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THE MARCH MEETING

They say, 'Time and Tide wait for no man', and thats certainly how it seems to me. Having just submitted a report on the January meeting, it's now 'Time' for another report of the March meeting in this 'Tide'.

This was held on 8th March, and once again all went well. There were two very fine ceremonies. Bro. Ken Starks was passed by W. Bro. Angus Grant, and the Worshipful Master initiated Ian Browne, a very welcome addition to our ranks.

W. Bro. Major Stanley Holland, P.P.G.STWD., (Kent), gave us an explanation of the 1st Tracing Board, and we left him in no doubt how much we appreciated his visit. We look forward, with anticipation, to the time when we will have the pleasure of his company once again.

It was a double pleasure for us to welcome to the meeting Bro. Derek Freeman, who was on a brief visit to the U.K. but, nevertheless, found time to visit his Mother Lodge and, at the same time make a presentation of a book entitled, 'History of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia 1871 - 1970'. Bro. Derek made the presentation on behalf of his Canadian Lodge, to whom we extend our grateful thanks for this truly magnificent gesture by our Canadian brethren.

The congratulations of the Lodge were tendered to W. Bro. Sid Lennard, whose appointment to the rank of Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies is a just reward for his untiring efforts on behalf of Masonry in general and this Lodge in particular.

We now look forward to our Viking Night on 10th May next, which we trust will be the unqualified success we have come to expect from this meeting.

ALMONERS REPORT

S.W.

As most of you are already aware W. Bro. Angus Grant was taken seriously ill immediately after our March Meeting, when he suffered a severe cerebral haemorrhage.

He is at present in Oldchurch Hospital, where he is expected to remain for some time yet. Since being there he has undergone two major and one minor operation, and I am now very pleased to tell you that he is beginning to make some progress and appears to be regaining his memory to a limited extent.

It goes without saying that he will be sadly missed not only in Canute Lodge, but in many Lodges where he was a regular and popular guest, and our hearts go out to him and his family, with the hope that he continues to make his way back to normal health, and that it will not be too long before he is with us all again.

His wife, Maggie, expressly wishes that he is not visited by his friends whilst he is in hospital and also requests that his friends refrain from telephoning the hospital for details of his progress.

News of his progress can be obtained from his brother in law, Mr. Bob Atkinson, who can be contacted during the day at Angus Grant Ltd., South Street, Rochford, (Tel. Southend 548614) or in the evenings from Bro. Bob Hyde, (Tel. Southend 547367)

I should mention that the restriction of visiting is on the advice of his doctors who do not wish him to be over stressed at this stage.

Bro. Chum Mimpress is, I am very pleased to announce, well on the road to full recovery and we continue to wish him well.

Almoner.

VIKING NIGHT

May we take this opportunity to extend a very hearty welcome to all our visiting brethren, on this our third Viking Night.

We sincerely hope it will be as successful as those in the past, and hope you are all in good voice. From King to serf the Vikings are ready to serve you and trust this will be a most enjoyable occasion.

For those members who cannot attend, especially to King Canute 1, W. Bro. Angus Grant, we extend our heartfelt greetings and wish you well.

CONGRATULATIONS

R.J.H.

Our congratulations are here offered to W. Bro. Sid Lennard on his appointment to Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

This honour is truly well deserved, as we in Canute Lodge know only too well his unceasing devotion to the Craft, which manifests itself in so many ways.

Well done W. Bro. Sid.

R.J.H.

CANUTE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

Most serious historians now contend that King Canute agreed to the charade of trying to command the waves to turn back during a flood tide in order to discomfit his sycophantic courtiers, rather than ascribe to the popular view that he was merely a vain monarch who was made to look foolish by the action of the gravitational forces of Sun and Moon.

But, on the evening of Thursday, 6th February, in the Temple at Woodgrange Drive, there was a happening involving Canute which appeared to make a mockery of time.

An initiation ceremony was performed. Bro. R.J. Hyde was in the Master's Chair and W. Bro. W.J. Butterfield was the initiate!

The Officers of Canute were:

Bro. R.J. Hyde	W.M.
Pro. W.A. Caten	S.W.
Bro. B.R. Jones	J.W.
W. Bro. H.S. Lennard, P.P.A.G.D.C.	Sec./ Treas.
W. Bro. R.T. King, P.P.A.G.D.C.	D.C.
Bro. D.H. Butcher	S.D.
Bro. R.W. Lennard-Brown	J.D.
Bro. F. Flavelle	Organist
Bro. E.A. Easlea	I.G.
Bro. H.A. Weatherston	Tyler
W. Bro. F.P. Ellis	I.P.M.

The answer to the apparent riddle was of course that the Canute Lodge of Instruction was holding a meeting at the Temple.

A number of firsts were recorded that evening:

- The first time that the L. of I. had "taken over" the Temple.
- The first time that 34 Masons had attended a meeting of the Canute L. of I.
- The first time that the contributions to the Hospital Box on an L. of I. night had realised the sum of £18.00.
- The first time that so many guests had attended a Canute L. of I. meeting.

The meeting itself was an unqualified success. The ceremony was conducted in an outstanding manner and all the members who took part behaved with perfect decorum and dignity, and upheld the good name of the Mother Lodge - Canute No. 3104.

An excellent festive board followed, which was served at the tables in the upstairs bar.

Many brethren voiced the opinion that the occasion should be repeated annually. Should their suggestions be acceded to, then it is hoped that many more brethren of the Lodge might attend, if only to add atmosphere, because on the 6th February, the Temple appeared to be empty, and the "performance" certainly merited the "house full" sign.

R.W.D.

LADIES FESTIVAL

The annual Ladies Festival this year was held on Friday, 11th April, at Lindisfarne Catholic Centre, Westcliff-on-Sea. The change of venue appears to have met with everyone's approval, and the evening was a complete success.

The festivities began as normal with the President, W. Bro. Frank Ellis and his wife, Olive, the evenings First Lady, greeting everyone individually. Whilst they were thus engaged, sherry was served to all those who wished to imbibe.

During the dinner each lady was presented with a gift of a vanity mirror, which was very well received.

Bro Geoff Bond proposed the most important toast of the evening, and Bro. Bob Dillon presented the First Lady with a beautiful Capodemonte porcelain figurine on behalf of the Brethren of Canute Lodge.

Mrs. Ellis replied for the Ladies and suitably thanked the brethren for the gift. The speeches ended with all the Ladies singing their thanks to their escorts.

The dancing during the remainder of the evening was most enjoyable, the band, ably led by an excellent Master of Ceremonies, playing music to suit all tastes.

A very successful raffle was held, the prizes being supplied by Bro. Edgar Easlea. Don't worry Olive, we do believe it was pure coincidence that most of your party had a lucky ticket.

All in all a totally enjoyable evening and no doubt one which W. Bro. Frank and his Lady will remember with pleasure for all time.

R.J.H.

OUR THANKS

I would like to say a very big thank you on behalf of Olive and myself, to all those who attended the Ladies Night at Lindisfarne Banqueting Suite on 11th April.

We both had a marvellous time and are still talking about it; we only wish we could have it all over again. If in the future we should ever get depressed or down in the dumps, we will think back to that terrific night.

Thank you all for making it such a wonderful night - we trust and hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.

Olive and Frank.

EXTRACT FROM GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION (September, 1974)

ATTENDANCE AT LODGES OVERSEAS

The board is informed from time to time of members of Lodges who go abroad and become involved, generally through ignorance, with Masonic bodies not recognised as regular by the United Grand Lodge. The Board wishes to draw attention to this danger, and to point out that the best method of combating it is for Lodges to impress upon their members that they should not make any Masonic contacts overseas with members of other Jurisdictions without having ascertained by application to the Grand Secretary at Freemasons' Hall the existence of regular Masonry in the country concerned, and the address to which Masonic enquiries in that country should be directed. The Board recommends not only that this warning be given in Lodge verbally, particularly to each new Master Mason when his Certificate is presented, but that it should be printed at least once a year on Lodge Summons.

Brethren must also be careful to remember that the lists of recognised Grand Lodges differ to no small extent between one Grand Lodge and another, so that it is always possible that when they visit a Lodge under another Constitution there will be present, quite legitimately so far as it is concerned, members of a Constitution not recognised by ourselves. Such a situation calls for tact and diplomacy on the part of our members in withdrawing without giving offence, particularly where the visit has been formally arranged; but it has to be borne in mind that it is part of their duty as members of the English Constitution not to associate masonically with members of unrecognised Constitutions and that this duty transcends the more apparent calls of courtesy and politeness.

When visits are contemplated or being arranged it is therefore essential to ascertain in writing through the Grand Secretary's office whether the Lodge to be visited is fully alive to this complication, and is prepared to accept it.

THE JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting was held on the 11th, and we enjoyed the experience of two very fine ceremonies. Our Worshipful Master, at the first meeting since his Installation, raised Bro. J. G. MacIntosh, and our I.P.M. W. Bro. Butterfield performed the other ceremony, passing Bro. E. J. Hardy.

There were notable absentees at the meeting, in particular, W. Bro. Charles Hall, our Secretary, who was indisposed and unable to be with us, and this really must be one for the Guinness Book of Records.

The Director and Assistant Director of Ceremonies were also unable to attend, but, although they were missed, W. Bro's. W. Price and A. Grant stepped in to fill the breach, and are to be congratulated on the smooth manner with which they carried out their respective offices.

The Festive Board was, as usual, one of those happy occasions, which everyone appeared to enjoy.

W. Bro. Angus Grant was again very busy, and by the measure of his extraction expertise, it is felt that rather than dabbling with his Pharmaceuticals he should join the dental profession. (He's obviously got his teeth into the Charity Rep's job).

In all a very successful meeting.

S.W.

A TIME TO REMEMBER

As you are probably aware W. Bro. Angus Grant suffered a severe cerebral haemorrhage immediately after our March Meeting.

Since then many of us have been in constant touch, via Bro. Bob Hyde, to obtain bulletins on his progress. At times the picture was very bleak and we all knew the depths of despair. He underwent two major operations, one to relieve the pressure caused by the haemorrhage and the other to remove part of bone, which had become infected. After these there seemed to be no recognition and we began to think there was little hope. Then suddenly on 10th April there was a change for the better - he recognised members of his family.

There is still a long way to go and he is still a very sick man, but now there is HOPE. Hope that he will make a fairly full recovery and hope that we shall see him back among us again one day in the, hopefully, not too distant future.

Relief and joy for his wife Maggie, who has been a tower of strength and an inspiration to us all, never doubting her ability to nurse him back to health and never once breaking down in the face of such adversity.

On behalf of Canute Lodge I would like them both to know that our thoughts, prayers, hopes and love are with them in their time of trouble and may Angus continue to make steady progress towards full health.

W.M.

EXTRA MURAL COMMITTEE

I would like to take this opportunity to draw to the attention of all members of Canute Lodge the existence of this Committee and of the work it does.

On average it meets once a month at one or other of the members houses; in this way the company is congenial and the costs minimal. The Committee is chaired by the Master, and its present secretary is Bro. Dennis Tapsfield. Here are planned the activities of the Lodge outside Masonry and some officially connected with the Lodge.

The Committee was started by W. Bro. Angus Grant for the purposes as just stated, and my contribution has been to put it on a regular basis, and through it to try and to promote a spirit of harmony and goodwill throughout the Lodge.

It was responsible for organising a very successful L. of I. night at the Temple, a highly successful Mini Festival last November also at the Temple, and in a small way contributed to the Ladies Festival at Lindisfarne on 11th April. The "Tide", in which I hope this article will be printed, directly evolved from this Committee.

These are some of the activities for which it has been responsible. On May, 1st they have organised a coach trip to the Newmarket Races, with a stop on the way to have a look over the Masonic Temple at Sudbury.

The Viking Night on 17th May, is an occasion which this Committee has fully participated in every respect. Shortly they will be announcing a Chicken and Chips Supper, which we hope will prove to be a winner.

If you have an idea which will help to raise money, or which will be the basis of an evening or day out, let us know about it. Let's face it the success of this Committee and the activities it organises is dependant on the help of us all.

If Lodge Members totally commit to support it to the utmost of their ability then the fame of Canute Lodge No. 3104 will be promoted far and wide. Surely it is something to be proud of - to be members of such a great Lodge - committed to serve and please others in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.

W.M.

EXTRACT FROM THE EARLIEST SESSION ROLLS OF ELIZABETHAN ESSEX, 1556 - 57

The earliest Essex alehouse recognizance concerns one at the Hamlet of Milton, in Prittlewell, (later in the parish of Cliff Town).

Having been licensed by Roger Appleton and Edmund Tyrell, the alekeeper binds himself, with two other Milton men as his sureties, not to suffer 'any suspicious

persons, vagabonds, barrators, thieves or quarrellers to be maintained in his alehouse; nor any game as bowls tennis, dice, cards, tables (backgammon), nor any company eating, drinking or playing in the time of any sermon or service in the parish church.

If these were the necessary requirements for a licence today, one rather questions whether 'Mine Host' at the 'Railway' would qualify, after the Christmas Meeting of the L. of I., with regard to the item underlined.

CHARITY REPRESENTATIVE

A.D.C.

In the absence of W. Bro. Angus Grant, the Office of Charity Representative has been taken over by Bro. Les Barber.

We all know of the tremendous amount of work that W. Bro. Angus put into the office during the few months he served in it, and I am assured by Bro. Les that he intends to carry on in the same vein.

We wish him success and trust he will receive the same support as was given to W. Bro. Angus.

R.J.H.

PERMANENT GUESTS REPORT

Saturday, 22nd February, and my car being correctly parked, I joined our Worshipful Master walking towards the Hockley Village Hall, to attend the local meeting.

Ninetyseven brethren were present at the Installation of W. Bro. Singleton, I.G.R., by W. Bro. Ronnie Hills.

The D.C. was invested with the words, "Everyone else was invited to take office, you were not, since I did not wish you to have an opportunity to refuse". A nice touch. The I.P.M. presented the Lodge with two Alms Purses. Our own W. Bro. Ted Beales responded for Grand Lodge., the P.G.M. notified that he would attend their 22nd March, meeting.

The arrangements were similar to those of last year. We worked the "Bull" routine for an hour, and on our return, the Stewards had transformed the scene from Masonic to dining.

My host, Jack Carr, A.D.C., and Harry Hutchings parties were again on stage. (Attempts to close the curtains on us, without success). The Master's Song was sung by a professional baritone, guest of the W.M., who included all the "Masonic chinkings" with the toast glasses, which were all new to me. Later on he sang four more songs, which were all very well received.

Wine, women and song! Well, we had a most enjoyable meal, wine flowing freely, and on her departure from the stage, our young waitress gave us all a goodnight kiss. This caused us to all start singing, "Why were we born so beautiful", which was finished by the remaining brethren in the appropriate manner.

Memories? The atmosphere of this Lodge is tremendous. The air of expectancy is constant throughout, and the evening concluded at 2240 hours. Most of all, however, I shall remember the Master's Song. It was superb.

Templewood Lodge No. 7424, met on Thursday, 27th February, and my host W. Bro. Reg Brown initiated Stephen Blinkhorn, an Old Masonian. Bro. P.D. Holmes was Passed at this meeting. Not having performed an Initiation Ceremony for over twenty years, Reg's performance was most noteworthy, and sincere. Mind you he has known Steve for a good number of years.

The Festive Board meal and wine, were up to the usual Temple standard. The speeches were short, except for one, which went on for over 15 minutes, but for my part the speaker on this occasion was Bro. H.O. Blake could have gone on all night. He proposed the toast to the initiate, and as Careers Master at the Masonic School, 1936 vintage, he even remembered our own Worshipful Master. Undoubtedly, this was the finest speech I have heard in Masonry. I learned more about the school's work in that time, than ever I have from the various books loaned to me from the Temple. I will list a few points. He made a plea for the continuance of the school, reprieved until 1977. It has supplied over a half million brothers, who have subscribed millions of pounds to the charities. He visits over 200 families of schoolboys each year, and this week is visiting a family in Berwick on Tweed. The School is 177 years old, and no other school covers the same ground as those blanketed by Freemasonry. The plan is for the boys to move into hostels, should the school close, and as he said, "Hostels are for delinquents". He mentioned that his phone rings all hours of day and night, mainly calls

from boys who need guidance of some form or other. That the school was, to many of the boys, their home, and their only home. He mentioned the Headmaster was raising a fund to finance Masonic Schoolboy's on an Arctic Expedition to Spitzbergen, and he concluded his speech with a story:

"A boy who had left school some years previously, returned to the school late one night, explaining that he had no money, no job and no home to go to. He stayed with me for a week, and with the help of Old Masonians and others, we found him a job. Now, as you can see, he is doing very well indeed. He phoned, or wrote to me every week, and I went to his wedding."

If there is to be a fight for the preservation of the school, please permit me to wave a small banner, for when Bro. H.O. Blake was talking about the school, the brethren maintained a silence, which had to be not heard to be believed. As he left, about 10 p.m. to return to Bushey, the brethren stood and very loudly applauded him all the way to the door. A gentleman, a brother, doing an extremely worthwhile job. Can people of his ilk really become redundant?

COMMENT

J.W.H.B.

Brethren, in almost every issue of the "Canute Tide", I have requested items of interest from you to keep the "Tide" in full flow. I do so again now.

This news letter was, as most of you are aware, the brain child of W. Bro. Angus Grant, who, before his tragic illness, was without doubt one of the most active and devoted Masons in this area, and if only for his sake I intend to keep the "Tide" in full flood.

You make think I am using W. Bro. Angus to generate sympathy and action on your part, and I admit this is true to a certain extent, but I would endeavour to move heaven and earth for him, and if keeping the "Tide" from ebbing is going to help him in any way, no matter how small, and I'm sure it will help, then I'm determined not to let him down.

I know it would be a tremendous disappointment to W. Bro. Angus if this news letter were to cease publication, and as we all, without exception, owe so much to him, I appeal to you to help me meet one of my obligations to him.

Please let me have your literary contribution and please let me have it as soon as possible. Bro. Bob Hyde

THE LEWIS AND HIS PRIVILEGE

"Some time ago I was told that the son of a Mason is a Lewis only if his father was initiated prior to his birth which, on this basis, means that one son could be a Lewis, whilst another son was not. I shall be glad to have your view on this, and also to know whether the only persons who have the right to be initiated under the age of 21 years are Lewises and University Undergraduates".

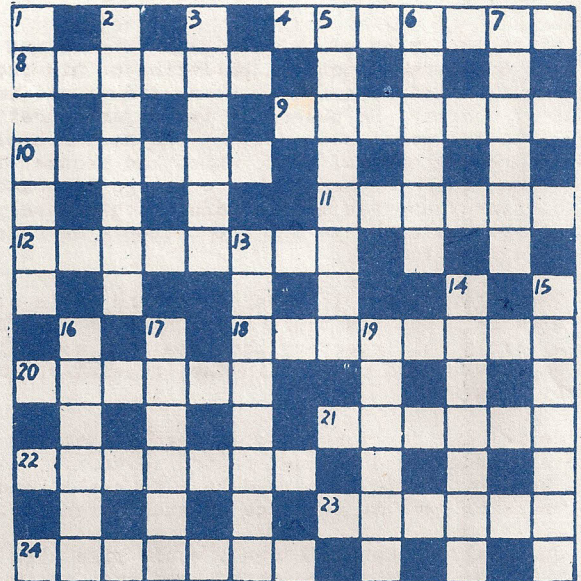
Whilst one can understand the reasoning that lies behind the statement made to you, it is quite incorrect. The Board of General Purposes has ruled, without qualification, that "a Lewis is the son of a Mason". Further, a former Grand Secretary, Bro. Sir Sidney White, amplified this in a letter dated 24 May 1945, in which he indicated that this ruling applied "irrespective of the time of birth".

The final part of your question deals with misconceptions that are often put forward. Neither a Lewis, nor a University Undergraduate, nor anyone else, has the right to be initiated under the age of 21. That can only be done by dispensation of the Grand Master or Provincial or District Grand Master, as is clearly stated in Rule 157 of the Book of Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England.

By long established custom a Lewis takes precedence over anyone who is not, only if there is more than one candidate to be initiated on the same evening. He is not entitled, as is sometimes claimed, to any preference in the appointment of officers in the Lodge and should not be shown any privilege other than the one that has been mentioned.

From Coronati Lodge Summons, 1 March 1974.

D.C.



- ACROSS
4. Before the big game an argument about the wicket. (7)
 8. The money the army doctor earns in the French town. (6)
 9. The small account on the mail gives warm applause. (7)
 10. The trio and the engineer line up to make one man disorderly. (6)
 11. The tune played on the liner at the end of the day. (6)
 12. Large strike affecting the World Cup Final. (3,5)
 18. Dial from the east for a big pull. (8)
 20. Leave the trap with David Essex. (6)
 21. Is he partly an infidel leader? (6)
 22. Running ones will do for a time. (7)
 23. Sounds like this bird is all gas. (6)
 24. My best to you all. (7)

- DOWN
1. Nasty little beast. (7)
 2. Why the dickens was he so mean. (7)
 3. Possibly 1. (7)
 5. Jinricksha. (8)
 6. Bright money? (6)
 7. Two small boys with a happy look. (6)
 13. Treat Ted to some new clothes. His new ones are badly torn. (8)
 14. False resistance up to a point in the nunnery. (7)
 15. Base part of a gin bottle. (7)
 16. Sow again?
 17. Handy fruit.
 19. Tasteless paint in the mouth. (6)

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 10

Across. 1. Mastic. 4. Casual. 8. Attacks. 9. Art. 11. See. 13. Oar. 14. Oro. 15. No how. 16. Ombra. 17. Latin. 18. Taste. 19. Lei. 20. Die. 21. Yea. 23. Rat. 25. Ontario. 26. Canals. 27. Egress. Down. 2. Alar. 3. International. 5. Acknowledge. 6. Axle. 7. Catches crab. 9. Armoury. 10. Tombola. 11. Scatter. 12. Earnest. 22. Elsa. 24. Amos.

Thought for today.

A man is about as big as the things that make him angry.