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night, W Bro Ron Neve, are
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Max Davis, Jon Fihelly and Craig
Scott. Photo - Paul Lewis

Rewards and challenges

The first year in office of Grand Master would normally be exciting, rewarding and a steep learning curve having many unexpected and challenging situations. This year has been no exception.

Conducting Lodge installations, presenting Service or Past Master's jewels, attending lodge special occasions or social events, representing the Grand Lodge of Tasmania at interstate Grand Installations, including that of New Zealand and the Victorian Mark Master Masons and being present at a number of Open Installation ceremonies of the Order of the Eastern Star are but a few of the notable and enjoyable events so far this year.

Our travels around Tasmania taking part in Lodge activities have enabled Cyrene and I to meet a great number of people who we would not otherwise have met. This has begun what we are sure will be enduring friendships that we value highly.

One of the first occasions of note that Cyrene and I attended was Ken Woodman's 100th birthday party held at The Tamar Yacht Club in Launceston.

Ken acquitted himself very well reminiscing about events of the past 100 years and regaling the guests with many anecdotes of his eventful life.

During December Cyrene and I attended a joint Army and Navy Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star (Tamar Chapter) function in Launceston at which I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs Edith Lappage, the 103 year old widow of the late George Lappage, formerly a member of Army and Navy Lodge.

Also during December we attended the Christmas meeting of The Pacific Lodge at which I had the honour and pleasure to present an Eighty Year bar to the service jewel of Bro Keith Welsh, who also received a Grand Lodge Order of Distinguished Service and the rank of Past Grand Tyler.

At the same meeting I presented an Order of Distinguished Service to Worshipful Brother Ivan Wass who I have known for more than 50 years.

Appointments vs elections

The matter of appointments instead of elections for our Grand Lodge Ceremonial Teams and both Boards will be debated and decided at this month's Communication.

This is a step in the progress of Tasmanian Freemasonry that is both sensible and in my opinion desirable.

At our recent elections there were a total of 46 positions to be filled and in only nine instances was there a ballot for the position.

This cost the members of Freemasonry Tasmania in excess of \$1 000 and many man hours of unrewarded labour by our Returning Officer and his team of helpers.

I ask every member to read these statistics very carefully and then to attend the February Communication and express their opinion in a reasoned and logical manner.

Ruling on Obligations

The last Communication confirmed the decision by the Board of General Purposes that the obligations of each degree would not be repeated by the candidate when taking the next degree; only the answers to the questions would be learnt and repeated.

The ruling allows for a brother who wishes to learn and repeat his obligation to do so after application to the Grand Secretary for dispensation. This brings us into line with most of the rest of the world.

Building changes

There is slow but sure change taking place with our Lodge buildings.

It is very heartening to see the development of The Derwent Valley Masonic Centre and the rationalisation of Lodge buildings in the Derwent Valley.

The interest being shown in the establishment of a working Masonic Lodge Room at Longford is progressing and we look forward to the occasion of a lodge meeting again being held in those premises.

There are small but significant improvements to a number of our other buildings and I am confident that there will be a dramatic improvement generally over the next few years.

The prospect of the Board being able to make grants from the building fund to qualifying lodge building owners will be debated at the August Communication and, if passed, will enable some projects to proceed which would otherwise have stalled.

I wish everyone a happy and successful 2009 and an enjoyable year of Masonic activities.

WELCOME ABOARD



to our new Brothers...

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Prestigious award for 'our' medical scholar

A university student supported by the Tasmanian Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation has received a prestigious award from the Australian Society for Medical Research.

Catherine Blizzard, who is in the third year of her PhD studies at the Menzies Research Institute, received the University of Tasmania (population and health theme) student award.

This recognises outstanding contributions to medical research by Tasmanian tertiary students, and gives them opportunities to share their study results with the medical research community.

The presentation was made by the State Convenor of the Medical Research Society, Dr Tracey Dickson (who was also supported as a scholar by the Medical Research Foundation) at an annual medical research dinner in Hobart.

The dinner was addressed by distinguished immunologist, Sir Gustav Nossal, who congratulated Ms Blizzard on her success.

The Medical Research Foundation was represented by W Bro David Louez.

Ms Blizzard's work aims to increase understanding of how the brain responds to traumatic injury, such as that experienced during car accidents, with the goal of identifying potential therapeutic interventions to help survivors.



The award will go towards overseas travel to enable Ms Blizzard to present her research findings to an international audience.

The President of the Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation, W Bro Brian Sims, said the Foundation was also invited to the launch of the J. O. and J. R. Wicking Trust by the Menzies Centre.

The Trust proposes to establish the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre in Tasmania.

Our Page 1 photo shows Sir Gustav Nossal congratulating Catherine Blizzard on being presented with her award.

Above, Ms Blizzard is pictured with the Medical Research Foundation representative at the presentation, W Bro David Louez.

'Brother/Professor' in India

A director of the Tasmanian Masonic Research Foundation, Bro Venkat Parameswaran (Parames), *pictured at left*, was an invited speaker at the Biochemists of India Conference and a Continuing Medical Education workshop held in New Delhi.

Dr Parameswaran, who is in charge of the endocrinology laboratory of the Royal Hobart Hospital, is a member of Bowen Lodge and a trustee for his lodge on the board of the Foundation.

The Royal Hobart Hospital newsletter says he has attended workshops and conferences in India since 1998, where his expertise is warmly appreciated by scientific and clinical peers.

At the recent conference, Venkat spoke on the incidence and diagnostic aspects of neuro-endocrine tumours and also made a presentation on an evidence-based approach in diagnosis of thyroid disorders.

The newsletter noted that Venkat has also participated in research and scientific presentations at St John's National Academy of Health Sciences in Bangalore, India, where he is a Visiting Professor.

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Around and About

Tasmanian gavel goes to Brazil

Bro Eduardo Lira of the Carlos Alberto Esteves Lodge No 3512 in Aracruz, Brazil, visited the July 2008 meeting of Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge.

Br Lira, who was a Fellowcraft at the time, returned to Brazil in September 2008 to complete his Master Masons degree.

He took with him an engraved gavel made from Tasmanian blackwood, presented by the Master of Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge, RW Bro Laurie Lever.

As requested by RW Bro Lever, Eduardo presented it to his Worshipful Master and Lodge in Aracruz. (In Brazil only the Worshipful Master uses a gavel).

A few weeks later, he returned to Tasmania to continue his consulting work with a large local company.

He returned to Brazil for the Christmas break and to bring his wife and daughter to Tasmania, where they plan to live for three to four years.

- David Cullen

Bro Eduardo Lira is pictured receiving an engraved gavel to take to his Lodge in Brazil. The presentation is being made by RW Bro Laurie Leaver, the Master of Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge, while the acting Director of Ceremonies, RW Bro A. Cohen, looks on. Our Back Page photo shows Bro Lira with Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge members.



Photos: David Cullen

Masonic Motorcycle Association now has Tasmanian chapter

A Tasmanian Chapter of the Masonic Motorcycle Association of Australia has been established.

The chapter schedules meetings and trips on the second Sunday of each month, starting at 10 am at Montrose Bay Park in Hobart's northern suburbs, for a ride and return to Montrose Bay by 3pm.

Sometimes more ambitious trips are planned, such as the ride on January 11, to Campbell Town and back on the Lake Leake Highway to Hobart, which was organised by W Bro Tony Bruce-Mullins.

Membership is \$25 per year plus an initial cost of around \$40 for badges. Affiliates (members without motorcycles) are most welcome.

The chapter has a page available within the website of Pembroke Lodge at <http://lodgepembroke.org.MMAATas/rides.htm>

Further information can be obtained from Rick Goninon on 6261 4490.



Golf day for Freemates

The Southern Masters Association is inviting men and women to participate in an Ambrose competition at a golf day on March 8.

Derwent Valley Lodge is organising the day, at the New Norfolk Golf Club, 9 am for a 9.30 start.

No previous golf experience is necessary and it is hoped all lodges will provide at least one foursome, mixed or otherwise.

Proceeds will go to the Freemasons Assisting Tertiary Education Students foundation (Freemates).

Unique occasion at Huon Lodge

A unique occasion at the Huon Lodge was celebrated on September 11, 2008 with the installation of W Bro Mark Hollick by his father, RW Bro Horrie Hollick.

The new Worshipful Master presented his father with a wooden square and compass he designed and crafted himself, and his father presented W Bro Hollick with a jewel case in the form of a book (crafted by RW Bro Bill Hawkes).

The father and son are pictured below with their mementoes.



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Around and About

Two Lodges, the Order of the Eastern Star, lodge widows, and guests including a student who received a scholarship, combined with carol singing to provide a memorable Christmas meeting in the North West on December 16, 2008.

The evening began with a combined meeting of Lodge of Peace and Leven Lodge, during which a short address on "The Spirit of Christmas" was given by the Master of Lodge of Peace, VW Bro Graham Deacon.

The brethren then adjourned to the South for festivities involving the ladies, members of the Tasman Chapter of the OES, widows and guests, bringing the attendance to about eighty.

W Bro Bill Smith, the Master of Leven Lodge, read the Grand

Memorable Christmas for coastal lodges

Master's Christmas message and a Christmas address was given by W Bro David MacLennan of Leven Lodge.

Christmas carols were sung to music provided by Helen Williams.

Lodge of Peace widow Mrs Jean Yaxley cut the Christmas cake and widows of the lodge received a card presented by the Master.

Next in the limelight was Penguin High School student, Bianca Clayton, who received her "Russell Family" award.

This was instigated by the family of the late W Bro Lance Russell and Mrs Bebe Russell, and Lodge of Peace. The 2008 award was the third to be presented.

Our **Back Page photo** shows Ms Clayton being presented with her Russell Family award by the Master of Lodge of Peace, VW Bro Graham Deacon.

The ladies of both lodges combined to provide an excellent supper which was enjoyed by all.

During December, Lodge of Peace made donations to St Stephen's Anglican Church in Penguin for its roof restoration appeal, to the Penguin Over Seventies Christmas dinner and to the Paige Holland (Hole in the Heart) appeal.

- **Graham Deacon**

Country night in the south

The Esperance and Huon Lodges are pushing for support and interest in their lodges by holding a country music night on March 14.

The night, featuring Hank Koopman, will be held at the Lodge Rooms in Franklin, starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person, BYO drinks, neat casual dress.

For further information, contact W Bro Sam McLean on 6266 3235 or W Bro Fred Merrey on 6228 3969.

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Around and About

Meeting 'on the triangle' for 40 years

Freemasons "meet on the level and part on the square, but in this case they "meet on the triangle".

At Oatlands on September 13, 2008, Dorset, Lord Carrington and Merton Lodges marked the 40th year of their annual "triangular meetings".

Dorset Lodge, formed in 1885 at Scottsdale, sponsored the formation of Lord Carrington, which began in 1892 at Fingal. Lord Carrington Lodge sponsored Merton, which began in 1922 at Campbell Town.

An annual triangular meeting was originally proposed by the late RW Bro Norm Doddridge, Master of Merton, and the first was held at Campbell Town in September 1968

At the first meeting the late W Bro Barry Bennetts of Dorset Lodge took the chair, RW Bro Colin Macaulay, Master of Lord Carrington Lodge assumed the office of Senior Warden, and RW Bro Doddridge was Junior Warden.



The next year the meeting was held at Fingal, and subsequently Scottsdale, and then in rotation, remaining an annual event between the Lodges, and missed only due to unavoidable circumstances.

At the 2008 triangular meeting, W Bro Bob Gibbs, acting Master of Merton, welcomed the two visiting Lodges, and a number of other visiting Brethren.

The gavel was handed to W Bro Lyall Lonergan of Dorset, and W Bro Gibbs assumed the office of Senior Warden, with W Bro Henry Holder of Lord Carrington in the chair of Junior Warden. They are pictured above.

RW Bro Macaulay was unable to attend on the day, but some of those present had attended the original triangular meeting 40 years before.

Work for the meeting was a lecture delivered by W Bro Gibbs, and after closing brethren adjourned to the south for a convivial afternoon tean (pictured at left).

- Phil Corby

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Southern Masters meetings

The Southern Masters Association meets at the Mount Nelson Tavern on the first Friday of each month except January, 6.30 pm for 7 pm.

All sitting Masters and Past Masters and their wives/partners are invited to attend.

Dinner is a set menu of three courses for \$20 per head.

The last meeting for 2008 was held on December 5, with around 30 members and their wives attending.

The Southern Masters Association also prepares a regular bulletin for the Grand Lodge web page at www.freemasonrytasmania.org

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Around and About

The Grand Master, MW Bro Norman Cooper, attended the December 9 meeting of Lodge Rosetta to perform six important duties.

These included presenting the Grand Lodge Order of Merit to VW Bro Fred Hancock, who has been in freemasonry for 58 years as a member of Lodge Friendship, Glenorchy Daytime and Rosetta Lodges.

He has been a preceptor for more than 30 years and is a tireless worker for Lodge Rosetta and the Glenorchy Masonic Centre.

A Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, he is also a wood worker of some renown, having made and presented sceptres to all Grand Masters in Tasmania for many years.

He holds high rank in many Other Orders.

The Grand Master presented a Fifty Year Jewel to W Bro Angus Robert Maclaine, who has held office in Rosetta Lodge since 1971.

Rosetta presentations



Pictured at the December meeting of Lodge Rosetta are (from left) Bro Wishart, Bro Sweet, W Bro Evans, VW Bro Hancock, MW Bro Cooper, W Bro Maclaine and VW Bro Spencer.

He was initiated in Ubique Lodge on October 18, 1958, passed in 1959 and raised in Old Hobartians Lodge the same year. He has held high office and continues active involvement in nearly all Other Orders in Tasmania.

The Grand Master presented Forty Year Certificates to four other Rosetta brethren.

These included VW Bro Richard Spencer, W.Bro. Bryan Evans, and Bros. Michael Sweet and James Wishart.

Benevolence in the North West

Tasmania's West Coast and North West Coast Masonic Lodges formed the North West Masonic Benevolence Society Inc. in November 1995. It was established when a proposal to build Masonic homes at Sulphur Creek was abandoned and the money raised towards these homes had been invested.

Interest earned from the investments is donated to various projects that are determined by the Society at the quarterly meetings which are held at Penguin.

The Society is represented by two delegates from each of the ten Lodges on the West and North West Coast who consider requests for financial assistance from various organizations.

In keeping with the objects of the Society "periodic grants are made to selected organisations engaged in the provision of caring services to the aged, disabled and/or infirm on the North West and West Coasts of Tasmania".

There are so many worthy projects that the Society is asked to support that the most difficult task is to determine which of the requests they should support.

In its June 2008 report, the North West Masonic Benevolence Society advised that it had provided financial assistance by way of grants to the value of \$13916 to various North West Coast organisations.

The school of special education at Devonport received \$1 566 for a special tricycle which will allow the children to enjoy the pleasures of riding a bike.

Multicap was allocated \$2750 to assist the staging of a concert, and a \$3000 grant helped Cape Country Accommodation complete a barbecue area for residents.

The Mt St Vincent Nursing Home was granted \$6600 to purchase two special hoists to assist with the movement of some residents.

These bring to \$100760 the total donations made by the Society to various organisations since 1996.

- Ken Knight

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Counting the years

Eight decades a mason



The Grand Master, MW Bro Norman Cooper, presents Bro Keith Welsh with his 80 year jewel at the December 2008 meeting of The Pacific Lodge. A close-up of the specially-made jewel is shown at right.

The first mason to reach an 80 year milestone in Tasmania has received a bar to his service jewel, the conferred rank of Past Grand Tyler and an Order of Distinguished Service jewel.

The honours for Bro Keith Welsh, aged 103, of The Pacific Lodge were performed by the Grand Master, MW Bro Norman Cooper, at the lodge's meeting on December 18, 2008.

As circumstances prevented Bro Welsh from becoming a Master of his Lodge, the rank of Past Grand Tyler was the highest the Grand Master could confer.

Bro Welsh was born in Benalla (Victoria) on Christmas Day in 1905, and served a distinguished career in journalism.

This included his work as a war narrator in World War II, a sports writer for the Hobart Mercury newspaper, and secretary of the journalists' union in Tasmania.

The State's journalism awards are named after him.

He comes from an extended masonic family, with his father and two brothers all masons, his wife the daughter of a mason, and his mother's brothers were both members of the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Bro Welsh was initiated in Lodge Concord No. 93 NSW Constitution at Albury on November 25, 1928 and was passed and raised during the next year.

After moving to Hobart, he affiliated with Victory Lodge which in 1997 consolidated with The Pacific Lodge.

Newest and oldest

On November 19, 2008, Derwent Valley Lodge initiated and welcomed its newest member, Bro Des Tatchell.

Later that same night Bro Tatchell witnessed the presentation of a Sixty Year Bar to the lodge's oldest member, VW Bro Ken O'Brien.

The presentation was made by the Grand Master, MW Bro Norman Cooper, who also presented a Grand Lodge Service Award certificate to W Bro Leo Tribolet.

VW Bro Bill Giles, on behalf of the members of the lodge, then presented V Wor Bro O'Brien with his Life Membership jewel.

VW Bro O'Brien is pictured (left) with VW Bro Giles, W Bro Tribolet, Bro Tatchell, and the Grand Master, MW Bro Cooper.



Counting the years

Longevity and service

Former Grand Secretary, RW Bro Kyle Wood, received his Fifty Year Jewel on August 27, 2008, exactly 50 years after his initiation into Hutchins Old Boys' Lodge on August 27, 1958.

Making the presentation on behalf of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, RW Bro Murray Yaxley said the jewel not only acknowledged RW Bro Wood's longevity but also his extensive service to freemasonry.

He was an active lodge member from the outset and was elected Worshipful Master in 1969.

Becoming a Grand Steward in 1973, he held a succession of positions before being appointed Grand Secretary in 1983.

RW Bro Yaxley said Kyle had always been a fine ambassador for freemasonry.

"Because of his many friends and acquaintances through school and the commercial world there was no shortage of information about Kyle, ranging from schoolboy misdemeanors to his visits to lodge secretaries around Tasmania," he said.

"Anyone who chooses to write his biography will get lots of help".

Kyle's tenure as Grand Secretary was marked by many innovations.

Together with other brethren he helped to establish *The Tasmanian Mason*, later to become *Freemasonry Tasmania*, the masonic passport was born and



RW Bro Wood (left) is presented with his Fifty Year Jewel by RW Bro Yaxley.

the broken column brooch was made available for widows of brethren.

Clear criteria were established for Grand Lodge awards and jewels and the design of Grand Lodge regalia was made more appropriate for brethren who progressed from one office to another.

The Tasmanian masonic lapel pin also came into use.

"Kyle's major challenge, successfully met, was the computerisation of Grand Lodge records," RW Bro Yaxley said.

"Supported by Margaret, Kyle has hosted many barbecues for fellowship and fundraising purposes, and his products as a vigneron have been freely shared".

At home for 60th

A Sixty Year Bar was presented to W Bro Geoffrey Painton of Devonport Masonic Lodge, who requested that the ceremony be done at his home.

His wife Lorna provided a pleasant morning tea and some of Geoff's best Scotch was consumed.

W Bro Painton was initiated on May 19, 1948 into Mersey Lodge at Devonport, where he was Master in 1959.

He became a Foundation Member of Devonport Masonic Lodge when Mersey and Formby Lodges amalgamated on May 9, 1998.

On July 11, 2008, RW Bro Maurice Lawson, accompanied by RW Bro Ted Priest and the Master of Devonport Masonic Lodge, W Bro Geoff Brown, made the jewel presentation.

W Bro Painton is also the holder of the 31st degree in the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia, with the title of Eminent Brother.

- Ted Priest



RW Bro Maurice Lawson (left) presents W Bro Geoff Painton with his Sixty Year Bar.

Fifty Year Jewel for one, and Bar to Jewel for the other

A Fifty Year jewel was presented to W Bro Jim Wells by RW Bro N. E. Bugg in September last year.

The presentation was made at the Umina Park Home, where W Bro Wells resides with his wife Joyce (pictured below).



W Bro Wells was initiated into Poulett Lodge on September 7, 1958, and has held all offices in the lodge except organist and secretary.

He was installed as Master in 1967.

Joining Grand Lodge, he rose to the position of Junior Grand Deacon.

On another significant occasion, a Bar to a Jewel was presented to Bro F. Kerrison, at his home in August.

The presentation (pictured at right) was made by RW Bro L. G. Scott, who was accompanied by RW Bro E. J. Priest, W. Bro I. Muir and W. Bro G. Brown.

Bro Kerrison gave the group a talk on his varied life.

This included five years in the Royal Air Force in England before he returned to Tasmania to build his emporia, which is now known as Kerrison's Corner.



Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania

Fundraising foundation established

A Freemasons Homes Foundation has been established to raise funds to enhance the quality of life for residents.

It will also establish and maintain links with the widest possible community of stakeholders in the Homes.

The Board of the Homes has employed Christine Howard (pictured) as the Foundation's Executive Officer.

Christine lived in Lindisfarne until she left home to start general nursing training at Launceston General Hospital.

She then nursed in London for some years before returning to live in Sydney and complete certificates in intensive care, midwifery and paediatrics.

Employment in the community health sector of the NSW Health Commission followed.

Christine helped establish and run multi-disciplinary health centres in Caringbah and Rockdale and was then appointed as supervisor of some 150 private hospitals and nursing homes in southern area of Sydney.



She then moved into public relations and fundraising and in 1980 went to work at Sydney's Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children.

As the Public Relations Officer she ran the successful campaign to raise funds for the first Ronald McDonald House in Australia, worked with the Telethon team (more than \$1.5 million was raised), co-ordinated volunteers, conducted tours for school groups and attended many community functions as guest speaker.

Marriage and motherhood were the next career moves followed by part-time teaching of health subjects in the Diploma of Child Studies for TAFE NSW.

In 1990, with two small children, Christine moved back to Tasmania and spent the next eleven years as Director of Development at The Friends School.

In this role she raised several million dollars, expanded the data base of old scholars and helped with production of a quarterly school newspaper.

Immediately before her appointment to the Freemasons Homes Foundation, Christine was employed part-time at Jane Franklin Hall as Community Relations Manager and in her spare time was being a marriage and funeral celebrant.

She is excited about her role with the Freemasons Homes Foundation.

"My mother, Mollie Howard, spent the last five years of her life as a resident at the Freemasons Homes."

"I am delighted to give something back to the organisation which gave so much to my mother and to the rest of my family".

Christine has another strong link to Freemasonry: her paternal grandfather, Harold Howard, donated the land on which the current Masonic building in Franklin stands. A plaque on the building records this fact.

The land is next to the one-time Howard's Emporium.

In those days, the late 1800s, Franklin was a thriving metropolis and the centre of the Huon apple industry and Howard's Emporium was a most successful commercial entity.

Christine is uncertain of her grandfather's links to Freemasonry and would welcome any relevant information.

For more information about FMH Foundation please contact Christine on mobile 0408 101 449 or email choward@fmhtas.com.au

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Northern Masonic Homes

A ceremony was held on November 8, 2008 to rededicate the monument at Tamar Valley Court (formerly Tamar Valley Retirement Village).

This was followed by the official opening of a new community centre by the Grand Master, MW Bro Norman Cooper.

Tamar Valley Court is now owned and operated by Masonic Peace Haven,



Tamar Valley Court rededication ceremony

although its original two units were owned by Tamar Valley Lodge.

The dedication ceremony for the units was held on May 18, 1991 by the then Grand Master MW Bro Bryce Ward.

In 2001 the units were handed over to Masonic Peace Haven by the Tamar Valley Lodge (which subsequently closed) and since then Peace Haven has built another 17 units, bringing the total to 19.

It also purchased two houses, one formerly owned by 'Snow' Hunt who lived there as a tenant until he left earlier last year to go into care elsewhere.

The other house was converted into a community centre by Peace Haven's maintenance team.

It was in this centre that a celebratory morning tea was held for the 65 people

who attended the rededication of the monument, including the Grand Master and Mrs Cooper.

Among other members of the Grand Lodge team were VW Bro Bob Thompson, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the Grand Chaplain, VW Bro Bob Edwards.

The community centre was officially opened with the Grand Master and W Bro Ian Green cutting the celebration cake.

Exeter Bakery provided the cake and other delicacies.

The bakery does not normally do outside catering but wanted on this occasion to make a contribution to the local aged care community.

Donation to "Fred's House"

An anonymous donation of \$50,000 to the Fred French Masonic Home is to be put towards the "House that Fred Built" project being considered by the board.

The project is being developed by Island Master Marketing, with material and labour donated by local suppliers and construction to be undertaken by Hotondo Homes.

The idea is that the house, complete with soft furnishings, landscaping and a letterbox, will be ready for sale by April/May 2009.

A vigorous marketing campaign with WIN Television and other media will be held in the next few months, and open home days will be held to attract serious home buyers.

Lodge representatives honoured

Thirty years of service were recognised on October 15, 2008, when three prominent freemasons were made Members for Life of Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania.

At the annual general meeting of Lodge Representatives for Masonic Peace Haven and Fred French Masonic Home, Alex Symonds, Henry Harris and Ron Whittle each received a crystal trophy and a framed certificate.

The Members for Life were hailed for their generous contributions of time and tireless efforts to the Homes.

They were all members on the committee which planned, developed and built the Masonic Peace Haven and Masonic Garden Village in Norwood, which opened in 1986, and they have also been actively involved in ongoing refurbishments to the Fred French Home.

Alex is chairman of the residents' advisory committee for all Peace Haven villages and attends maintenance committee meetings with management each month; Henry is the St Andrew Lewis Lodge Representative for Peace Haven, and Ron is an active member of the Fred French Auxiliary.

Pictured below are (from left) Alex Symonds, Ron Whittle and Henry Harris after they were made Members for Life of the Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania..



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Active fundraising

A 'Little' bit of classic pacing

A "pacing classic" at Mowbray's Tasman Park on November 16 was part of Island Master Marketing's 2008 fundraising campaign contract on behalf of the Fred French Masonic Home.

The dinner and races attracted more than two hundred people and the special guest was Jeanne Little.

Six of the eight races were sponsored by local businesses, many of which were represented at the event itself.

A men's and women's fashion parade featured fashions from a range of local boutiques, with prizes donated by RACT Travelworld - Qantas flights to the value of \$1500 to a Pacific island for the women and \$1000 to anywhere in Australia for the men.

One sponsor donated a table of ten for use by the residents and staff of Fred French Masonic Home.

Jeanne Little visited the home on the Sunday morning to meet residents at morning tea.

A similar event was held earlier in the year, with Ita Buttrose as special guest.

Pictured at the Fred French Pacing Classic are (from left) Caroline Guest RN, Jeanne Little, Jenny Hill (Director of Care Services), Barb Donaldson (clinical manager, special care unit, Peace Haven)



Celebrity dinner for Fred French Home

More than two hundred people attended a fundraising dinner at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Launceston organised by Island Master Marketing to raise funds for the Fred French Home. (See picture, Page 1)

The Fred French Celebrity Dinner on October 10 featured Olympian and television presenter Lisa Forrest as guest speaker, and the twenty-piece Joe's Big Band provided dance music.

Various donated and other articles, including a motor scooter, advertising space in *The Examiner* and a colour printer were sold in an auction, and a raffle was also held.

Three tables (thirty tickets) were purchased by Austral Bricks and Tas Printer Cartridge Company.

Their representatives were unable to attend on the night, so the companies asked that the tickets be given to residents and staff of Fred French.

Judy Thomas, a member of the Leisure and Lifestyle team, had the happy task of issuing the invitations and sixteen residents, five carers, and other residents from the independent living units.

The residents expressed their grateful thanks for the opportunity to get dressed up and have a night "on the town".

Freemasons and OES help struggling farmers

Freemasons and the Order of the Eastern Star helped drought-affected farmers in Tasmania late last year with two donations.

Pictured (below) is the Treasurer of the Southern Masters Association, W Bro David Baldwin, presenting a cheque for \$1000 to the State President of the Country Women's Association, Keren McCallum.

Looking on are David's wife, Judy (left), and Craig Deane, president of the Southern Masters Association, his wife Charmaine and son Harry.

Another cheque, for \$500, was received by Mrs McCallum, from the Hobart Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The presentation was made by the Immediate Past Worthy Matron, Pamela



Ward in the company of her husband, W Bro Derek Ward (pictured above).

Both donations were made for the specific use of farmers affected by the drought, for items they were unable to provide for their families during the festive season.



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Getting our message across

Carrington 'alive and functioning'

Lord Carrington Lodge at Fingal has a grant from the Masonic Public Relations Fund to erect signage on the facade of its premises.

The Fingal Masonic Hall, close to the wide main street of the town, now has a direction sign at the nearby intersection, and the new signage on the front of the building which advises visitors of meeting dates and times, and contact numbers.

Modern Signs in Launceston prepared the sign, which was placed with assistance from a local builder and Lord Carrington members. To provide some weather protection a small metal awning was placed at the top of the sign.

The members of the lodge are resident over a wide area, and now information is locally available to visitors, with local residents knowing that the lodge is 'alive and functioning'.

The Masonic Hall at Fingal, was erected in 1925, and dedicated on April 17, 1926.

Originally the Lodge met at the Council Chambers, on the Saturday nearest to the full moon in the month. In July 1932 the meeting date was set on the second Saturday of the month.



W Bros McCarthy and Turner completing work on the Lord Carrington Lodge sign.

In 1952 increasing numbers necessitated construction of a new lodge room on the eastern end of the building, which was dedicated on December 13.

The kitchen was extended and a small supper room added in 1991.

- Phil Corby

PR equipment available

In addition to assisting Lodges with some thirty projects, the Grand Lodge Public Relations and Information Committee has purchased equipment which is available to assist Lodges in organising promotional functions and activities.

Two complete sets of audio/visual equipment are available for use, one in the North and one in the South.

They comprise a laptop computer, a projector, speakers and a DVD player. This equipment can be used for Power Point projection and is available in the North on application to John Webster at brota2@exemail.com.au, phone 6437 2112 or in the South to the Grand Secretary gtlas@aapt.net.au, phone 6223 5814.

To complement this equipment we have some thirty DVD's on a range of Masonic interests.

Lists of these discs have been provided to Lodge Secretaries and applications for their loan should be made to the Grand Secretary.

In the near future the PRI Committee will be acquiring a complete portable amplifier system.

It has also purchased sandwich-type display units suitable for Lodge functions.

Application for their use should also be made to the Grand Secretary.

A more complete list of items available for purchase and or loan is available on the Grand Lodge of Tasmania website at www.freemasonrytasmania.org, listed under the heading on the home page as "Grand Lodge Promotions".

This website has an extensive list of activities and details of the Craft - a visit is well worthwhile.

The Committee is currently distributing free motor vehicle number-plate surrounds, bearing the slogan, "Freemasonry - to be I ask I".

They can be obtained from Alan A'church at alanva@bigpond.net.au or phone 6243 9324.

The Committee welcomes any suggestion of items that may be of assistance to Lodges in public relations activities.

- Alan A'church
Chairman, PRI Committee



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Around the World

People of the Book

Within freemasonry the term VSL (Volume of the Sacred Law) can apply to many sacred writings important to the membership.

There is another phrase that alludes to that same inclusive and tolerant viewpoint: within Islam the phrase "People of the Book" refers to the sacred writings of all of the children of Abraham.

Christians, Muslims and Jews are referred to as "People of the Book" because they share a common spiritual ancestry and all trace their theological roots back to the covenant that God established with them through Abraham.

In the September 2008 issue of *The Alberta Freemason* the Grand Chaplain provides a timely article on this subject. It is timely because September marks a significant holy period for Muslim and Jewish people.

For Muslims there is the month of Ramadan and for the Jewish, Rosh Hashanah occurs on September 30 and begins a period of ten days, ending with the holiest day of Judaism, Yom Kippur.

The article points out that as freemasons we might recognise many similarities in our symbols and rituals that we share with "People of the Book".

The most important beliefs are tolerance, care for our fellow man and showing due respect to the Creator.

If you are fortunate enough to have Jews or Muslims in your lodge (or among your associates) it is appropriate to wish them well during these special holy periods. And we would all do well to learn more about the meanings attached to the customs related to these periods.



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Mark Twain inspires

In response to a request from the 2004 meeting of the Grand Masters of North America, the Masonic Information Centre has committed itself to improving public awareness of freemasonry.

It annually recognises lodges that have demonstrated exemplary work in constructing a positive Masonic identity within the lodge itself and for the local community.

These lodges receive the Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Award. The award borrows Mark Twain's identity as a lively innovative communicator whose work consistently challenged the listeners and readers to think and act responsibly and to ask questions and seek enlightenment.

Mark Twain (1835-1910) was born Samuel Clemens. He joined Polar Lodge in Missouri in 1861 and later Carson Lodge in Nevada.

Grand Lodge of Ghana

In Ghana there are currently 18 lodges that meet under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, 28 under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and a further 57 that owe allegiance to the United Grand Lodge of England.

The first two groups of lodges constituted a new Grand Lodge of Ghana which came into being on December 7 and 8, 2008.

Although the UGLE lodges will not be joining the new Grand Lodge of Ghana, an English deputation attended its inauguration.

Provisional recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ghana was granted in September, to enable the visit to take place without contravening the normal recognition and visitation protocols.

Amphictiony

Now there is a word that should challenge the best scrabble players.

Those who do not have English as a first language often come up with unfamiliar words and send us scurrying to the Oxford Dictionary.

Such was the case when I read the heading, "Third Amphictiony of Lodges of Greek Isles". Sure enough, the word is defined as "a confederation or league of neighbouring states for the common interest".

The theme of the conference of lodges of the Greek Isles was "The development and promotion of Freemasonry through new technologies".

There have been many inventions that changed the lives of the people living at the time of their inception but none so profound or with the immediate prospect of globalisation, as the Internet.

The theme of the conference was a worthy one for those who would make a daily advancement in knowledge, masonic or otherwise.

On-line poll- masons and religion

We are aware of the attitudes of some Christian churches to freemasonry. But do we understand the attitudes of masons toward religion?

BrotherJim, who can be found at www.thaifreemason.com would be delighted if you would spare a few minutes to answer some questions on his on-line poll.

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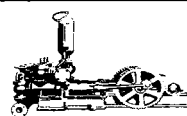
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Looking back

Combined history comes to an end

Rosebery Lodge No. 20 TC would have celebrated its fifteenth year next month, but sadly it had to hand in its charter in March last year. Most of its surviving members are now members of the Mount Lyell Lodge.

Here is an edited version of a combined history of the Rosebery and Zeehan lodges presented by W Bro Peter Schulze to the last night of Rosebery Lodge No. 20 on March 29, 2008:

Rosebery Lodge came into existence in 1993, being the amalgamation of Zeehan Lodge and Rosebery Lodge No. 52 TC.

Its first Master was W Bro Tas Pitman and W Bro Alan Walker was its last, and both attended the handing-in of the charter.

Zeehan Lodge commenced on December 3, 1890, the same year

Grand Lodge was established in Tasmania.

It lasted 103 years before amalgamating with Rosebery Lodge No.52 to form Rosebery Lodge No. 20.

Its first Master, W Bro J. M. Hazlett was the founder of the Amalgamated Miners Association.

This group revolutionised politics in Tasmania and founded a Labour Party.

This resulted in Tasmania becoming the most advanced social service State in Australia's early years.

The annual conference of the association was held in the Mt Lyell Lodge masonic hall.

Zeehan Lodge sponsored the inauguration of Mt Lyell Lodge No. 24 TC and Rosebery No. 52 TC.

There are records of lodge meetings,

presumably under the English Constitution, being held in Rosebery as early as 1929.

However, the impact on West Coast mining of the Great Depression put paid to many of its meetings.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was petitioned for a new Lodge in Rosebery and approval was given in 1938.

Rosebery Lodge No. 52 TC began on May 5, 1938 and continued for 56 years until its amalgamation with Zeehan Lodge to form Rosebery Lodge No. 20 in 1993.

The last Master of No. 52 TC was W. Bro T. D. Cousins, who also attended the charter handing-in ceremony of Rosebery No. 20 on March 29, 2008.

The Vatican has surprised everyone by publishing previously exclusive and unavailable source materials on the hearings against the medieval Knights Templar.

The announcement was of special interest to students of masonic history because the publications may throw some light on the theories concerning the origins of modern freemasonry.

To date there is speculation but no proven links between the two.

October 2007 marked the 700th anniversary of the arrest of the Templars

The Holy See lets us see

and this was seen as an appropriate time to arrange for Processus Contra Templarios to be printed.

It is a limited edition of 800 copies.

The publication is a joint project between the Vatican Secret Archives and Italy's Scrinium Cultural Foundation.

It contains faithful replicas of original parchments together with critical commentary.

It even includes the recently found Chinon Parchment which contains Pope Clement V's absolution of the Templars on charges of heresy which had been the pretext on which King Philip of France tried to eliminate them.

Copies sell for 5,900 Euros. At least three libraries, two in USA and one in England, are known to have purchased copies at this stage.

- Murray Yaxley

Plea for book return

Several years ago I loaned a brother, and I cannot remember who, a large leather-bound book entitled "the History of Freemasonry" by Arthur Taylor. This book is of considerable sentimental value, as can be seen on its fly sheet. Could I insert a plea for its return?

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- Basil Masters

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Hard on the ear and strong on the fang - put them together and have a good night of fundraising.

That's been the approach of the Southern Masters Association going back more than forty years, with its annual gourmet dinner and ear basher's award.

Early in November last year, at Drysdale House in Hobart, the masons of the moment were the president of the Southern Masters Association, W Bro Craig Deane, who landed the gourmet award - a light-hearted honour for the person felt to be a pretty good eater - and W Bro Rick Goninon, who won the ear basher's award.

The association raised nearly \$900 at the gourmet dinner, and added another \$100 to make it an even \$1000.

This was donated to the Country Women's Association to help drought-stricken farming families in need of assistance over the festive season.

A raffle was held with the prize of a "living tree" won by Elizabeth Taylor, a former Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She chose a four-metre high evergreen Alder from the nursery which donated the award.



The latest Southern Master's Association ear bashers awardee, W Bro Rick Goninon (left) and the previous year's winner, John The Duke of Avram, admire the grand champion trophy.



Strong on the tooth is W Bro Craig Deane with his gourmet award for 2008, being congratulated by the 2007 winner, W Bro Nigel Groves.

The Derwent Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star has completed another active year of fundraising for various causes and individuals.

Its members say the sore feet and aching backs which come with fundraising efforts are worth it when they see the smiling faces when the cheques are presented.



Derwent OES enjoys smiles

The Royal Flying Doctor Service was one of the beneficiaries, receiving \$500 from the chapter towards a light-weight humidicrib for their aircraft to take sick babies to Melbourne. (The total cost of the humidicrib is \$16,000).

Immediate Past Worthy Matron Sr Joy Searle is **pictured at left** presenting the \$500 cheque to a representative of the RFDS.

Derwent Chapter and the other three OES chapters in Tasmania supported Glenn Paterson, a young disabled athlete, so he could attend special games held in Canberra.

He did Tasmania and the OES proud, bringing home medals and comments on how well these special sportspeople conduct themselves.

Cadbury chocolates were sold by OES members to assist Rahim Rohizat to represent Australia in the world fast-pitch softball championships in Canada, bringing home a gold medal after Australia won the titles against 20 other nations.

Rohim is the first Tasmanian ever to represent Australia in these games.

OES support was also given to the Clarence Eisteddford.

Past Worthy Matron Jennifer Helm had the honour of presenting eisteddford prizes to Julia Olding and Ann Boothroyd (**pictured below**).



Also receiving help from the Derwent OES were the Epilepsy Association and the Lymphodema and Stroke foundations, to name just a few.

The cystic fibrosis organisation has been named as one of the beneficiaries of OES fundraising assistance for 2009.

- Doreen Round

Honouring our brethren

A night of surprises

It was a big night for RW Bro John Windram at the December combined meeting of Burnie Masonic and Emu Lodges, when he was presented with his Forty Year Certificate by the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro C. J. Wallace (pictured at right).

He'd already been pleasantly surprised to discover that one of his three sons had made a special effort to get to the presentation, and another surprise was in store.

As he was gathering his thoughts to respond to the certificate presentation, the Deputy Grand Master then presented RW Bro Windram with a Life Membership Jewel, on behalf of the members of Burnie Masonic Lodge.

Having regained his composure he acknowledged the acclaim of the mixed gathering of 100, wives friends and visiting freemasons, including members of St Helens Lodge who were on an official visit led by W Bro Stephen Porter.

The new Life Member then proceeded with the aid of W Bro James Cameron to conduct an enthusiastic Christmas Carols singing session.

The gathering heard the Grand Master's Christmas Message and an address by Mrs Searle, a local lay preacher, before enjoying a buffet supper.

RW Bro Windram was initiated into the former Gill Memorial Lodge on November 26, 1968.

He was Worshipful Master in 1978/79, joined Grand Lodge where he became Senior Grand Warden in 1993, was appointed Past Deputy Grand Master in 1997 and has represented the North West on the Board of General Purposes.

He was a Founder Member and first Director of Ceremonies in Burnie Masonic Lodge and was largely instrumental in successfully



amalgamating brethren from the three former lodges into a very proficient working team.

He has always figured as a lodge office bearer and this year is his third term as Director of Ceremonies.

A native of Aberdeen, Scotland he came to Australia in 1960 having previously travelled the world as a ship's engineer.

He initially lived in Melbourne where he met and married Bev before coming to Burnie to work as a project engineer for A.P.P.M.

On retirement in the mid-1990s, he relocated from his Burnie home to a "maintenance free" residence in Wynyard (and has never stopped working on it since).

RW Bro Windram excelled as a soccer player, referee and coach and represented Tasmania in a match played at West Park Burnie in 1962 against South Australia.

Has given freely of his time to community service, with Meals on Wheels, Red Cross and the Volunteer Driver Scheme among his activities.

- Gerry Gunton

ODS for auditor

W Bro Ivan Wass was presented with his Order of Distinguished Service jewel at the December 18 meeting of The Pacific Lodge, by the Grand Master, MW Bro Norman Cooper (pictured below).

W Bro Wass was appointed Grand Lodge Auditor in 2000 and continued in that position until early in 2008.

"He performed his duties in a most meticulous manner, serving the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Lodge Secretariat with a cheerful smile and with an attention to detail that went ideally with his role," MW Bro Cooper said.



W Bro Wass also served as auditor to the Abbeyfield Society for eight years and as a warden at St David's Cathedral.

He was Worshipful Master of the Pacific Lewis lodge twice and since its amalgamation with The Pacific Lodge has served as almoner.

Special night at Esperance

The Installation on October 20 last year was a special one for Lodge Esperance.

For the first time, a member of the lodge carried out the ceremony as Installing Master.

RW Bro Ian Reading, Junior Grand Warden (centre), installed W Bro Sam McLean into the Chair of King Solomon. In the picture at left is the Immediate Past Master, W Bro R. Casey.

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Called to the Grand Lodge Above

Freemasonry, the Hutchins School, the Australian Boys Choir, the church, and sailors off the coast of Tasmania all lost a great communicator, friend, mentor and supporter with the passing, aged 84, of RW Bro Jeffrey Molesworth Boyes BEM PGW on July 15, 2008.

A warm eulogy at his funeral service at The Hutchins School chapel prompted an appeal to its readers by *The Mercury* newspaper for more information about RW Bro Boyes' life and activities.

Journalist Jocelyn Fogagnolo wrote that responses to the appeal highlighted RW Bro Boyes' wide circle of interest and personal friends in marine radio communications, as a soldier, teacher, sailor, choir conductor, church stalwart and freemason.

It was his work in Tascoast radio - reputedly making him the best known contact voice for boating in Australia - which led to the awarding of his British Empire Medal in 1989.

He was marine radio communications officer with the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, and later became a life member. This work was based at the RYCT as well as at his Midway Point home, where he maintained an extensive range of radio equipment.

Through radio, he maintained contact with a wide range of sailors virtually right up to the time he had to move into a residential nursing home, shortly before his death.

RW Bro Boyes' eulogy was delivered by Bob Brewster, an ex-pupil of Hutchins and close friend for fifty years.

He said Jeff was an inspiration as an educator and mentor of children, and a strong influence in his ultimate choice of vocation as a schoolmaster.

Mr Brewster said Jeff never married yet would have made a wonderful

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Vale: RW Bro Jeff Boyes

A great communicator

parent, as was shown when he became "a breath of fresh air" at the old Hutchins boarding house.

"The advent of Jeff Boyes, whose kindness, sunny nature and enthusiasm coupled with an abiding interest in improving the lot of we hapless boarders captured both our imagination and our loyalty," he said.

Jeffrey Molesworth Boyes was born in Hobart on December 27, 1972, the only son of Charles and Salome Boyes.

He spent his early years at the family home in New Town, where his family became closely affiliated with St James Church.

This connection extended into heavy involvement at St David's Cathedral and later at St George's Church in Sorell, where he filled the varying roles of sides person, organist and chorister.

Educated at the Friends School, he graduated with distinction in 1941 and joined the Second AIF where he was attached to the corps of signals, spending most of the Second World War maintaining communication cables in the Milne Bay area of New Guinea.

Demobbed in 1946, he became a student teacher at Friends Junior School and in 1950 joined the resident staff at Hutchins School (then in Macquarie Street), taught primary school and became involved in the music programme.

After two years overseas teaching in Northumberland, he returned to Tasmania in 1960 to teach at Scotch College in Launceston and later became head of the junior school at Friends before rejoining Hutchins in the early 1970s as development officer, where he stayed until his retirement.

During the 1950s, RW Bro Boyes was a guest conductor of the Australian Boys Choir, and he studied music and drama at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

During his time at Hutchins School he was responsible for staging several Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

Jeff's Masonic career began in Hutchins Old Boys Lodge on April 24,

1979, where he was raised to the degree of a Master Mason on May 8, 1980,

He was Master of the Lodge in 1987-89 and also affiliated with the Hobart Lodge of Research.

He also held the rank of Past Grand Warden

He became well known throughout Tasmanian freemasonry for his long-term editorship of *The Tasmanian Mason*, which he renamed *Freemasonry Tasmania* after the Grand Lodge of Tasmania "rebranded" itself in the public field as Freemasons Tasmania.

His literary interests extended to maintaining a remarkable collection of historic newspapers and documents, some going back hundreds of years, which he arranged to have archived for future generations.

As well, late in life he self-published a book of his experiences, written in the same warm and friendly style which he employed as a teacher, writer and a radio communicator.



The Broken Column

Symbol of the passing of a member of the craft

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C. A. Reynolds	Lodge Clarence
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M. Mayne	Lodge Rosetta
R. T. Shea	Mt Lyell Lodge
M. El-Said	Mt Lyell Lodge
R. T. Lillye	The Pacific Lodge

Called to the Grand Lodge Above

Vale: RW Bro Bruce Godfrey

Big service shows high regard

The passing of RW Bro Bruce Alexander Godfrey, RFD, ED, Past Grand Warden occurred suddenly in Launceston on October 3, 2008 when he was on his way to attend the Grand Royal Arch Chapter Centenary Celebrations and Installation.

The high regard in which he was held was clearly displayed by one of the largest gatherings seen at a funeral service held in Hobart in recent times - between 500 and 600 people attended.

The service commenced with a Guard of Honour by students from St Michael's Collegiate School Rowing Team who wanted to honour a tireless coach and mentor who spent many hours including early mornings on the River Derwent guiding them in the art of rowing.

Bruce played a major role in the revival and formation of the Derwent Mercantile Collegiate Rowing Club.

After attending the Lansdowne Crescent Primary School and the Hobart Technical College, Bruce qualified as an electrician with the Hydro Electric Commission and then transferred to the Department of Public Works where he became the Electrical Supervisor.

He served in the Royal Australian Air Force during the Second World War.

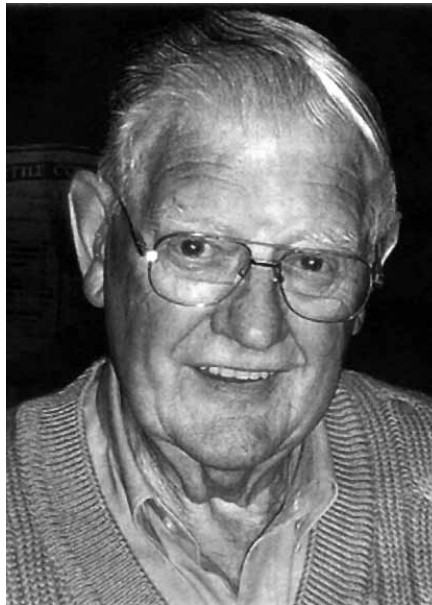
This was followed by a long and distinguished career with Australian Army Reserve rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel Rtd, being the Commanding Officer of the 47th Transport Company. He also served in a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Bruce competed in rally car driving, was a keen darts player, secretary and life member of the Power Boat Association of Tasmania and an inaugural member of the Pittwater Golf Club.

He was also an area coordinator for the Red Cross Door Knock Appeals.

Bruce was a highly respected freemason for more than 46 years, having joined Lodge Beltana in January 1962.

This continued a family involvement in freemasonry as his father was a Past Master of The Pacific Lodge.



Bruce progressed through the various offices of Lodge Beltana and was its Master in 1973, 1985 and 1990.

In 1976 he affiliated with Glenora Masonic Lodge, becoming Master in 1979 and 2004.

During his time at Glenora Lodge he was seldom out of office and served many years as Director of Ceremonies.

Bruce joined Grand Lodge in 1981 as a Grand Steward. He progressed through the offices of Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Deacon, Grand Inspector of Lodges and was elected Grand Warden in 1993.

He served as a member of the Board of General Purposes for five years from 1987 and was the representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota USA.

Bruce was in several other Orders of freemasonry. In 1974 he joined the Archibald Park Royal Arch Chapter and became First Principal in 1984.

He was elected secretary in 2002, a position he served with distinction until his passing.

In 1977 he joined the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia and occupied the various offices as a member of the Crown of Life Sovereign

Chapter 18th degree and became the Most Wise Sovereign in 1991.

He then became Director of Ceremonies, a position he held until 2007 when the Chapter amalgamated with the Hobart Chapter.

He was admitted to the Holy Grail Sovereign Council 30th degree in 1992 and served as Grand Commander in 2002. He was subsequently promoted to the 31st degree.

The year 2001 saw Bruce become a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and he regularly attended its meetings until his passing.

In all the areas in which Bruce was involved he left a memory of being a quiet but effective leader. Bruce was a dedicated and loyal freemason, ever ready to give a helping hand, and a great contributor at all levels.

RW Bro Bruce Godfrey made a magnificent contribution to many walks of life and we are all that much richer for having been associated with him.

May he rest in eternal peace.

- Alan Swinton

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