

# The Discoverer

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## Greetings Brethren,

After a very hot and steamy month we are looking forward to cooler days for our upcoming Installation.

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## Song of the Newly-made Brother

I'm only a newly-made brother,  
And I'll tell you how I was born,  
T'was the hour Masons know one another,  
When the sun rises high in the morn,  
The sun rises high in the morn!

The night it was lonely and dark  
When knocked at that queer little door,  
On a journey they made me embark,  
To the work on the old tesseled floor,  
The work on the old tesseled floor!

I climbed by the steps to the Light,  
Oh, happy and wonderful morn  
Then I passed to a Chamber so bright,  
And saw by the river the corn,  
Saw by the river the corn!

I journeyed again East and West,  
To a point of mysterious strength;  
For it bears on it's centre the rest.  
With every part equal in length  
They raised m in Beauty and Strength!

I'm only a newly-made Brother.  
Oh! the way they taught me those tools:  
To cherish and love one another,  
And suffer no cowans or fools,  
Suffer no cowans or fools!

Then, here's to the newly-made Brother,  
And that handy old Cabletow,  
With a bumper for jolly old Mother,  
Who taught to walk, heel and toe,  
The secrets no babblers know!

*This poem was extracted from the book,  
"The Tyler of 651 – Tales and songs of the  
Tracing Board – A Book of Masonic Verse  
by Bro. John Cargill Rae. – Pub., 1935.*

*Thanks to SRA 76*

## YEAR of LIGHT

Anno Lewis, in the Year of Light, is the epoch used in Masonic documents of the Symbolic Degrees. This era is calculated from the creation of the world, and is obtained by adding four thousand to the current year, on the supposition that Christ was born four thousand years after the creation of the world. But the chronology of Archbishop Ussher, which has been adopted as the Bible chronology in the authorized version, places the birth of Christ in the year 4004 after the creation.

*Masonic Dictionary—SRA 76*

## ZEAL

Ever since the Revival in 1717, for it is found in the earliest lectures, it was taught that Apprentices served their Masters with "Freedom, Fervency, and Zeal" - and the symbols of the first two of these virtues were Chalk and Charcoal. In the oldest instructions, earthen pan, which see, was designated as the symbol of Zeal; but this was changed to Clay probably by Preston, and so it still remains. The instruction to the Operative Mason to serve his Master with freedom, fervency, and zeal—to work for his interests willingly, ardently, and zealously is easily understood. Its application to Speculative Freemasonry, for the Master of the Work we substitute the Grand Architect of the Universe, and then our zeal, like our freedom and our fervency, is directed to a higher end. The zeal of a Speculative Freemason is shown by advancing the morality, and by promoting the happiness of his fellow-creatures.

*Masonic Dictionary—SRA 76*

## THE MASONIC DICTIONARY

### Qualification of Candidates



Every candidate for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry must be qualified by certain essential conditions. These qualifications are of two kinds, Internal and External. The internal qualifications which are those that lie within his own bosom, the external are those which refer to his outward and apparent fitness. The external qualifications are again divided into Moral, Religious, Physical, Mental, and Political. Morally, the candidate must faithfully observe the Moral Law, and lead a virtuous life, Religiously, he must believe in the existence of one supreme Deity, and must be yielded to His superintending power and divine providences, and he must believe in the immortality of the soul and a future resurrection into eternal life; Physically he must be a man, free born, of lawful age, sound in body and limb, and not in his dotage; Mentally, he must be intelligent, capable of comprehending the profound truths and tenets of the Order; Politically, he must adhere to the principles of freedom and individual liberty of conscience, and be faithful in all civic duties.

**First**, the Internal Qualifications are:

1. The applicant must come of his own free will and accord. His application must be purely voluntary, to which he has not been induced by persuasion of friends.
2. He must not be influenced by mercenary motives.
3. He must be prompted to make the application in consequence of a favourable opinion that he entertains of the Institution.
4. He must be resolved to conform with cheerfulness to the established usages and customs of the Fraternity.

**Second**. The External Qualifications are, as has already been said, divided into five kinds:

1. **Moral**. That candidate only is qualified for initiation who faithfully observes the precepts of the moral law, and leads a virtuous life, so conducting himself as to receive the award of his own con-

**2. Religious.** Freemasonry is exceedingly tolerant in respect to creeds, but it does require that every candidate for initiation believe in the existence of God as a superintending and protecting power, and in a future life. No inquiry will be made into modifications of religious belief, provided it includes these two tenets.

**3. Physical.** These refer to sex, age, and bodily conformation. The candidate must be a man, not a woman; of mature age, that is, having arrived at his majority, and not so old as to have sunk into dotage; and he must be in possession of all his limbs, not maimed or dismembered, but, to use the language of one of the Old Charges, "have his right limbs as a man ought to have. (This qualification has been amended by Grand Masters using their powers of granting dispensations to allow candidates with missing limbs and those that are hearing impaired admission into Freemasonry.)

**4. Mental.** This division excludes all men who are not intellectually qualified to comprehend the character of the Institution, and to partake of its responsibilities. Hence fools, or idiots and madmen are excluded. Although the Landmarks do not make illiteracy a disqualification, and although it is undeniable that a large portion of the Craft in olden times was uneducated, yet there seems to be a general opinion that an incapacity to read and write will, in this day, disqualify a candidate.

**5. Political.** These relate to the condition of the candidate in society. The old rule required that none but those who were free born could be initiated, which, of course, excluded slaves and those born in servitude; and although the Grand Lodge of England substituted free man for free born, it is undeniable that that action was the change of a landmark; and the old rule still exists at least in the United States.

*With acknowledgement to SRA 76*



## A LESSON ON STRESS

A young lady confidently walked around the room with a raised glass of water while leading a seminar and explaining stress management to her audience.

Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. To 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden – holding stress longer and better each time practiced."

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must:-

- 1 \* Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- 2 \* Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- 3 \* Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- 4 \* Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
- 5 \* If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- 6 \* If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- 7 \* It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- 8 \* Never buy a car you can't push.
- 9 \* Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- 10 \* Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- 11 \* Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- 12 \* The second mouse gets the cheese.
- 13 \* When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 14 \* Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- 15 \* Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
- 16 \* We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.
- 17 \* A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- 18 \* Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

- 19 \* Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!\*

## DID YOU KNOW?

A great deal of importance seems to be attached to the business of the Square and Compasses with two points exposed, one point exposed, etc. When and why did this practice arise?

**Answer:** In the answer that follows, it must be emphasized that, for obvious reasons, it is impracticable to discuss our present day procedures. Fortunately, that will not be necessary, because reference will be made to the earliest known evidence on the subject and the reader will find no difficulty in comparing the procedure with that of the present day.

Early references to the Square and Compasses are plentiful in the exposures from 1696 onwards, but none of the early texts says anything about the 'variations' with the points.

Those variations were almost certainly introduced in order to draw a distinction between the work of three different degrees. If that is so, then the practice cannot have been older than the evolution of the three degree system, i.e., some time between 1711 and c. 1725 when we find the earliest hints of trigradal practice. But none of our documents up to 1760, English or French, gives any information at all on the subject of variations with the points.

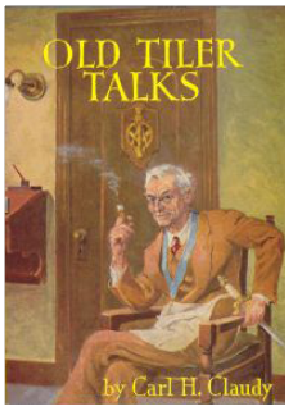
The earliest description of the 'points' procedure made its appearance in 1760 in an English exposure, Three Distinct Knocks, which claimed to describe the practices of the Masons under the Antients' Grand Lodge. It is known that this (and other English exposures of the 1760s) betrayed evidence of French influence, and if T.D.K. was indeed describing Antients' practice it probably represented some Irish practices too. For these reasons, it must be noted that the origins of the procedures cannot definitely be ascribed to any particular country, though we may be reasonably certain that they were current in England - not necessarily widespread - from 1760 onwards. The relevant extract is quoted below, without comment on present day English procedure:

The Master always sits in the East, or stands with the Bible before him; and if it is the Apprentices Lecture, he opens it about the Second Epistle of Peter, with the Compasses laid thereon, and the Points of them covered with a little Box Square or Lignum Vita, about 4 Inches each Way, and the Points of the Compasses points to the West, and the Two Points of the Square points to the East. If it is the Craft's Lecture, the Master shews one Point of the Compasses, the Bible being open at the 12th Chapter of Judges. If it is the Master's Lecture, the Bible is opened about the Seventh Chapter of the First Book of Kings, and both the Points of the Compasses is shewn upon the Square. This is the Form they sit in when they work, as they call it.

Finally - and this may help to answer the question 'Why' - it is said that in many of our old Lodges it is customary for the square and compasses to be displayed, outside the door of the Lodge, in positions which will indicate to knowledgeable Brethren the Degree that is being worked, and in several jurisdictions in the U.S.A. one of the tests for examining an unknown visitor is to ask him to arrange those tools so as to indicate a particular Degree.

*The above answer was given by W. Bro. Harry Carr, a former Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 in his "Freemasonry at Work".*





## Old Tiler Talks— JOKE

I never saw much point in this joke about 'sitting up with the sick,'" began the New Brother to the Old Tiler, "but since I joined the lodge I do. I used to think it was a pretty idea; that a lodge member should sit up with a sick brother seemed real brotherhood. Now I find we don't so I see the joke."

"Do you, now! How keen is your sense of humor?" answered the Old Tiler. "Who told you we didn't sit with our sick friends?"

"Why, no one. But if we did, I'd have heard of it, wouldn't I?"

"Depends on the length of your ears. Yesterday I tried to buy a hat. The salesman showed me one and said it was twenty-five dollars. I asked him where the holes were. 'What holes?' he asked. I told him I meant the holes for the ears of the jackass who would pay twenty-five dollars for that hat. If your ears are long enough, maybe you can hear about our sitting up with our sick friends. But I presume you are hard of hearing?"

"In small towns a few decades ago, nurses were few. When a brother was sick we often sat with him, hand him water or medicine, doing what we could. In modern days there is less need for such help. But don't think we never do. Last month the Master called for volunteers to stay all night in a house where an old lady was dying. Our brother from that house was out of town. The old lady had a daughter and a nurse, but daughter was afraid to be alone. We had sixteen volunteers, and every night for a week two did their part. All they did was sit there and read, but who knows what comfort they were to that distracted daughter? The old lady finally died and in the day time. It looks as if what we did was wasted effort but the old lady *might* have died in the night. Our brethren were there to help if she did. The daughter knew her husband's brethren were within call so she slept secure in the protection Masonry threw about her.

"You say 'we don't sit up.' Don't confuse 'sitting up' with actually resting erect in a chair. No brother of Ellis or any other good lodge is reported sick but he receives a call from Master, Warden, chairman of the committee on the sick, or some brother. It makes no difference whether the brother is wealthy or poor, we see what we can do. Most members of the lodge are fairly prosperous citizens, able to look after themselves, but even so a sick member is human enough to value the interest the lodge takes. Knowing that his mighty brotherhood is anxious about him acts as a tonic. The sick man may be too ill to admit us to his bedside, but they tell him about it, and it heartens him.

"I was one visitor and a streetcar motorman was the other on duty last week. We visited an ill banker, president or director in half the companies in town. You never saw a man more pleased than Mr. Rich Man. He had us shown to his room and talked lodge and asked questions and wanted information about the fellows just as if he was a poor man like the rest of us.

He happens to be a real Mason as well as a wealthy man. He wrote a letter to the Master and said our visit had done him more good than his doctor, and wouldn't he please send us or some other brethren again.

"I called on a sick brother too ill to see me. I saw his wife and his home and it was easy to see the brother needed help. He was too proud or his wife didn't know enough to ask for it. So I reported and we sent our own doctor and nurse and paid some bills and generally managed until the brother got well. He has paid back every cent, little by little, but he says he can never repay the kindness.

" 'Sitting up with a sick lodge member' may be a good alibi for the poker player; I don't know. I have read it in joke papers. But I never thought it funny, because I know how well Masonry does care for her sick, and how much it means to an ill man to have his brother take an interest in him. If you know any sick, tell us. If you hear of any, tell us. And if . . . say, did you ever visit a sick brother?" "I never had the chance," defended the New Brother.

"You mean you never made the chance!" countered the Old Tiler. "Will you go to the sick committee and ask for duty, or will I report your name for that duty to the Master? Or do you want to go on thinking it's a joke?"

"I got an earful, didn't I" responded the New Brother. "You tell me to whom to go!"

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## Famous Freemasons

### Donald Campbell Speed King

Donald Malcolm Campbell born in 1921 was the only son of the celebrated Sir Malcolm Campbell who held 13 world speed records captured on land and water in his famous Bluebird cars and boats.

Donald was always destined to follow in his father's footsteps, and following Sir Malcolm's death in 1948 he began his pursuit of the world speed records in an attempt to emulate his famous father.



Donald decided he would firstly make an attempt on water and began using his father's old boat the Bluebird K4 in 1949. His first attempts were unsuccessful, although he did come close to breaking his father's existing record, and in 1950 after learning that the World record was rising from 141 mph to 160, he realized the old K4 boat would never managed speeds like that without extensive modifications, the Bluebird was adapted and changed from the propeller always being immersed to make it a prop-rider which greatly reduced the drag through the water, which he knew would allow the boat to break the World record. Then in September 1951 and after extensive trials on water, Campbell finally reached the speed of 170 mph. The boat then suffered structural damage at that speed and the boat crashed and was wrecked, which prompted him to develop a new boat, the Bluebird K7.



In 1952 John Cobb had a turbo jet hydroplane boat built which was capable of reaching speeds of 200 mph and speed trials began on Loch Ness in Scotland. Cobb was killed later that year when his boat Crusader broke up during an attempt on the record. Although devastated by Cobb's death, Malcolm Campbell was determined to build a new Bluebird and regain the World Speed Record for Britain.

The K7 was everything he dreamt off, and between the years 1955 and 1964 he set 7 World Speed Records, the first was at Ullswater where he set a record of 202 mph. He continually modified the Bluebird and this was realized when the speed record was raised to 216 mph at Lake Mead in 1955. Then began a sequence of record raising runs at Coniston where he finally attained 248 mph in 1958. He finally raised it to 276 mph at Lake Dumbleyung in 1964.

Now that the World speed record on water was safely in his hands, Campbell soon turned his attention to the land World speed records. It was after Lake Mead his ambition was to hold both the water and land speed records, and he decided to build a car which would break the land speed record, which at that time was 394 mph. Donald wanted the car to be the best of its type, the most advance car the world had seen and a showcase of British engineering skill and so the Bluebird CN7 was developed with the leaders of the British motor industry, capable of achieving speeds of 475-500 mph and completed in spring of 1960.

Speed tests began at Goodwood racing circuit and in the summer the CN7 was transported to the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. The trials began well and on the sixth run, Campbell lost control of the CN7 at over 360 mph and crashed. It was the structural design of the car that saved him, he suffered a fractured skull a burst eardrum and other cuts and bruises, the Bluebird was a write off. Campbell was not put off, the manufacturers of the CN7 offered to rebuild the car for him and he accepted, he was determined to reach a speed of somewhere around 500 mph before he retired.

By the summer of 1962 Bluebird CN7 was rebuilt, it was basically the same car but with a large tail fin and a reinforced cockpit cover for safety. And then at the end of the year the car was shipped out to Australia for a new attempt, this time the site chosen was Lake Eyre where it had not rained for nine years and the dry bed of the salt lake with the course of 20 miles was perfect for the attempt at the World record. However as luck would have it, the rains came, the Lake became flooded and the attempt had to be abandoned.

Then in 1963 news reached Donald that an American had driven his thrust jet car 'The Spirit of America' to a speed of 407.45 mph at Bonneville. The car did not conform to the FIA rules which said that cars had to be wheel-driven with a minimum of 4 wheels, however, the papers of the time were calling the driver Breedlove, 'The fastest man on Earth.'

### Lodge Birthdays

### News from the South

#### Charles Kleiman 22 (J)

The death has been announced of Keith Barlow, aged 82, who joined our Lodge in April 1977—an aviating legend and entrepreneur in the late 70s and early 80s—one of the great characters who will be remembered for his buccaneering attitude and colourful language. More of Keith on Page 13.

Campbell returned to Australia in 1964 for more attempts, not getting anywhere near, then in July he broke the official Land Speed record, he recorded a speed on 403.10 mph. Campbell was not happy, he knew that CN7 could go faster and in fact he had covered the last third of the measured mile at an average speed of 429 mph and peaking at 440 mph, but at last he held the record.

Donald Campbell with the Land Speed record in his pocket, decided to have one last attempt at the Water Speed record in Bluebird K7, and achieve what he had always wanted, to break both records in the same year, and then in on the last day of the year 1964, he recorded a speed of 276.33 mph in the Bluebird at Lake Dumbleyung, Australia. He had become the first, and so far only, person to set both land and water speed records in the same year.

But Campbell's Land Speed record did not last long, the FIA changed the rules allowing pure jet cars to set the records from October 1964. Accordingly, Donald Campbell asked his car makers to come up with a design for a supersonic rocket car with a potential speed of 840 mph to be called Bluebird Mach 1.1 and called a press conference in July 1965 to announce his plans;

*... In terms of speed on the earth's surface, my next logical step must be to construct a Bluebird car that can reach Mach 1.1. The Americans are already making plans for such a vehicle and it would be tragic for the world image of British technology if we did not compete in this great contest and win. The nation whose technologies are first to seize the "faster than sound" record on land will be the nation whose industry will be seen to leapfrog into the 70s or 80s. We can have the car on the track within three years.*

In spring 1966 Donald again tried for a World Water speed record, the Bluebird K7 was fitted with an engine taken from a jet aircraft, and the boat was taken to Coniston in November to begin trials. Problems with the engine and the Bluebird's fuel system meant that he was unable to go faster the 250 mph, below his existing record, and by the end of December with modifications in place, Campbell waited for better weather before attempting to break the record.

On January 4th 1967 the weather conditions improved and Donald began his attempt. Just after 8.45 in the morning, Bluebird moved slowly out to the middle of the lake, and Donald lined her up. Powering up, he applied full throttle and the boat began to move forward. At 70 mph Bluebird rocketed off from the surface and she entered the measured mile at 8.46. At the first marker buoy she reached a speed of 285 mph perfectly aligned, at the end of the run Bluebird was travelling at over 310 mph, Donald had reached an average speed on the first run of 297.6 mph.

Campbell decided to make the return run immediately instead of refuelling and waiting for the boats' wash to subside. The second run was even faster, Bluebird quickly accelerated to a speed of 328 mph around 200 metres from the marker buoy and began 'bouncing' and in reaching the peak speed a last 'bounce' caused Bluebird to drop onto the water, engine flame-out occurred.

The boat could not keep her nose down and Bluebird began to lift out of the water and did a complete somersault before plunging into the water. Donald Campbell was killed instantly. The boat then cart-wheeled across the water coming to a rest, the impact was such that the main hull sank. Royal Navy divers attempted to find and recover the body and although the wreckage of K7 was found, after two weeks they called off the search without locating the body.

In January 1967 Donald Campbell was posthumously awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct, "For courage and determination in attacking the world water speed record." His body was found and recovered in 2001.

Donald Malcolm Campbell one of Great Britain's sporting heroes became a Freemason in February 1953 in the Grand Master's Lodge No. 1 under the English Constitution, his proposer was the Master of the Lodge Robert James Coley his benefactor. Passed and raised the same year, he joined the Royal Arch in 1954. Although he never took office in the Lodge, he appears to have enjoyed the fraternity and attended the Lodge frequently, being present at the Lodge's bicentennial celebrations in 1957.

His father Sir Malcolm Campbell another British hero was also a Freemason, He joined Old Uppinghamian Lodge No. 4227 in 1924.

*Sources. MQ Magazine 2005  
Across the Lake website and other sites.*

*Acknowledgement to SRA 76*



Bluebird K7 on display at Goodwood Motor Racing circuit in 1960.



Bluebird K7 at high speed on Coniston Water



Donald Campbell & Leo Villa with Bluebird K7 in Australia in 1964

## CHINESE MASONIC SOCIETY

*On a weekend trip to Sydney our D of C (W. Bro. Russell Chilton), Master-Elect & S. W. (Bro. James Kluck) and J. W. Bro. Andrew Hibgame came across Chinese Lion Dancers performing ritual dances to wish good luck on the local businesses for the Chinese Lunar New Year.*



In 1911 a lodge of the international Hung League opened an impressive building in Mary Street, Sydney, the New South Wales Hung League went public under the title 'Chinese Masonic Society'.

Our Grand Lodge is located in Mary St Sydney and was built in 1911. We are active within the local community supporting Chinese cultural awareness and participating in events such as Chinese New Year and August Moon celebrations as well as many other functions and events throughout the year.

Our Lion Dance team has been performing for over 50 years and participated in special events for government representatives and VIP's visiting Australia.

We are also very active in charity work supporting such appeals as the Victorian Bush Fire relief and the recent Flood relief efforts. Raising awareness of Chinese culture and actively participating in community events helps promote cross cultural friendships within the Chinese and Australian community.





## KEITH BARLOW

News has reached us that Keith Barlow passed away on Friday 12th February 2016.

Keith was an aviation legend in the New Hebrides / Vanuatu during the late 70s and early 80s.

*Joe Mulders* penned these few lines from his knowledge of Keith—Keith was quite an entrepreneur besides his flying business. As you probably know, he started a soap factory with his family at Takara near Quoin Hill the old airstrip, even made coconut oil, so I believe. As a one-man-band charter company, pilot, engineer(?) in the 1970s, he operated a Twin Comanche aircraft with only 4 seats but a fast and economical service and we, as Air Melanesia, even chartered him for special trips and medical emergencies. Our engineering staff even helped him out at times, but in a very discreet way I can assure you. One charter in particular was for Air Pacific, when they had a major promotion in Queensland for their new service to Brisbane. "The Queen of the Downs" marketing effort, was actually in Toowoomba and the selected girl, also on general knowledge, was offered a week stay in the New Hebrides at that time which included a flight with Keith. He got on pretty well with the attractive girl and her friend as he was a country boy after all, raised not far from there, familiar with cattle and his pleasant way of dealing with people.

*Keith Barlow*



*Bob Wyllie -*

*Still flying  
after all these  
years*

*Photograph taken at Keith's 80th birthday*

The Editor recalls getting woken up early one morning by Keith, in his usual colourful and earthy language—"What are you doing today, you b\*\*\*\*d"—I replied—"day off", to which Keith says "get your arse out of bed, we are going flying". Bleary-eyed, I met Keith at the airport to be told Jimmy Stephens had escaped from prison. Off we sped in his Twin Comanche heading south in blustery conditions and a huge swell at sea. A boat was spotted and, on closer inspection, saw Jimmy at the stern obviously being seasick and waving a white shirt in surrender. Keith asked "how far offshore are we?" How would I know, I thought? But twigging what Keith meant, I said "11.5 miles" That was good enough for Keith who declared it to be in Vanuatu territorial limits and we directed the Euphrosyne(?) to intercept and return Jimmy to prison.

I spent many hours flying with Keith on a wing and a prayer and he was an aviating ace. He will be missed.

*Requiescat en pace*

Humour

### **Timeless Truths.....nothing changes**

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.

Voltaire (1764)

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

Pericles (430 BC.)

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.

Mark Twain (1866)

Talk is cheap...except when government does it.

Anonymous

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

Ronald Reagan

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

Mark Twain

There is no distinctly Native American criminal class... save government.

Mark Twain

What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.

Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)

A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have.

Thomas Jefferson

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

Aesop

....and the best quote of all...

"The Budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance."

Cicero 55 BC