

wife into hospital last evening. Apparently she is still experiencing difficulty with her health. W Bro Rob Warriner advised the Brethren that W Bro Kris Goodmanson's brother, Eric, is still in hospital and going through a rough time.

Finance: W Bro Charles Letic advised the Lodge that the auditors of the Lodge finances have examined the books and verbally have stated that the books are found to be in accordance with the actual financial position of the Lodge. The Secretary, R W Bro Thorsteinson informed the Brethren that he received the verbal report from Bro Glen Wilson on the beach in Mexico. A written report will be available shortly.

Entertainment: W Bro Rob Warriner read a report prepared by our J W, Jeff Olafson, regarding future entertainment events planned for the Lodge:

Tonight's meeting will be whisky tasting with several brands of single malt Scotch Whisky available for sampling. Cost is \$5.00 to participate. The event was conducted by M W Bro Steve Kane.

April meeting will be a dinner meeting. There will be a 40-ticket limit so it will be first come first served. The cost will be \$12.00 and cocktails will be at 5:45 pm, with dinner at 6:15 approximately.

He also announced that the Horse Racing is confirmed for October and that he's planning a Charity Draw for September. The motion to approve the Charity Draw resulted in R W Bro Thorsteinson questioning the wisdom of attempting both fund raising events so close together. This resulted in an amendment to the motion to postpone a decision until the Junior Warden returns from vacation.

The May Emergent meeting will be a Fellowcraft degree conducted by the Past Masters of Capitol Lodge.

ACCOUNTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Secretary, R W Bro Barry Thorsteinson, read the following communications: Confirmation from Foster Parents of their receipt of our latest payment towards Maria Ramos, our adopted child. Announcement from R W Bro Joel Segal advising that his daughter recently had a baby. A letter from Bro Lew Fraser's widow thanking the Lodge for the gift and widows pin. Notification from Grand Lodge Temple Board advising that a motion will be made to change the name of the Temple to the Masonic Memorial Centre.

OLD BUSINESS

The W M met W Bro's Walter Wolfson, Hans Brandenburg, Gerry Montanti, Nassif Moharib and Bro Cliff Cooke at the Altar. He congratulated all on their birthdays except W Bro Moharib who was congratulated on his wedding anniversary.

A standing ovation was accorded to W Bro Walter Wolfson who has reached the magnificent age of 90. It was pointed out that Bro Wolfson was 80 years of age when he sat in the East. What a wonderful accomplishment!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service was held in memory of our departed Brother Michael Derewianko.

IN MEMORIAM

BROTHER MICHAEL (MIKE) DEREWIANKO

Initiated January 13, 1978
Passed February 10, 1978
Raised March 10, 1978
Passed to the Grand Lodge Above ... February 18, 2005

MASONIC EDUCATION

R W Bro Victor Popow gave a 15-minute presentation on the Ancient Root of the Spirit of Freemasonry, presenting new and interesting information regarding the history of the Craft. R W Bro Popow is extremely enthusiastic about the topic and it shows in his presentation. It was a most interesting and thought-provoking lecture.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

W Bro Chibu Uson reported that the DeMolay club met the previous evening with nine boys at the home of one of the boys for an evening of fun. The boys have decided on selling pizza as a fund raising project.

W M Robertson appreciated the lecture and enjoyed the "happiness" exhibited by the members of Capitol Lodge during the meeting. Bro Macklem thanked the Lodge for the invitation for the evening and apologised for his W M not being able to come personally. He commented it was a wonderful evening thus far and he was looking forward to the whisky tasting. W M Stewart said he was impressed with the work and mentioned their meeting on March 17, 2005 where Shiloh No 70 will be amalgamating with Starbuck No 160. There will be a supper before the meeting at 6.30 pm and the meeting will start at 8.00 pm. He also advised the Brethren that tomorrow District 1 would be amalgamating with District 8.

The W M reminded the Brethren of the upcoming visitations and of the practices for the EA degree on March 13, 2005 at 6.00 pm and on March 27, 2005 at 10.00 am, both at the EK Temple. He expects all officers to attend these practices. He then proceeded to close the Lodge in peace and harmony. The Brethren then retired to the refreshment room for Irish stew and whisky tasting.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

03 Colin MacDonald 13 George Wilson
14 Robert Graham 16 Ray Kirby
18 John Bedolfe 24 Jim Haslam

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04 Dave & Joyce Brown 17 Nick & Patty Ehret
25 Hans & Frances Brandenburg

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Around the Corner

Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end.
Yet days go by and weeks rush on,
And before I know it, a year has gone.
And I never see my old friends face;
For life is a swift and terrible race.
He knows I like him just as well
As in the days when I rang his bell.
And he rang mine. We were younger then –
And now we are busy, tired men –
Tired with playing a foolish game,
Tired with trying to make a name.
"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on Jim,
Just to show that I'm thinking of him."
But tomorrow comes – and tomorrow goes;
And the distance between us grows and grows.
Around the corner! Yet miles away...
"Here's a telegram, sir,"
"Jim died today."
And that's what we get – and deserve in the end –
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

– Henson Towne

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MASTER'S MESSAGE

"Challenges are what make life interesting: overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

The Masonic education that was presented by R.W. Bro. Victor Popow last March 4 was perfect timing for this Easter celebration. Our faith and reconciliation in God should not only happen inside the lodge. It must be done in every minute of our life to bring comfort, forgiveness and love to our fellow people. The pillars of fire and cloud has two wonderful effect in our life. The fire gives our heart light to conquer the darkness and establish a dynasty of enlightenment with God. The cloud is associated to a large degree with free thinking. The opportunity to serve and help our brethren, as well as a sign that we are actively involved in the labour and work of the fraternity.

As for the events & acknowledgements, the St. Patrick's days and Scotch tasting was held on March 4 , 14 brethren have participated in the event. Hats off to M.W. Bro. Steven Kane, W. Bro Warriner, Bros Barkman, Marañá, Bedolfe, Siga, Parker, Adams and to all the other brethren who help make this evening successful. I would also like to congratulate Bros Munro and Zolghadar as new Master Masons of Capitol.

Feb 15: My birthday - special thanks and gratitude to V.W. Bros Caguiat, Gross - W. Bros Brandenburg, Mortimer, Wolfson, Manalang - Bros. Olafson, Marañá and Parker for accompanying me to Seven Stars Lodge.

Feb 19: Advance Masonic Degree to M.W. Bro. Allen, V.W. Bro. Gross, W. Bros Moharib, Manalang, Bros Marañá, Adams and Ron Williams.

Feb 23: Corinthian Lodge - Opening and closing - 3rd Filipino, M.W. Bro Allen, V.W. Bro Caguiat - W.Bros Wolfson, Uson, Manalang, Bros. Marañá, Gloria and Gopez.

Feb 25: Bro Derewianko Masonic Memorial Service, M.W. Bros Kane and Drewniak R.W. Bros. Thorsteinson, Voakes, Solmonson - V.W. Bros Caguiat, Gross - W. Bros Brandenburg Wolfson, Goodmanson, Maharib, Manalang and Bro Marañá.

March 8: Keystone Lodge opening and closing - 3rd Filipino. M.W. Bro Kane - V.W. Bro Caguiat, W. Bro Uson, Manalang, Bros Marañá and Gopez.

Thank you very much to all who supported me on my visitations. I hope you will still accompany me in my future official visits. Last, I would like to invite you all brethren as my noble guests to attend the April 1 meeting and witness our brothers receive the 50 and 60 years medals. It's my great honour and pleasure to award the three 50 year medals to Bros Norman MacDonald, Samuel Vaughan, Ed Shearer and the 60 year medal to W. Bro. Walter Wolfson, and at the same time, we are going to ballot (2) Bros Cruz, Gasmena for affiliation and (3) candidates for initiation.

I have accepted the invitation of King Edward Lodge to be their official visitor on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:45 pm at E.K. Temple.

Leadership is based on inspiration not domination, on cooperation, not intimidation - William Arthur Ward

God Bless

— Romeo Angeles, Worshipful Master

