

**PRESENT AND PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

MINUTE of the meeting held on Friday, 23rd March, 2018 at **Arana Leagues Club, Panther's Den, Dawson Parade, KEPERRA** Queensland, commencing at 2pm.

PRESENT: The President, Sister Elizabeth Watt, welcomed all and thanked them for their attendance.

Brother Graham Deacon, WG Fraternal Correspondent and Patron of the Association then welcomed distinguished guests – Sister Helen McLaughlan MWGM, Brother Michael Struthers MWGP, Sister Winnie Mitchell WGM of the Grand Chapter of Queensland, Sister Jennifer Shepherd, WGM of the Grand Chapter of NSW & ACT, Sister Janice Cartwright WDG Matron and Brother Barrie Bell WDG Patron of the Tasmania District Grand Committee.

The President also acknowledged the presence of Honorary Members, Past Presidents, Past Secretaries/Treasurers and welcomed those attending for the first time. Sister Edwina Tatnell has joined us for the first time and Brother Michael Struthers as MWG Patron. Then the President read a verse of welcome & friendship for all those present.

27 in attendance.

*We wish for you the true love of friends,
And loving kindness of everyone you meet.
May you enjoy many opportunities for service to others.*

TIME OF REFLECTION: The President asked members to pause remember those who had passed to a Higher Chapter since the last meeting – Sisters Edwina (Teddy) Martin, Irene Ellison.

SICK MEMBERS: The President advised Sylvia Lowe, Glenice Bruce, Anne Nixon, Margaret Lavaring. Several members had visited with Margaret Lavaring yesterday. She sends her best wishes for this weekend's Session.

APOLOGIES: As recorded on the Apology sheet.

MEMBERSHIP: Current membership totals 162 consisting of 6 Honorary Members, 152 Financial Members and 4 Unfinancial Members. Current bank details – Westpac BSB 037 022 Account No 339146. Make sure you state NAME &/or United Grand No.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 7 June 2017, at the Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough, Western Australia having been circulated, confirmed as a correct record Moved by Sister Lois Allen and Seconded by Sister Blanche Watt. CARRIED.

Business Arising: DIARIES – Quotes are being sourced. The Secretary had artwork from a previous term. If found would forward to Sister Watt. Secretary would ask same of Sister Faye Thornton who organised the last two diaries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward:

- Applications for membership;
- Receipt from Sessions Co Ordinator;
- Receipt for insurance.
- **ABN** request to update details
- Acknowledgement of room request – Brisbane & Melbourne.

Outward:

- Minutes of June Meeting with our Christmas Greeting.
- Letters requesting payment of Association dues;
- United Grand Chapter of Australia for insurance.
- **ABN** details have now been updated to the current Secretary/Treasurer.
- Request for a room for our Meeting/s in Brisbane & Melbourne. See General Business

It was moved Sister Marilyn Pollitt, seconded Sister Kate Elliott that the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed. CARRIED.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The balance at the Bank as at **6 March 2018 was \$3038.67**. Petty Cash held \$45.85 It was moved by Sister Kathleen White, seconded Sister Barbara Hartman that the Financial Report be received. CARRIED.

Financial Report adopted by Sister Christina Vaessen, seconded by Brother Graeme Pollitt. CARRIED.

Acknowledging what was passed in Perth and cheques cleared.

Cheque No	Expenditure	Amount
20006	UGCA Charity	500.00
20007	Margaret Kestenbaum Place Mats	120.00
20008	Ann Nixon – Secretary Expenses	504.69
20009	UCGA Session Account	1600.00

Secretary/Treasurer – Christmas Mail out: -

Half Ink Cartridge	17.50
Postage	41.10
Receipt Book	<u>9.95</u>
Total	68.55

Income as at 20/3/2018	Chq No	Expenditure	
Perth Competition	823.30		
Diaries	540.00	20010	UGCA Extra Insurance cost 15.00
Interest	2.85	20011	M.Smith. Secretary Expense 68.55
Dues	520.00		
Badges	<u>16.00</u>		
TOTAL	1902.15	TOTAL	83.55

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: was moved by Sister Blanche Watt and seconded by Sister Jennifer Shepherd.

The President asked about a Term Deposit. It was moved by Sister Lois Allen, seconded by Sister Kate Elliott that the Secretary enquire and arrange for a \$2000.00 Term Deposit for 12 months, ensuring completion in April, 2019.

Mailout for July Meeting, will note **change of date** for Grand Chapter of NSW & ACT Meeting 8 March 2019.

GENERAL BUSINESS:**July, 2018 Meeting.**

Sister Evelyn Hood to make an enquiry of Grand Chapter of Victoria for meeting time. It would be either Friday afternoon (a problem with members requiring a meal before evening meeting) or Sunday morning.

March, 2018 Meeting.

This meeting was 2pm at the advice of the Grand Chapter who were to have a rehearsal at 3pm. Making an easier flow to the afternoon and evening. The time also restricts those attending our meeting, who travel long distances or work. It has always been this way. We appreciate the Grand Chapters for arranging a room for a meeting and accept their timing.

For July 2018 Meeting.

REPORTS

Sister Margaret Kennedy – British Columbia & Yukon. Good contact. Met in Perth Session. Their Session is late May, 2018.

Brother Paul Smith – Scotland. Hugh Craig counterpart. Their Session 14th April, 2018. MWG Matron, Sister Helen McLaughlan would encourage a gentle hint to an invitation to the Sessions.

Sister Meryllyn Pollitt - still has a long lasting friendship with her counterpart.

Sister Kate Elliott – Saskatchewan. Past counterpart visiting.

Sister Blanche Watt, WG Associate Matron & Sister Elizabeth Watt, PMWG Matron – Secretary & Chairperson for the South Australian Steering Committee were asked of their preparations for the 2019 Session in Adelaide.

Venue – Festival Function Centre at Findon.

Brother Graham Deacon WG FC & Patron reminder members for their Report to be to him by January 2019. Also seeking people to be Grand Representatives. Fill in the form and forward to the WG Secretary, Sister Elizabeth Taylor.

Thanks: The President thanked the Grand Chapter for making the room available for our meeting. Thanked the members for the donation of competition prizes, those handling the competition tickets (Sisters Barbara Andresen & Kate Elliott) and those who supported our efforts. Thank you everyone for attending our Meeting today.

RESPONSES:

Sister Helen McLaughlan, MWG Matron – Lovely meeting. Encourage everyone to try for another counterpart. Thank you.

Brother Michael Struthers MWG Patron, First time and interesting. Look forward to applying when my term is complete.

Sister Winnie Mitchell WG Matron (QLD), Happy to have this meeting and pleased to attend.

Sister Jennifer Shepherd WG Matron (NSW/ACT). Congratulations to the new members and their counterparts. Pleased to be here.

Sister Janice Cartwright WDG Matron (TAS) Encourage people to take forms and maybe this will be the one that will correspond with you.

Brother Barrie Bell WDG Patron (TAS). I have been in and out of this Office, so I have never been able to apply. Why are Heads of Jurisdictions not able to apply while in office?

The meeting was closed at 3pm and the competition drawn.

Prize winners were Lois Allen, Edwina Tatnell, Graeme Pollitt, Carita Swann, Kath White, Barbara Andresen, Michael Struthers, Barrie Bell, Jennifer Shepherd, Evelyn Hood, Winnie Mitchell, Paul Smith, Sharon Deacon, Elizabeth Watt.

INCOME

Competition \$124.00

Diaries 35.00

Dues 240.00

EXPENDITURE

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER

**Present and Past Grand Representatives Association in Australia
Order of the Eastern Star
Meeting held in Keysborough Masonic Centre, Keysborough.
Friday 27th July, 2018 at 5pm**

A G E N D A

Welcome:

Welcome verse:

All present have signed the attendance book and are financial members of our Association.

A Time of Reflection:

Remembering the sick, suffering and bereaved and also our troubled world. Since our last meeting those Sisters & Brothers who have been called to a Higher Chapter –

Apologies: noted.

Secretary's Advice.

Update on membership.

Association Dues 1 January 2019.

Account details with **Westpac** BSB 037 002 Account No 339146

NEW. Email process for Financial members' receipt and card.

Minutes of the meeting held in Brisbane March 2018 as circulated to all members.

Copy of 2017 Byelaws attached.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Accounts

Business arising:

Diaries – Quotes are being sourced.

Term Deposit update.

International Dues to be paid.

Correspondence:

General Business:

Sessions update.

Sydney Meeting Friday 8 March 2pm (time to be finalised)

Reports from counterparts.

Responses:

Close of meeting:

Draw Competition.

NOTE – MELBOURNE MEMBERS WILL BE PROVIDING A LIGHT TEA BETWEEN MEETINGS AS THERE ARE NO SHOPS AVAILABLE.

Thank you to the Grand Chapter of Victoria members.