

Grand Secretary Newsletter

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Digital Online Maps and Lodge Addresses

In an effort to bring Grand Lodge into the 21st Century, our venerable Communications Officer has input all of the Freemason NZ Lodges into the premier New Zealand online digital map service, ZoomIn (http://www.zoomin.co.nz). This will allow people to enter a city name, Wellington, for example, and instantly see all of the Lodges in that city, then get the details for those Lodges.

Try it out and see:

http://www.zoomin.co.nz/?search/place/freemasons+in+wellington

Click on the "Full Details" link under the $Freemasons\ New\ Zealand$ - $Grand\ Lodge$ entry to see the specifics.

To see all of the Lodges in New Zealand, simply type the following search term into the 'Places' box: **freemasons**

HOWEVER...

Nearly half of the Lodge room addresses are MISSING or INCORRECT in the Grand Lodge database and thus <u>cannot</u> be entered into the online digital map system.

We Need Your Help!

Some of the reasons for incorrect addresses we have on file for Lodge Rooms include:

No completed Street Address (we have many, many of these): most often the street number is missing.

Missing Suburb or Township: or the suburb we have is not recognized or has changed.

No Address or Location at All

So, if you didn't see YOUR Lodge on the ZoomIn online maps, then, for one reason or another, the Lodge address was incorrect.

We are suggesting that you obtain the physical Lodge address from both of these sources and email them to us: Your Lodge Telecom account or your Lodge Electricity/Power account. We have found that sometimes Telecom will have a different suburb or address than Genesis Power, so in order to be sure, try both sources.

To finish the entries to the online maps we will also need good quality, highresolution photographs of your Lodge Room building.

Your Local Youth ANZAAS Attendees Need Your Support

The following students have all been selected and have confirmed as attending the Freemasons sponsored Youth ANZAAS 2008 conference, in Dunedin, July 5th - 11th 2008. ANZAAS is the Australia New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science.

Grand Lodge has paid all the expenses for the students to attend the conference, which came to \$1,000 per child. Grand Lodge is now accepting donations from Lodges to cover these costs.

We highly suggest that the local Lodges where these students live contact the students and get involved with this endeavour. It is a great opportunity to foster our support for our youth and our future. Perhaps in a few years time, these same students will win the Freemasons University Scholarships...

Charles Annear-Henderson

17, Freyberg High School, Palmerston North

Toni Aplin

17, Taihape Area School, Taihape

Kiri Diak

17, Aurora College, Invercargill

Jason Haines

17, Mount Maunganui College, Mt Maunganui

Kristee Hardacre

16, Gisborne Girls High School, Gisborne

Sue Huang

17, Karamu High School, Hastings

Qian He

16, Riccarton High School, Christchurch

Samuel Jackson

16, Howick College, Auckland

Bryony Jones

16, Wairarapa College, Masterton

M Lim

17, Pakuranga College, Auckland

Samantha McNeill

16, Otago Girls High School, Dunedin

Julian Melchert

17, Hillcrest High School, Hamilton

Claire Nicolson

16, Kerikeri High School, Kerikeri

Cara Reynolds

15, Rangiora High School, Christchurch

Jason Roberts

16, Newlands College, Wellington

Roseanna Spiers

17, Rotorua Girls' High School, Rotorua

Akshay Sridhar

17, New Plymouth Boys' High School, New Plymouth

Megan Stratford

16, Marlborough Girls' College, Blenheim

Brenton Twist

16, Greymouth High School, West Coast

Geoffrey Weal

17, Aotea College, Porirua



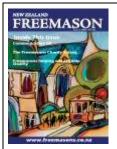
Central Division Musical Third Degree

It has been proposed that on **Saturday 6 September 08** Lodge Aquarius will host a musical third degree ceremony at the Lodge Rooms in Ohiro Road, Brooklyn, Wellington. This ceremony will be conducted with the assistance of the Northern Division Masonic Choir who have undertaken some very successful performances in the Northern and Southern Division (see a write-up of them in the forthcoming *NZ Freemason* magazine). These events are a great musical evening and are something different to a normal third as the choir adds a lot of musical colour to the degree.

These events however do not happen without local brethren who are singers supporting the choir. It is envisaged local singers will have a number of practices before the event to learn the odes etc and then have a practice with the Northern team on the evening of Friday 5 September and again on the morning of 6 September.

If you are from the lower North Island, have an interest in music, can travel to practices in Wellington and may wish to participate then please send an email to secretary@freemasons.co.nz and you will be added to the list and will be kept informed of developments and practices. (It would be handy to know if you have a bass, baritone or tenor voice so please put this in your email).

Thanks, Laurence



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