passing Brother Ken Rowland, as we now have had an extra couple of months to polish up our act, I hope that we can show all the visiting Brethren that good work can be conducted in any lodge room if you are prepared to put the time into it.

We have a standard to keep following Lodge Duke of Edinburgh's performance last month. With 34 visitors it was a fantastic atmosphere and with the regular visiting conducted by the WM and the Wardens it is hoped that more will come and join us 'On the Level' in Holt.

Thanks to Bill, 'Taffy', Hugh, Ken, Deric, Juicy Brucey, WM, and the 'late' Craig for attended Feeding the Needy last month, eight brethren on hand saw everyone having

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From the West (Cont..)

W Bro Phil Higgs

their own job to perform, and very strict demarcation on what each were doing. The good news was that all who asked for help received it with seconds available and even a few take homes for 'the boys'.

Planning ahead, I would like to remind you all that the Past Masters Night has been moved to May, as WM is heading out again on to the high seas. WBro Bill McVie is assembling a fine crew to Raise Bro Norman Ivory in May. Then WM will raise Bro Rowland in September.

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From the South

W Bro Tom Farthing

Thanks to all who assisted with the set up and pack up at the last meeting. I have to also thank the generosity of the Brethren of both 'The Duke' and Ethos who together raised \$200.00 for Charity with WBro Barrett's Cufflink Auction and the Regular 'Honest Raffle'.

We will have a few more fraternal visits over the next couple of months with Cally and Woden Valley on the horizon and I would like our festive board to continue to top off an enjoyable nights work.

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## MYWF Choral Concert

Brethren, the Masonic Youth Welfare Fund of NSW & ACT is holding a fund-raising choral concert in the Wesley Uniting Church in Forrest on TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April, and features a number of prominent local choirs.

The main group however is "Vox Synergy", a Melbourne based choir of 18-23 year olds who gained national prominence by being placed second in the "Battle of the Choirs" on television last year.

Local groups include:

- A U3A full recorder orchestra
- "Warrani" – a U3A women's Choir
- The Jerrabomberra Primary School Choir
- The Woden Valley Youth Choir
- The Gospel Folk
- Credo – a male quartet
- Sing Australia
- Brindabella Chorus



Vox will open the programme, and will sing one song between changes of groups on stage.

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The Governor-General will be in attendance and will speak at the beginning of the second half of the programme. The C.E.O. of the Fund, Mrs Susan Williams will also speak.

Initially ticket sales were by application to Head Office in Sydney, and I thank those Brethren who have already done so. Tickets will also be on sale at the door - \$40 and \$25 concession, and includes light refreshments during interval.

“Compass Youth Education” is the up-market section of the Masonic Youth Welfare Fund, but all financial assistance for the students still comes from the Fund. It is a newer, fresher, more colourful visible side of the Fund and is in tune with modern students.

I thank those Brethren who have volunteered to assist on the night and encourage all Brethren to attend to hear and see some quality local choral groups, a recorder groups that features all eight types of recorders and the musical talents of Vox Synergy.

Hugh Davies

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### **We went to town the other Wed Night**

(The Duke visits Holt) - A Poem

We went to town the other weds night- by bus  
There were about 7 or possible 8 of us  
To Lodge Ethos we made a fraternal visit these brethren of mine  
When we arrived, a maze of walkways we found-and no sign  
Eventually we found the guys all warm and snug  
And there in the middle of this cosy lodge was welcoming Masonic rug.  
We did our explanation of the apron, as planned  
With many a thankyou from them and a friendly hand.  
In the south we ate our figure food that was fresh  
Congenial conversation as we all enmeshed.  
There was however one stale Bunn  
That intimated that as it was not a real lodge room -it was not as fun  
As went home to Goulburn – all well fed  
From this little lodge room-that unfolds from a bed.  
We all enjoyed the journey back with tales of the past that never expire.  
Apparently in times gone by Lodge Ethos would stop at midnight at Lake George and  
have a bon fire!  
We past the spot -as we sped by, and reminisced of times long gone through,  
Alas we older now and bed beckons the more – sad but true.

Bro Edwin Power  
SW “The Duke” #76  
Chaplin Lodge Capitol #612  
20/20 Mason

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### Ethos Calendar

Date	Event	Birthday
Fri- 3-Apr		<b>Bruce Bailey &amp; Charles Woodwell</b>
Wed- 8-Apr	<b>Management Meeting 6 pm Rehearsal 7pm</b>	
Wed- 15-Apr	<b>Regular Meeting Set Up 6 pm Tyle 7 pm</b>	
Fri- 17-Apr		<b>Morrie Adamson &amp; Graham Charlton</b>
Tue- 21-Apr		<b>Ken Peddey</b>

Please note the Regular Meetings of Lodge Ethos will be held in the amenities room at the Holt Homes.



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