

# Next Open Lodge Meeting Monday 16 May 2016 Note - Meeting Starts at - 7:30 pm

#### <u>AGENDA</u>

- **Opening Ceremony**
- \_ Reading of Minutes and matter arising out of Minutes
- \_ Domestic Matters
- \_ President's Report
- \_ Treasurer's Report
- \_ Management Committee's Report
- \_ Chaplain's Corner
- \_ General
- \_ Closing Ceremony
- \_ Adjourn to Table Lodge.

# PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR OPEN LODGE MEETING STARTS AT 7.30 p.m. SHARP.

## Dr Herzl Annual Charity Golf Day Tuesday 26th July 2016 Killarney Country Club.

The Dr Herzl Charity Golf Day is on Tuesday 26th July 2016 and besides the fun and enjoyment of the day, the main reason for this event is to SUPPORT THE LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR COMMUNITY and enable the Hebrew Order of David International to succeed in serving our community at large.

We appeal to all our Worthy Brethren and Brethren to make every effort to obtain golfers and as well as prizes for this event, and make this event as successful as it has been in previous years.

Please contact the office at 011 640 3017 with any information re the golfers and prizes or any other problem.

### <u>FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN.</u> Dr HERZL LODGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT MARCH 2016

Dear Worthy Brethren and Brethren

Pesach has come and gone. We are now counting the days to Shavuot (Commences Saturday evening 11th June. days Sunday 12th and Monday 13th June).

The April Combined Lodge meeting followed by audio visual presentation and dinner was highly successful. Thank you to Shirley for having arranged the dinner.



No doubt the highlight of the evening was the audio visual presentation by Hugh Raichlin on Lithuania. Many thanks to:

- \_ Bro. Hillel Shevel for having suggested Hugh Raichlin.
- Wor. Bro Avron Krasner for having arranged the evening and for his role as Master of Cere, onie on the evening.

To celebrate Mothers' Day Herzl Lodge brethren presented pot plants to residents of Sandringham Gardens and Our Parents Home. Thank you to all who assisted in this project.

Forthcoming events include:

#### 16 May 2016

Following open lodge meeting beneficiaries of our last golf day will be present at Table Lodge to express their thanks for the donations that Herzl Lodge has made.

#### June 2016 (Date to be confirmed)

Arcadia Childrens' Home outing -10 Pin Bowling

#### 26 July 2016

Annual Golf Day at Killarney Country Club

- Brethren are requested to contact .golfers to bolster the field. Cost per four ball is R2000 or R500 per player if not in a four ball
- Please notify Bro Jeff Sulski of golfers who will be playing. Also, please try and obtain donations for the event.

Hope to see you all at Open Lodge meeting on 16 May 2016 at 7.30pm Fraternally Wor . Bro. Ronnie Penn- President Dr Herzl Lodge.

#### From the desk of the Scribe.....

#### **Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel "Resolution 181" - Separating the facts from the facts.**

When David Ben Gurion took to the podium in a crowded room in Tel-Aviv to read out the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel on 14th May 1948, it marked the proudest moment in the national history of the Jewish people in the last two thousand years. Following on the heels of one of the darkest periods in human history, it brought to life an ancient biblical promise foretold by our prophets thousands of years ago.

The Declaration of Independence highlights three important rights of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel. Firstly, it re-affirmed Eretz Yisrael as the birthplace of Judaism – a religion which introduced monotheism to a pagan world. It also emphasizes our historical connection to an ancient homeland in Palestine which stretches back over three millennia. But then it makes an unusual claim: The Declaration asserts the right to the re-establishment of a Jewish homeland "on the strength of General Assembly Resolution 181", the Partition Plan of 1947 which called for the creation of two states in Palestine, one Arab and one Jewish. The veracity of this claim deserves to be challenged.

It is important to note that UN General Assembly resolutions, including Resolution 181, are non-binding and enjoy no status in International Law. The United Nations has neither the power nor the authority to establish nation states by passing General Assembly resolutions. However, Resolution 181 could have become binding conditional to both parties accepting its terms. In this case it could have allowed the two parties, the Arabs and the Jews, to enter into a binding Treaty which would have brought about the creation of two separate independent states in Palestine recognized under international law. These two states would have been created on the strength of the Treaty, and not on the strength of the Resolution. But the Arabs had rejected Resolution 181 - and therefore the Resolution could not be implemented, even though it was passed by a majority vote. While the Arab rejection prevented the creation of an Arab state, it did not prevent the creation of a Jewish State. But in the absence of a Treaty, how was it possible for the State of Israel to be legally established? And in order to answer this, it is necessary to take a trip back into history.

Following World War One the Ottoman Empire had collapsed and its former territories were placed under the authority of the newly created League of Nations. The conquering Allied Powers – Britain, France, Italy and Japan – had decided against annexation of the territory, and agreed to transfer sovereignty to the indigenous inhabitants instead. The League of Nations formulated a system of mandates to administer these territories for a temporary period until the local

populations had reached political maturity, whereupon full sovereignty would be transferred. The Mandate System was implemented at San Remo in 1920, one of the most significant conferences of the 20th century.

The San Remo Conference divided the Middle East into four separate mandates, which gave rise to three Arab states – one each in Syria, Lebanon and Iraq (and later a fourth state in Jordan), and a single Jewish state in Palestine. The resulting San Remo Resolution also became enshrined as the founding document of the Mandate for Palestine which vested the rights to sovereignty in all of Palestine to the Jewish people exclusively, as an act of international law.

Article 5 of the Mandate for Palestine is of particular significance: "The Mandatory shall be responsible for seeing that no Palestine territory shall be ceded or leased to, or in any way placed under the control of the Government of any foreign power." Article 5, therefore, prohibited any partitioning of mandated Palestine by denying the right of any foreign entity to be granted sovereignty in any part Palestine.

It must be noted that the Mandate for Palestine was binding in international law. According to attorney Howard Grief, a world-renowned authority on the Middle East: "It is a recognized doctrine that once a condition or agreement becomes a binding act of international law, and the matter is executed, it cannot be later altered or abrogated by any political process." The rights of the Jewish people were protected under the Mandate for Palestine and therefore it was not possible for any political process, such as Resolution 181, to abrogate or alter these rights. Despite what the Declaration of Independence claims, Resolution 181 undermined the Mandate for Palestine and was a violation of the rights of the Jewish people to sovereignty in all of Palestine.

It was the San Remo Resolution of 1920 which granted sovereign rights to the Jewish people in all of Palestine and laid the legal foundation for Palestine to be re-constituted as a Jewish homeland - yet no mention is made of this landmark event in the Declaration of Independence! Due to a monumental oversight The Declaration of Independence erroneously justifies the establishment of the State of Israel "on the strength of Resolution 181" - a resolution which was never even implemented! The State of Israel could not have been established on the strength of Resolution 181 as was claimed, it was established on the strength of a pre-existing right which can be traced back to the San Remo Conference 28 years earlier - a right which was afforded exclusively to the Jewish people and not to the Arab inhabitants of Palestine. This explains the existence today of a Jewish State in Palestine, and the absence of an Arab State - least of all a Palestinian State. The recommendation to partition Palestine in 1947 was designed to serve one purpose only: to appease the Arabs who had opposed the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine. The shameful and desperate willingness of the United Nations to appease Arab ideology at the expense of the Jewish people is therefore not a recent phenomenon. It reared its ugly head long before the State of Israel was even established.

### Am Yisrael Chai! Till next time...... Bro Neville Kahn

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Wishing the following Brethren who have and will be celebrating their birthday during May 2016

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wor Bro Marc Goldberg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bro Larry Rubin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bro Martin Chiger
- 11<sup>th</sup> Bro Ivan Ginsburg
- 20<sup>th</sup> Wor Bro Brian Buch
- 21<sup>st</sup> Wor Bro Maurice Turiel

23<sup>rd</sup> Bro Farrel Osher

24<sup>th</sup> Wor Bro Eddie Schnaid

27<sup>th</sup> Wor Bro Nathan Noche

29<sup>th</sup> Wor Bro Avron Krasner

Wishing a happy anniversary to the following Wor Bros and Bros during the month of May 2016

20<sup>th</sup> Wor Bro Harold and Deborah Shapiro

#### **The Recovery**

Irwin Meyers was just coming out of anesthesia after a series of tests in the hospital, and his wife Kitty, was sitting bedside. His eyes fluttered open, and he murmured, "You are beautiful."

Flattered Kitty continued her vigil while he drifted back to sleep. Later he woke up and said "You're cute."

"What happened to beautiful?" Kitty asked him.

"The drugs are wearing off." He replied.

## Have you paid your Lodge dues? If not. please do so or call your Treasurer to make suitable arrangements

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#### I can hear you

Maurice Goldblatt was showing off.

He said to his friend Sam, "I bought a hearing aid yesterday. It cost me R2000.00.

Sam said, "That's expensive, isn't it?"

Maurice replied, "Yes, but it is the state of art."

"What kind is it?" Sam asked.

"A quarter to twelve," said Maurice.