



**HAMILTON LODGE**  
*OF THE*  
**THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY**  
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**Newsletter for August 2009**

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Greetings to all our Members

This will be an interesting month as we have three visiting speakers, one from Headquarters and two from Tauranga.

Also we are **starting our new Study Class this month** which will be based on Powel's compilation *The Etheric Double*, at the request of those who have already indicated a desire to participate; we have several copies of the book available in the Lodge library. The classes will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:30, as this is the only available week night. The format will be to take a few paragraphs at a time, for discussion and reference to associated material. The emphasis will be on participation and sharing of ideas.

**The programme for August:**

The **members** meeting on **2<sup>nd</sup> Aug** is will be preceded as usual by a Committee meeting at 5:00 followed by a Pot Luck meal starting about 6:00 (depending on the conclusion of the Committee meeting, but we do try to finish by then!). The topic for the members meeting will be the Etheric Double to give everyone an overview of the subject for the Study Class, with the hope this will stimulate attendance.

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> we have a talk from **Rachel Simon-Kumar** who although a Wellington member is currently teaching at the Waikato Universtiy. The title of her talk is **Ethics and Spiritual living in Modern Society**.

For the **16<sup>th</sup> Aug**. we will have our postponed talk from **Bert Esser** on **Mysticism in the Cantatas of J.S. Bach** with musical examples.

On **23<sup>rd</sup>** we have a visit by **Warwick Keys**,

our National President, who will be talking on **Co-Creating with the Divine**.

As there are five Sundays in this August we have one more meeting and this will be from Stephan Banner, who is a teacher of Transcendental Meditation from Tauranga and was introduced to us by Euan Williams.

**Admin matters**

There has been some debate recently on the National Council discussion email about the expected powers and their use of Lodge Committees, The National President and the Management Team. The question at issue (and I hasten to add it is not arising out of anything from our Lodge) is this:

A Lodge Committee approves an application for Membership from a New Member and duly forwards it to Headquarters for the Diploma to be signed and issued. If the National President has reason to think the person unsuitable, should he have the right to refuse to sign the Diploma and should the decision be: a) the President's alone, b) arrived at after discussion with the branch concerned, c) decided by the Management Team. Also in the case of b) what if there is no agreement after discussion. Our current Constitution does not give any specific ruling, although clear inferences can be drawn, but these will depend on opinion. Those of you who have an interest in Constitutional matters and I assume there are one or two (?) might like to ponder this and offer some thoughts. Bear in mind that this is only in relation to Branch membership, as opposed to Headquarters ("unattached") membership, and is not related to transfers of existing members.

A useful short explanation to respond to the question: What is Theosophy? And just as a reminder!

**Theosophy is the body of truths which forms the basis of all religions, and which cannot be claimed as the exclusive possession of any. It restores to the world the Science of the Spirit, teaching one to know the Spirit as one's Self and the mind and body as one's servants. It illuminates the scriptures and doctrines of religions by unveiling their hidden meanings, thus justifying them at the bar of intelligence, as they are ever justified in the eyes of intuition. It puts death in its rightful place, as a recurring incident in an endless life, opening the gateway to a fuller and more radiant existence.**

**Members of the Theosophical Society study these truths, and Theosophists endeavour to live them. Everyone willing to study, to be tolerant, to aim high, and to work perseveringly, is welcomed as a member, and it rests with the member to become a true Theosophist**

**Transport:**

**There is lighted parking available at the back of the building, as well as at the front.**

**If you need transport to get to 73 Anglesea St, let us know and we will arrange to get you to and from the meeting.**

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

**INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY ARE INTERDEPENDENT, HENCE THE QUALITY OF ONE'S BEHAVIOUR, AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND AS A PARTICIPANT IN ONE'S SOCIETY, IS INSEPARABLE.**

With best wishes from your Committee: Charles Sitwell, Carmel Levick, Peter Marley, Aroon Parshotam, Tim Sitwell, Una Tasker, Vicki Pennington, Suzanne Wood.

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***Programme summary for  
Mmm 2009***

Sunday n<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm Members Pot Luck Meal  
7:30 pm <title>  
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All Lodge meetings are followed by light supper. Members of the Public are encouraged to make a gold coin donation in the box provided.