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THE FIRST YEAR OF OUR NEW STRATEGY...



MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER



Mark Winger
Grand Master

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Winger".

It was in November 2016 that I launched the 'Speak Up' campaign, and now, almost three years later, it is timely to assess how we as an organization have adopted that philosophy.

There is little benefit promoting a new concept, if it fails to gain traction with brethren and in Lodges. Looking at the year in review, we had many great highlights, and while choosing a couple for mention presents a challenge, this should not be considered as ignoring other excellent achievements.

I was delighted to participate in the Dedication of new lodge-rooms in Christchurch for Canterbury Kilwinning Lodge No 23 in January 2019 to celebrate the opening of their new building and facilities. I was interviewed by Radio New Zealand about this and to Speak Up about Freemasonry in the region, and featured both on the radio and their website. On the day of the Dedication, TV One interviewed me in regalia in the lodge-rooms and again I could Speak Up about Freemasonry, indeed inviting the public to an Open Day at the new lodge building the following week.

The Lodge was a little hesitant with my enthusiasm but handled the Open Day with professionalism and dignity – and have seen a surge of interest in their activities as a result. Certainly they attracted new candidates, but importantly the publicity helped reinforce their profile in the community – Freemasons proud to Speak Up and demonstrate the value we are putting into society.

I am told the radio television and media coverage of the event reached a potential

market of 1.3 million New Zealanders, and the video has since been seen on social media by many more.

So, 1.3 million people would have a better idea of Freemasonry – but are we individually Speaking Up in our communities to tap into those 1.3 interested observers? The rates of new members being initiated are showing strong signs of increase – up 16% on the previous year. I am hearing stories about Lodges getting fresh impetus and enthusiasm from the Speak Up campaign – the camaraderie is strengthening – the fun and fellowship is in Freemasonry!

The big picture is looking positive – so I look then at the local Lodge activity. I was delighted to visit the West Coast to an installation in Greymouth. Certainly a somewhat depressed area with younger men heading off to the bigger areas to find their fortunes – but The Advance Mawhera Lodge No 61 had three young enthusiastic Master Masons active in their Lodge, and showing the future direction for that Lodge. We spoke of the Speak Up campaign and they told me enthusiastically of their plans for raising profile of Freemasonry in Greymouth. Tremendous – they have a plan, they are putting it into action, and they are showing the results.

I then took the opportunity to attend Lodge Calliope No 252 in Samoa. They hadn't seen

a Grand Master for some 25 years, they are isolated on their Island so can't easily visit other fraternal groups, and seemingly would face challenges planning for their future. I met their Master, their 2 Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft, and a group of wonderful Freemasons (and their wives/partners). They had heard about the Speak Up campaign and our call for each Lodge to have its Strategic Plan. They have a plan – they want to link up with unattached Freemasons around the Pacific Islands – they want to celebrate 100 years from the date of their first meeting in Apia – they want to get into their local community – they have 2 men who have expressed interest in joining their Lodge. These brethren have seized the opportunity and have the intent and ability to grow Freemasonry in this community.

Lodge Whitianga No 443 might be seen as a little off the beaten track, but they are using their isolation as a selling feature. Their plan is to invite brethren to their jewel in the Coromandel for the weekend to enjoy fellowship and camaraderie, and at the same time they actively support community events to keep their profile well above the radar.

The benefit of Speaking Up For Freemasonry is that it doesn't matter whether you are getting the big coverage on national media, or whether you are doing your own event at a local level, if you have a plan and if you put the words into action, then you will see the results.

Freemasonry is on the rebound through the enthusiasm and action of brethren across the nation – it is not easy, and it requires constant reinforcement, but let's all commit to having pride in our organization and to Speak Up For Freemasonry.



OUR COMMUNITY



OUR FAMILY



OUR COMPASSION





REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



Peter Benstead
President of the
Board of General
Purposes

I am delighted to present my third and final report as President of the Board of General Purposes. What attracted me to the Position (back in November 2016), was the recognition of the need for change within Freemasonry New Zealand.

Change in the way we recruited and retained our members, change in the way we communicated (internally and externally) and change in the overall administration and management of Freemasons New Zealand.

Looking back, we have made significant progress in all these areas and much more.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership data shows that New Zealand Freemasonry is in good health. The number of new members continues to increase - up 16% on last year. The average age of those joining continues to drop, (now 39.76 years), and this appears to be a year on year trend. This means that slowly, the demographic of New Zealand Brethren is getting younger, which is a positive on a number of fronts.

COMMUNICATION

We have continued our focus on ways to improve our communications, embracing and actively using a wide range of messaging platforms to aid in both recruitment and retention. This has included the use of Speak Up TV, our Freemasons magazine, national and divisional websites, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, You Tube, and messaging etc. And our Speak up campaign is paying handsome dividends. Now we must maintain the momentum, both in how we position Freemasonry externally to our friends and families, and how we deliver value through our membership experience.

MANAGEMENT

The new, smaller national office is operating

well with the reduced overheads enabling us to allocate more resources back into supporting the activity of the Divisions and Districts. Our current financial position is strong, although we need to maintain focus in this area. The audited accounts for 2018 -19 can be found on our website www.freemasonsnz.org.

For family reasons, our Executive Director Gareth Turner returned to Christchurch. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gareth for all his hard work. It is true to say that without his dedication we would not be in the positive position we are today. As at the time of writing this report we are in the process of recruitment.

Several Board Committees have now been established to concentrate on the development of agreed key initiatives. These initiatives include: Risk and Audit, ICT and Membership Benefits.

Risk and Audit - The risk and audit team has been established to identify and quantify any possible risks that New Zealand Freemasonry may face in the coming years. Once identified, strategies will be developed to mitigate them.

ICT - The use of the internet and cloud services etc is an integral part of our communications strategy. As such, we need to be resourced properly, in terms of both people and technology, to maximise our investment in this area. The ICT group is developing a detailed five-year plan that will be submitted to the Board early in 2020.

Membership Benefits - Heartland Bank has for several years now been a partner for us in

this area. Available from them are special rates for 'on call or deposit accounts' and advice on reverse mortgages. We are actively working with Heartland Bank to find new offerings for our membership. The latest initiative (recently launched) from the memberships benefit committee is the discounted fuel card. It is early days yet, but the initiative is looking promising.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2019-2023

Throughout the last 12 months the Board, assisted by the Divisional Grand Masters, Grand Secretary and Grand Almoner, have been working on a new strategic direction. They surveyed all New Zealand Freemasons seeking feedback - both good and bad - on what they consider the current state of Freemasonry to be, and seeking their ideas on how to improve our organisation in future.

Membership feedback was extensive - so much so the Board engaged an independent facilitator to assist working through it. In my mind, the single largest achievement to come from this piece of work was the completion of our Strategic Direction for 2019 - 2023. It was formed from the voices and feedback of Freemasons throughout New Zealand, and it clearly identifies the course we wish to follow.

As a result of this work, three documents have been released, a booklet for Lodges, a booklet for members and a Plan on a Page strategy poster.

OUR VISION IS

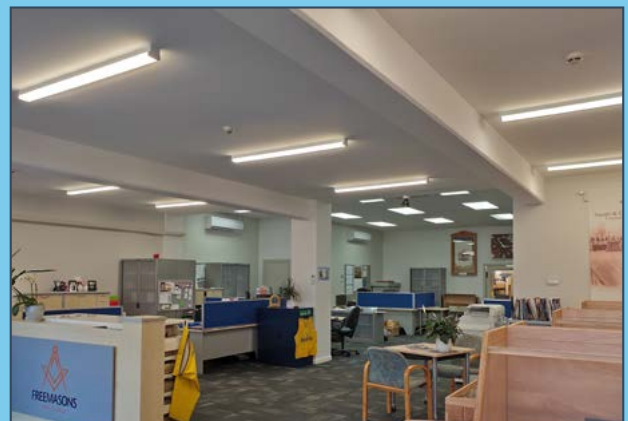
"TO ADD VALUE TO SOCIETY
BY SUPPORTING GOOD MEN, THEIR
FAMILIES, AND THEIR COMMUNITIES"

We will do this by working together as a Team - Members, Lodges, Districts, Divisions and National Office all working as one. The Strategy is a 'living document'; we must all revisit it regularly and use it to guide all our actions/activity.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Board Members, Trustees, National Office staff and all Brethren for your support during my term in office. I have thoroughly enjoyed my three years in office, and I wish all the best to RWBro Rob Angelo (President of the Board of General Purposes - Elect), and his team.



The three documents of our five-year Strategic Direction



Freemasons NZ National Office in Kilbirnie, Wellington



Northern Division Grand Master with three Entered Apprentices in Samoa



REPORT FROM THE FREEMASONS CHARITY



Graham Wrigley
Deputy Grand Master/
Chair of The Freemasons
Charity Management
Committee

Speak Up for Freemasonry has been the focus for the past three years and, looking at the activities of The Freemasons Charity and our Brethren, we can be proud of all we have achieved.

During the year, one partnership we committed to is the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research. Over two years The Freemasons Charity will grant a total of \$600,000 for research and development of cancer immunotherapy treatments based on CAR T-cell technology.

The programme, known as the 'Freemasons CAR T-cell Research Programme', is a promising and effective way that Freemasons can help New Zealanders. Cancer affects all of us directly or indirectly, it takes a toll on family and friends and as Freemasons we can be proud that we are involved in this programme which is now entering clinical trials.

For this early phase safe trial of a new type of CAR T-cell therapy, they will be manufacturing the cells in the dedicated cell therapy suite at the Malaghan Institute in Wellington. This first phase will assess the safety of a new treatment and determine optimal dose.

The therapy is available overseas, but it is expensive. Through the programme with Malaghan, we are hopeful that this therapy will be more accessible at a substantially reduced cost and to broaden the range of those who might benefit.

This is a very exciting milestone and the experience and knowledge gained from the first phase of the trial will help more Kiwis benefit from CAR T-cell therapies in the future. Malaghan anticipate that it will take 18 months

to complete recruitment to this trial and full analysis of the primary outcome data could take up to a further year.

Our University Scholarship Programme was again a highlight of the year. Over the 41 years nearly 1,200 students have received a total of \$5.4 million in university and post graduate scholarships from Freemasons New Zealand. Held in the Grand Hall at Parliament, the presentations were made by the Grand Master, MW Bro Mark Winger, and our guest speaker Liam Malone, MNZM, former para-athlete. These Scholarships remains a highly valued and vigorously competed for across our eight Universities.

Once again, our Divisional Grand Almoners and Charity Officers have worked closely with the Districts and Lodges providing over \$316,000.00 for local projects. Additionally, almost \$60,000 has been paid to assist those in need.

Contributions to The Freemasons Charity at Lodge Installations totalled \$88,682 this year, which allowed us to provide \$375,000 to help those in need and in our community.

Of note, a \$20,000 bequest donation received from the son of a Freemason, who felt it was a fitting way of recognising the rich friendships, companionship and value his father placed on his involvement in Freemasonry.

The Grand Master has continued with his

many visits to Lodges throughout the country, following up on his pledge for District projects which provided a one-off grant from TFC of \$5,000.00 per District in support of a special project.

The Grand Masters pledge of \$5,000 per District for special projects was based around 'Speak Up for Freemasonry' and was implemented by most Districts.

Two positive examples of 'Speaking Up' were the Lodges in the Ruapehu District with the Palmerston North Scenic Railway project and the Kapiti-Wellington District for the incredible exposure received regarding the Freemasons Rescue Coastguard boat. Both projects have brought value to their communities and show the good work that Freemasonry is doing.

We again supported Powering Potential in conjunction with the Royal Society. This is a programme for 40 of the brightest secondary school science students throughout New Zealand who are selected to attend an event in Wellington. The students work in teams of 3-5 on problems submitted by science organisations. They research, investigate and collaborate, and then each team presents their findings at a special function. During the four-day event the students visit GNS Science and meet with scientists and learn about the skills they have used to solve science problems. The ultimate hope is to encourage these students to go on to tertiary study in this field.

We continue to support Fellowships in Paediatrics and Child Health through the University of Otago and Dunedin Medical School, along with Camp Quality and Camp Purple. We are in the last year of a three-year commitment with the University of Waikato funding research into falls.

We rely on the great work and commitment made by our Brethren to support worthwhile projects, and long may that continue.



The Freemasons University Scholars of 2019 with the Grand Master, Liam Malone and Greg O'Connor



The Freemasons CAR T-cell Research Programme



The Charity Herald



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

- Affinity Gymnastics Academy
- Air Training Corps Hobsonville (No 30) squadron
- Auckland Starship Hospital
- Autism NZ
- Battered Women's Trust Christchurch
- Bellyful
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawkes Bay
- Books in Homes
- Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre (Scouts NZ)
- Camp Purple – Crohn's and Colitis NZ
- Camp Quality
- Casting for Recovery
- Defibrillators
- Differently Abled Children of Marlborough
- Freemasons Wilson Lewis Scholarship
- Healthy Hikurangi Trust
- Horowhenua Health Centre
- Hospice Wanganui
- Hutt Valley and West Christchurch Women's Refuge
- KidsCan Charitable Trust
- Kind Hands Charitable Trust
- Life Flight Trust
- Lions Club of Greytown – Cycling without Age
- Nelson Tasman Region Hospice Trust
- Northland Emergency Services Trust
- NZ Blue Light Ventures
- NZ Cadet Forces
- NZ Organisation for Rare Diseases
- Otahuhu College
- Palmerston North Esplanade Scenic Railway Inc
- Prostate Cancer Research
- Special Olympics NZ
- St Johns Ambulance Service
- Street Wise Charity – Feed the East project
- Taranaki Hospice
- Te Aroha BMX Club
- Te Kauwhata College
- Thames Citizen's Band
- The Dingwall Trust
- University of Auckland – Centre for Brain Research
- UpsideDowns Education Trust
- Wellington Free Ambulance
- West Otago Health Trust



MEET THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES



PETER BENSTEAD PRESIDENT

Peter is a decisive, respected leader with proven corporate strategic presence, strength of character and 'old fashioned' work ethic. He is an innovative thinker with a 'can do attitude'. More than 30 years of leadership, business development, marketing, sales and channels expertise.



MARK WINGER GRAND MASTER

Mark has extensive experience in commercial law, corporate law and trusts and is a senior partner in Auckland law firm Holmden Horrocks. He is the legal adviser to the New Zealand Automobile Association, a member of its Board, and Chairman of the NZAA Retirement Scheme. He is a trustee of Freemasons Foundation, and has had extensive involvement as a trustee providing governance and strategic direction to a wide range of family, investment, charitable, and educational trusts.



GRAHAM WRIGLEY DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Graham had an extensive 32-year career in the New Zealand Fire Service at senior levels and received his management training at the Fire Service College in England. He was the first International President of the Institution of Fire Engineers. Today, Graham is the Head of Education and Training with New Zealand Red Cross and is responsible nationally for the commercial training and products business unit.



JOHN PRITCHARD GRAND REGISTRAR

John is a Lawyer of 45 years standing possessing an extensive knowledge of our Rules and Constitution These skills and knowledge have been honed over a period in excess of 10 years in which he has held this office.



MIKE CADMAN GRAND TREASURER

Mike has extensive experience in senior management roles, as a Director, General Manager/Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer. Responsibilities and achievements cover Management Accounting, Internal Control and Audit, Systems review and implementation, HR, Inventory Management, Health and Safety along with Strategic Planning and business planning.



MIKE HATTIE BOARD APPOINTEE NORTHERN

Michael has a long history of experience in a variety of fields, including transport, strategic planning, asset management, logistics & purchasing. He is also the Director of three companies, a Trustee of three Charitable Trusts, and is Chair of Duke Street Buildings Limited.



GEOFF DAVIES BOARD APPOINTEE CENTRAL

Geoff is a former journalist who brings a wide range of strategic and tactical public relations and communications experience to the Board. In recent years he has been editor of several magazines, press secretary for a number of Cabinet Ministers and media manager of the Defence Force.



HARRY FOX BOARD APPOINTEE SOUTHERN

Harry is a management consultant specialising in people and performance. His business, Fox Management Solutions, helps organisations align behavior with strategy and individuals achieve performance with fulfillment. He provides consulting, facilitation and coaching services with a wide range of businesses including the meat processing, transport, construction and manufacturing sectors.



EXECUTIVE SUPPORT DUANE WILLIAMS GRAND SECRETARY

Duane's background was international banking for 38 years, with 15 years in Papua New Guinea, a Freemason since 1984 he has been a District Grand Master and latterly Grand Secretary whilst providing communications, media and administrative support at National Office including Editor of New Zealand Freemason magazine.



FREEMASONS
New Zealand

EXTRACTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2019	2018
Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2019	\$	\$
INCOME		
Brokerage commission received	385,329	274,765
Capitation fees	478,104	495,934
Interest received	201,284	205,647
Other income	211,709	299,737
Sale of property	-	724,000
Rental revenue	-	320,631
	<u>1,276,426</u>	<u>2,320,714</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Audit fees	24,370	23,503
Other administrative expenses	934,857	1,054,637
Other building expenses	-	334,110
Mortgage interest	-	102,266
Grants	-	-
	<u>959,227</u>	<u>1,514,516</u>
Operating surplus/(deficit) before tax	317,199	806,198
Taxation	51,912	65,313
	<u>265,287</u>	<u>871,511</u>
Operating surplus/(deficit) after tax	-	-
Unrealised gain/(losses)	-	-
	<u>265,287</u>	<u>871,511</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>265,287</u>	<u>871,511</u>
The surplus/(deficit) has been allocated to the various reserves as follows:		
General fund	(233,820)	144,197
Freemasons House	-	588,974
Building fund	93,839	117,630
Communication fund	74,756	(16,272)
Special reserve fund	330,511	36,982
	<u>265,287</u>	<u>871,511</u>

Michael H. Badmer

Date: 25/09/2019
Title: Grand Treasurer

der. J. Rendone

Date: 25/09/2019
Title: President of the Board of General Purposes

	2019	2018
Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 30 June 2019	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on hand	200	200
Bank accounts	5,503,957	5,094,765
Accounts receivable & repayments	123,504	102,315
Taxation receivable	-	26,464
Building fund loans	2,823,352	321,393
Stock on hand	38,763	42,347
Total current assets	8,489,776	5,587,484
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	1,591,748	1,591,748
Plant & equipment	148,223	148,841
Building fund loans	-	2,557,367
Total non current assets	1,739,971	4,297,956
TOTAL ASSETS	10,229,747	9,885,440
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	281,016	235,110
Employee entitlements	9,342	16,305
Taxation Payable	22,076	-
Grand Master relief fund	18,002	-
Deferred income	-	-
Total current liabilities	330,435	251,415
TOTAL LIABILITIES	330,435	251,415
NET ASSETS	9,899,312	9,634,025
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Accumulated funds and reserves	9,899,312	9,634,025
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	9,899,312	9,634,025

Full financial statements and the independent auditor's report can be viewed or downloaded from the Freemasons New Zealand website www.freemasons.nz.org or can be obtained from Freemasons New Zealand National Office in Wellington.



EXTRACTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2019	2018
Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2019	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Revenue from members	88,682	66,091
Interests, dividends and other investment revenue	1,213,433	929,994
Unrealised investment gain/(losses)	1,250,347	1,939,846
Other revenue	-	-
Total revenue	2,552,462	2,935,931
EXPENSES		
Grants and donations	1,498,466	1,023,255
Other expenses	346,134	223,296
Total expenses	1,844,600	1,246,551
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	707,862	1,689,380

Date: 25/09/2019
Title: Grand Treasurer

Date: 25/09/2019
Title: President of the Board of General Purposes

	2019	2018
Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 30 June 2019	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Bank and cash	444,360	1,493,963
Loans and mortgages	77,292	-
Investments	25,881,002	9,065,706
Total current assets	26,402,654	10,559,669
Non current assets		
Investments	10,271,321	25,058,712
Total non current assets	10,271,321	25,058,712
TOTAL ASSETS	36,673,975	35,618,381
Current liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	(371,688)	(23,956)
Total current liabilities	(371,688)	(23,956)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(371,688)	(23,956)
NET ASSETS	36,302,287	35,594,425
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Accumulated funds surplus as at 1 July 2018	35,594,425	33,905,045
Accumulated surplus	707,862	1,689,380
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	36,302,287	35,594,425

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