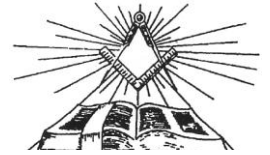




From The EAST 2



October 2008

Invest In Our Future – Introduce A New Candidate

Year In Review

Brethren, my term as Master of our great Lodge has almost come to an end. My year will not be forgotten as it has been a year of great honour being your leader and representing the Comacine-Acanthus lodge in the district. It has been a year of learning and understanding the Masonic values better and a year of many new friendships through visiting other Lodges and through my Master's Group the Illuminators. And yes brethren, it has been a year that has passed so quickly. I have enjoyed every minute of it, but brethren for me to enjoy my year as Master as much as I did would not have been possible without you - EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU, as every one of you stood by and were there to assist when I needed it. So brethren, I am here to thank each and every one from the bottom of my heart - THANK YOU.

Brethren, while we didn't have any new candidates this year, we have still achieved a lot. Among many lectures through the year we had a number of educational events as well as demonstrations in all three degrees, one of which was done by our Past Masters. It was my honour to see most PMs performing on that evening and especially it was good to see Wor Bro John McLeod in the chair on that occasion.

Knowing that we didn't have any new candidates, I didn't stop looking and as a result of that our Lodge is currently going through the finishing stages of negotiations with another Lodge for the purpose of that Lodge affiliating with ours. That other Lodge brethren is Dignity Lodge who has about 35 members. Our respective negotiating committees will be meeting for the third time middle of October. Negotiations so far have been very fruitful and most points required for affiliation have been discussed and agreed to subject to our respective General Purpose Committees approval. Very soon brethren in both Lodges will be given an opportunity to have their say after which they will be required to vote on the future of our Lodges. I must say that nothing at this point in time has been set in concrete and it will remain that way until every brother in Comacine-Acanthus Lodge has had his say, suffice to say that every brother must look forward and envisage the future of our Lodge 5 - 10 years from now.

Our new Worshipful Master has called for a General Purpose and Past Masters meeting to be held on 13th October at the Waverley Masonic Centre starting at 7.30 pm. On this evening our current appointed negotiation committee will report on the development so far and additional instruction, if necessary, will be sought. Every member of Comacine-Acanthus Lodge is asked to attend so that everyone can be involved in deciding the Comacine-Acanthus future on this evening.

General Purpose and Past Masters Meeting

13/10/2008 at 7.30 pm

At Waverley Masonic Centre

Our New Worshipful Master

Installation of Bro Les Marton is taking place on the 6th October 2008 and by the time you read this newsletter he will be installed and in the chair. Bro Les is a genuine and an honest man, a man of vision and plans for his year. As all Masters, he will need assistance for his vision and plans to come true and I am sure brethren will be there to offer him their helping hand. The best way for everyone to help is just by being there and attending rehearsals and regular monthly meetings.

As for myself, I wish him all success and I commit myself to stand by and to assist in any way he might want me to.

Birthdays For October

Lois Gunn	1 st
Dane McLeod	1 st
Robert Moore	3 rd
Helen Campbell	6 th
Leslie Grose	13 th
Jim McQueen	17 th
Gillian Gowers	23 rd
Chris Cartney	26 th
Paul Husquin	27 th
Tony Susac	31 th

Happy Birthday To Everyone

Brethren, this newsletter and many other items of interest can now be found on our website. To access the site, please type the following: www.comacine-acanthus.com. To access the members' area on the site, use username and password as earlier supplied or contact Tony.

Brethren, please don't forget to attend the General Purpose and Past Master's Meeting on 13th October at the Waverley Masonic Centre.

Worshipful Master Wor Bro Tony Susac

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Yesterday is already a dream and tomorrow is only a vision but today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope."