

# The Ailsa Craig

## Fixtures and Fittings

*(Lodge Activities)*

• Congratulations to Bro. Paramjit Sing Gill on his Raising to the 3<sup>o</sup> at the November 1998 working. The following Brethren performed the duties:

Lights Bro. Anthony Lee

Apron Bro. Chang Pinang

Symbols Bro. Bruce Barnes

Trestle Board Bro. Colin Macdonald

Charge Bro. Rajiv Chaudhury

• Bros. Chua Chye Seng and Hupala were successfully balloted and affiliated to the Lodge. Welcome!

• The next meeting in December will be an "Opening and Closing" with a special festive board after.

• The Right Worshipful Master and Office-Bearers wish all the brethren a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a more prosperous 1999 (..... on the Masonic Calendar)

• The Ailsa Ladie's Night at the Hyatt Hotel on the 26th November was certainly the high point of the Ailsa social calendar this year. It turned out to be a very successful event starting from the number of guests (160 tickets), the reception, Haggis Ceremony, Addresses, Ailsa Awards etc. The raffles, Dutch auction and instant photograph sales all helped to make the financially successful as well and many thanks to all who

contributed with their time, donation or assistance.

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## Home and Away Games

*(Visiting Brethren, Visits and Invitations)*

• Visiting is an important part of worldwide freemasonry. It allows us to understand the differences between the Constitutions and locations and thus appreciate our own ways and deepening our understanding of the context of our rituals. All Master Masons are encouraged to visit other Lodges as much as possible.

• The RWM/Office Bearers and various Bros. have visited the following Lodges in the past month:

Scotia, Penang DGL 31st Oct

Kilwinning, KL Instl. 7th Nov

St Andrews, Sing Instl. 21st Nov

• Visitors to the Lodge for the November working included:

WBro. David Lee

Lodge St George Singapore

WBro. David Thomas

Lodge Eastern Gate Singapore

(Plus two O/S guests of Bro. Bil MacAdam)

• Planned Visits and Invitations for the month of January 1999 include:

Zetland, Sing Instl. 11th Dec

Eastern Gate, Sing TBC ?? Jan

St George, Sing TBC ?? Jan

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## **Tinkers Corner**

*(The latest gossip)*

- The Jazz and Blues night at Coleman Street was a resounding success with a live band pumping out the old favorites while collecting considerable amount for the Singapore Cancer Research Fund. A few die-hard members of Ailsa were spotted getting into the swing of things later in the evening! Thanks for the support the Club and the Fund.
  - Ailsa has paid for its own cabinet for files in the basement of the Masonic Hall. (Does this mean we'll get organised ??)
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## **The Classifieds**

*(Awaits your Ad)*

- Photos of the recent Ladies Night by Philip Hausler are available at greatly reduced prices!!
- Relevant contributions to the Craig may be made by any member by e-mailing me at - colinmac@pacific.net.sg.
- Get your order in early for the latest in Lodge sartorial elegance - Kennedy Tartan Cummerbund and Bow tie (prices still to be determined). This will certainly give the non-kilted members of Ailsa immediate recognition when visiting other Lodges. Bro Bruce Barnes will attend to the details.
- Previously some books relating to

Masonic topics were distributed to the Bros. with the hope that an Ailsa Masonic Library be set up to enlighten as many of the members as possible. Lets help to keep those books in circulation by keeping a list of books and returning the books to the Lodge when finished reading them.

- Bro Rajiv Chaudhury has unearthed an interesting internet site showing historical context to some masonic activities over the centuries:

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## **Lost & Found**

*(Departing and Returning Brethren)*

- Welcome back Bro Andrew Logue who returned from Caracas recently to be with us once more
  - Bro Stewart Davis will be spending more time in Singapore and hopefully in the Lodge again.
  - There was a fleeting glimpse of Bro Anthony Verghese at Coleman Street on a stopover from his sojourn in India but unfortunately he did not manage to attend the Lodge working.
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## **Animal, Vegetable or Mineral**

*(Complaints, Congratulations and  
Commiserations)*

- Unfortunately certain Brethren persistently default on the payment of dues. The Grand Lodge Bye-Laws (No. 126) states that a Brother will not be able to hold office if he is in arrears. Please help the Lodge meet it's commitments by paying promptly. Brethren in financial difficulty may approach the RWM or Treasurer personally.

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He was also the sole member of the Masonic Lodge in Lawrence. Which Lodge and Constitution Bro. Sam Chew Lain belonged to is not mentioned. There is no Lodge listed a meeting in Lawrence now and there is no Lodge in Lawrence in the New Zealand Constitution though there may well have been at the time."

WBro. RB Purvis RI  
Lodge Chevalier No 306  
Auckland

## **Post Script**

*(The Last Word in Masonry)*

- Bro. John Davison from New Zealand has sent us an interesting account of asian masonic life in the NZ goldfields in the 1890's -

"Sam Chew Lain came to New Zealand via the Victorian Goldfields. At the time of her marriage Mrs Chew Lain was one of two women in a total Chinese population here of nearly 5000.

Until this century immigrants were mainly men who intended to return home. The Chew Lains settled in Otago. In the 1890's they ran a hotel in Lawrence. Sam Chew Lain's height and strength reputedly gave him an advantage over troublesome patrons.