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From the Grand Master

Significant changes and a rewarding experience

The Grand Master's article in the August edition of *Freemasonry Tasmania* detailed some of the significant changes to Masonry in Tasmania that have occurred in recent times.

The process continues, with the most notable being a marginal increase in membership over recent months.

This is very encouraging and reflects the fruits of our labours in recruitment and retention.

However, we must do everything in our power to maintain that momentum.

I am sure the newly formed Masonic Education program, very ably chaired by RW Bro Murray Yaxley as Supervisor of Masonic Education, together with VW Bro Kerry Holloway and VW Bro Dick McKenna, Directors of Masonic Education, will be an important factor in this facet of our endeavours.

The series of lectures explaining the first degree based on the Freemasons Victoria Masonic Education Program has already been held in the three districts.

The subsequent lectures on the second and third degrees will be delivered during 2011.

The funeral service for RW Bro Leighton Scott was recently held in the Devonport Masonic Centre, another departure from established practice, but one which enabled the brethren to demonstrate to family and friends the fraternal affection that forms some of our teachings.

The rationalisation of lodges has progressed with Lodge of Hope consolidating with Army and Navy Lodge, Lodge Themis with Lodge Clarence and Glenora Masonic Lodge with Derwent Valley Lodge.

Following the sale of Concord Lodge's building at Latrobe, the lodge now meets at the Devonport Masonic Centre.

The benefits of these amalgamations has been the strengthening of existing Lodges and the availability of funds from the sale of buildings has released funds for the upgrading and improvement of Lodge buildings.

February 25, 2011 will be the end of a six year journey, first as Deputy Grand Master and then as Grand Master for the past three years.



It has been an honour and a richly rewarding experience for both Cyrene and me that will live in our memories for years to come.

We are most appreciative of the opportunity that we have had to meet and form ongoing relationships with so many people throughout Australasia as well as in Tasmania.

Visits to the Grand Installations in other jurisdictions have provided a wealth of ideas that have flowed on to Tasmania.

The support and companionship of the attending brethren and partners was particularly pleasing.

A great time was had by all.

I offer my sincere congratulations to Grand Master-elect, RW Bro John Wallace and Elva, Deputy Grand Master-designate, RW Bro Allan Sangwell and Pam, together with the three new ceremonial teams.

I am confident that under John's and Allan's leadership the craft in Tasmania will continue to flourish.

It's that time again

Once in every three years, Freemasonry in Tasmania "comes out" with a dramatic public show...the Grand Installation in Wrest Point's Tasman Room.

On Friday, February 25, at 7 pm, RW Bro John Wallace will be installed as Grand Master by the outgoing GM, MW Bro Norm Cooper. The Grand Secretary, RW Bro Allan Sangwell, will become Tasmania's Deputy Grand Master after relinquishing the Grand Secretary's role.

Events surrounding the Grand Installation include a Vice Regal Reception at Government House on February 24, and a Grand Master's Reception at Wrest Point's Board Walk Gallery in the evening.

A ladies morning tea will be held at the Board Walk Gallery at 10am on February 25. The Tasman Room will be the venue for the Installation Banquet on February 26.

A church service at St David's Cathedral at 10 am on February 27, will be followed by a luncheon at the Hobart Showgrounds at noon and, in the evening, an invitation-only Grand Master's dinner.

Our Grand Master-designate



RW Bro John Wallace

The Grand Master Designate, RW Bro Campbell (John) Wallace, has been in Tasmania for ten years, having moved to Wynyard from Northern Queensland.

He is married to Elva and they have two children - Kerry and Ken - five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

RW Bro Wallace was born at Home Hill in Northern Queensland in 1943.

He was a seasonal worker in the sugar industry, then worked in a stock feed business for nineteen years, initially as a truck driver, rising to manager of its manufacturing plant for several years.

For the next fourteen years he managed a fertiliser and chemical supply company. His recreational interests included rugby league as a youth and he spent some time as a boat owner and recreational saltwater fisherman in Northern Queensland.

RW Bro Wallace was initiated into Home Hill Lodge, No. 237 UGLQ in 1978, and was its Master in 1987, 1989, 1992 and 1996.

He served as a Steward in the District Grand Lodge of North Queensland in 1991-92 and held various other offices up to District Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1999-2000.

He was also a member of the District Grand Board of Benevolence in 1992-95.

RW Bro Wallace joined Royal Arch freemasonry in Inkerman in Queensland.

After retiring to Tasmania in 2000, RW Bro Wallace affiliated with Emu Lodge, served as Master in 2002 and 2005, and in 2007 affiliated with Poulett Lodge.

He has continued his Royal Arch interests in the Ramsay Chapter in Burnie and is also active in several other Orders in Tasmania.

In the Grand Lodge of Tasmania he served as Grand Standard Bearer in 2002 and various offices including Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2006 and Grand Inspector of Lodges/North West, before becoming Deputy Grand Master three years ago.

The Grand Secretary, RW Bro Allan Sangwell, is to become Tasmania's next Deputy Grand Master.

His appointment as Deputy Grand Master-designate was announced at the August Communication by the Grand Master-elect, RW Bro John Wallace. Both men will be installed into their positions at the Grand Installation to be held at Hobart's Wrest Point on Friday, February 25, 2011.

RW Bro Sangwell has an extensive Masonic background having been a member for 40 years.

He was initiated into Tasmanian Naval and Military Lodge, No. 43, on August 3, 1970. He progressed through office, culminating in his installation as Worshipful Master on Anzac Day of 1979.

RW Bro Sangwell is proud to relate that he undertook his three degrees as a double with his late father, Bro Harold Sangwell.

In 1980, following the demise of the lodge secretary, RW Bro Sangwell was elected secretary and continued in that role until Tasmanian Naval and Military Lodge relinquished its Warrant in July 1985.

RW Bro Sangwell affiliated with Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge, No. 85, and was elected Senior Warden in 1986 and installed as its Worshipful Master in 1987.

Deputy GM-designate

His progression through Grand Lodge office commenced in 1981 when he was appointed Grand Steward.

He has been a Grand Tyler, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Deacon, Grand Director of Ceremonies and Junior Grand Warden in 1990.

In 1991 MW Bro Bryce Ward conferred the Order of Distinguished Service on RW Bro Sangwell for his contribution as a member of the organising committee for the Grand Lodge Centenary celebrations.

In 2001 MW Bro Alan Swinton conferred the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master upon RW Bro Sangwell in recognition of his services to Freemasonry in Tasmania.

The Deputy Grand Master-designate was appointed Grand Secretary in August 1994 and after 16 years service will retire from that office on January 31, 2011.

RW Bro Sangwell is also active in other Orders of Freemasonry.

He and his wife, Pam, have two children, Nerissa and Darren, three grandchildren and are awaiting the birth of their fourth grandchild in June.

RW Bro Sangwell is also a Justice of the Peace. He is a member of the Tasmanian Society of Justices of the Peace and for many years was its Registrar. His services were recognised by being granted Life Membership.



RW Bro Allan Sangwell

New 'life' for Lodge Rooms

Lodge closed but pavement has new home

The wooden tessellated pavement which once graced the Lenah Valley lodge room has been repositioned to the main lodge room of the Glenorchy Masonic Centre.

Lenah Valley Lodge closed its doors for the last time some three years ago.

It was the home of Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge and Themis Lodge as well as other Orders.

The building was sold, but the pavement which had been a feature of the Lodge Room was removed and stored at the Glenorchy Masonic Centre.

W Bro Rupe Lowe has painstakingly reconstructed the pavement in a back room, helped by W Bro Brian Jessup.

The pavement (**pictured below**) was sanded and re-polished to bring out its original lustre and depth.

- Jack Clear

Miniature Lodge room in Zeehan

A full working lodge room in miniature form was officially handed over to the Zeehan Memorial Museum on September 15, 2010.

The Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro John Wallace, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, VW Bro Ken Wallace,

represented Grand Lodge, and there was a large attendance of Mt Lyell Lodge members.

The Worshipful Master of Mt Lyell Lodge, V Wor Bro J.W.L. Young handed over the display to Phil Vickers, representing the museum.

Mr Vickers said the display had created much public interest and many favourable comments had been received.

- Ian Petty



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Letter to the Editor

Thanks from National Trust

Dear Sir,

Re: Donations received, Freemasons function, Norfolk Plains Heritage Centre - Lake Masonic Lodge, September 11, and wall display of Masonic jewels, installed by Mr Johnson.

On behalf of the Norfolk Pains Group of the National Trust of Australia (Tasmania), I wish to most sincerely thank the members of the five Lodges who attended this function, and for the generous donations of a \$50 cheque and cash raised, which totalled \$202 for the Heritage Centre.

We are pleased that the Masonic Order is able to continue to meet in Longford, as this makes the Museum a "live" facility, thereby enhancing its importance for visitors.

The glass-fronted display case of Masonic Jewels, which Mr Johnson kindly installed

on the wall of the Lodge, gives added significance to the overall presentation, and we are indeed very appreciative of this most impressive inclusion.

As the Centre develops, numbers of visitors will grow, and to this end we are improving aspects of the museum.

The generous support from Freemasons Tasmania is welcome.

We feel it is important that the Masonic Order maintains a presence in heritage-listed Longford, as this significant relationship was established early in the town's development.

Again, on behalf of the Committee, very many thanks.

Sincerely,

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Around and about

Fifty year jewel

Members of Lodge Scotch College attended the Riverside home of Bro Mervyn Dalglish for the presentation of a Fifty Year Jewel. He is unable to attend meetings.

Afterwards, they enjoyed afternoon tea with Bro Dalglish and his wife (pictured).

Bro Dalglish is a foundation member of the lodge. Another foundation member, W Bro B. Mann received his Fifty Year Jewel at the Lodge's monthly meeting.

- Kevin Kiel



Forty year certificate

Bro C. B. "Barrie" Headlam was presented with his Forty Year Certificate at a morning tea in the Richmond Bakery.

The presentation was made by VW Bro Peter Page (left), who thanked Bro Headlam for his contribution to Lodge Dulverton.

In attendance were Wor Bros George Lawler, Tom Smith and Brian Lehman, and Bro Richard Heiermann.



Widow's Pin presented

A Widow's Pin was recently presented to Mrs Marg Handley at her home.

The presentation was made by V Wor Bro T. Nixon, the Almoner of Army and Navy Lodge No 50 TC.

She said it was a beautiful surprise which she would wear with much love and memories.

- Mal Smith



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Something to think about

Is Freemasonry too cheap?

It has been claimed that Freemasonry is far too cheap and that this is possibly one of the reasons our Craft is not attractive to the younger generation.

Why would anyone want to join an organisation that relies on cheap fees to retain members?

Why would anyone want to join or visit a Lodge that provides home-made beef Belgium sandwiches and lukewarm small pies and sausage rolls for supper, after a night of trying to listen to small voiced people struggling to remember bits of ritual?

Worse still, why would anyone want to sit through almost silently-delivered, often ill-researched pieces of masonic history, and then hang around waiting for supper while the hosts put away their gear and then slowly make their way to the supper room.?

Come on, let's get real. Think about this.

In September 1950, the basic wage for adult males in Sydney was six pounds 15 shillings, although certain skills like boilermaker, tool maker, panel beater, carpenter, painter and plumber received just under 10 pounds.

(For those who remember, a pound became two dollars in the 1960s).

Against that, the fee for joining Lodge Esk in 1950 was 15 pounds 15 shillings. This was in addition to the small fee paid by the proposer. (Other Lodges had similar fees)

Points to consider:

Is membership of your Lodge too cheap?

Is your supper one that you would provide if people visited your home?

Do you make people wait before starting activities in the South?

When was the last time you provided harmony?

Have you considered meeting earlier?

Do you find out if older members need transport to and from Lodge?

Have you considered admitting all visitors at the start of the evening?

When was the last time you really listened to the standard of work in your Lodge?

When was the last time you visited another Lodge

The most important item I have left until last. When was the last time you thought to yourself that an

acquaintance would be a good member for Freemasonry and did not ask them if they are interested?

We often hear members (particularly older ones) stating that solicitation for members is not permitted.

What they fail to say is that 'improper solicitation' is what they mean.

There is nothing wrong in my view with asking your friends if they are interested in joining your lodge.

Clear and unambiguous invitation is not improper solicitation.

It is also my view that greater consideration needs to be given by daytime lodges on how best they can increase their memberships by initiations.

In each District, teams could easily be found to carry out the work or assist with ceremonials if daytime lodges require help.

In this day and age it is unwise to fail to tap into the huge field of retired men who may well be waiting to find another interest in their lives.

- Ray Chell

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Hutchins Old Boys Lodge members and wives attended a party at the Ridgeway home of their Master, W Bro John Tomlinson, who co-hosted the event with his wife Maya.

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Masonic benevolence

Ten years of \$10,000 a year is the proud boast of the North West Masonic Benevolence Society, which has donated more than \$100,000 to organisations in the North West, Queenstown and King Island.

The donations have been focused on caring services for the aged, the disabled and the infirm.

One of the recipients is the Devonport Glee Club, which has been helping people with disabilities in the North West Coast for the past 30 years.

The Benevolence Society donated a large flat-screen television and Wii games to the Glee Club, which was officially handed over at a supper function on June 24, 2010.

Glee Club service development officer, Steve Artis, and manager Mike Brown said the television was much needed.

They said it would give the Glee Club more options in the services and respite activities it offered to members.

The equipment has since received much educational and recreational use, and has helped bring people together in a group, especially those who tended to sit on the sidelines.

Pictured above is Glee Club member Lisa Kelly demonstrating her Wii skills to NW Benevolence Society representatives Martin Darragh (Emu Lodge), Dick McKenna (Emu Lodge), Jeff Brown (Devonport Masonic) and Gareth Wilby (Devonport Masonic).

Dick McKenna
Chairman
NW Masonic Benevolence Society

Ten times ten in NW



A succinct statement

Most freemasons have earnestly searched for a statement that succinctly and adequately answers the question that each of us has been asked – “What is freemasonry?” The following comes from an autobiography, “A Knight in Africa” by RW Bro Sir J. K. (Andy) Chande who was born in 1928 in Tanganyika (now Tanzania) of Indian parents:

“Freemasonry is a life to be lived and not a formality to be observed. It is a life grounded in religion organised in morality mellowed by good fellowship, humanised in charity and dedicated to serve. The teachings of Freemasonry are not for today but are forever. It is a force for good and stability and it teaches its members tolerance, dignity and respect for the individual.”

The chapter headed *Freemasonry* concludes with “none of us can elude the challenge to make ourselves better people, by whatever means is at our disposal...check up once in a while, to make sure that you have not lost those human values that money cannot buy.”

- Murray Yaxley

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Masonic education

Every freemason who stands up in lodge to deliver a section of the ritual, be it a small or large assignment, really wants to do well.

So, how does one go about developing the necessary skill?

The first step is to make sure that we can read well.

Read a paragraph from a newspaper or book. Read it aloud.

Look for the punctuation marks. They are the traffic signs. Obey them! They tell you when to pause, when to stop, when to ask a question.

When you meet a word with which you are unfamiliar, refer to the dictionary. It will tell you both its meaning and how to pronounce it.

Repeat this procedure regularly until you are satisfied that you are fluent. But do not stop there.

Swimmers practice every day. They can always refine their technique.

To be a good reader and a good ritualist you too must practice. It is only when you can read accurately that you can confidently begin to commit the ritual to memory.

Learn one sentence at a time, ensuring that your pronunciation is correct.

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When you have learned the words, go back and concentrate on putting emphasis in the right places so that you make the meaning clear.

The next stage is to be able to deliver a short talk of your own.

It might be a contribution to a discussion. It might be the proposition of a toast.

The key is preparation. Always be ready with an appropriate item of information or comment.

Unless you are an entertainer or raconteur leave jokes to someone else, particularly if they are of doubtful propriety.

You do not want to go to bed wondering if the laughter signified amusement or embarrassment.

Be enthusiastic, pleasant, emphatic and sincere.

Any person can become a good speaker but there is no short cut to success - plan, prepare, rehearse.

Use as few notes as possible. If you persevere, you will discover techniques that work well for you. You will then be able to deal with any of the four main ways of addressing an audience.

1. From a script, read word for word.
2. From memory, recite word for word.
3. Extemporaneous - everything is thought out beforehand and thoroughly planned except that the exact wording and phrasing of the main body of the talk are not committed to memory.
4. Impromptu - the opportunity to speak is unexpected. The presenter relies on his skills, knowledge and experience.

There are numerous books on this subject. This has been a brief introduction to the art of public speaking.

If you implement the suggestions given, you will be much more comfortable when you stand to address an audience and your work will be appreciated.

- Murray Yaxley

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In New York...

The major elements that provide opportunities for Masonic development to brethren under the Grand Lodge of the State of New York are masonic and leadership development courses, tailored reading courses and a "Road to the East" for Junior and Senior Wardens.

The Livingston Library offers a variety of reading programs for those who wish to advance their Masonic knowledge along their own pathways.

The structure of the original lodges of the stonemasons was really an apprenticeship system leading to qualification as a Master Mason.

Each Grand Lodge, indeed each lodge, needs to have a progressive system of Masonic Education. Freemasonry can provide a means of lifelong education of benefit to the participating brother and to the craft in general.

Serving Homes in the North

A treat at Peace Haven

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 17, the friends of the "Friends of Peace Haven" received an absolute treat in attending a concert by the Derwent Valley Concert Band in the Queechy High School auditorium.

Bro Ian Green welcomed everyone and gave a short history of the Band, taken from its website.

The Derwent Valley Concert Band Inc. has been in existence since 1993 and based in the beautiful riverside town of New Norfolk.

The band was established because of a perceived need for a local band to cater for musicians of all ages in the New Norfolk community and the wider Derwent Valley.

Since the inaugural concert in October 1993 at New Norfolk, the band has grown into a very active and versatile community organisation and at present has over fifty regular players whose ages range from fifteen to over seventy.

It comprises a Senior Band, a Development Band, a Stage Band and a Marching Band. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday at the band rooms in New Norfolk in a friendly and congenial atmosphere.

A well known occasion for the band was its invitation and subsequent trip to Denmark for the wedding of Crown Prince Frederick to Tasmanian born Mary Donaldson.

The trip was highlighted by a performance for visiting European

Royals at the SAS Radison Hotel, a street march on the day of the wedding and performances at Tivoli Gardens, Roskilde, the Town Square and Sanke Helene.

Bro Green introduced Bro Layton Hodgetts, a member of Lodge Esk and the founding Music Director of the Derwent Valley Concert Band.

Bro Hodgetts is the recipient of many music and citizenship awards, including the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2005 and the 2008 Tasmania's Local Hero for 2009 in the Australian of the Year Awards.

Bro Hodgetts provided further information about the band and introduced the

Principal Conductor Lyall McDermott and Assistant Principal Conductor Jim Taylor.

The afternoon was dedicated to the memory of our late esteemed brother and friend, Rt Wor Bro Colin Moore.

Principal Conductor McDermott, then informed us that the band would take us on "a musical journey" and conducted the "Crown Prince Honour March", which was produced by Crown Prince Frederick's regiment in Norway.

Assistant Principal Conductor Taylor, then conducted three Movements from composer Pierre Lapointe's "Extensors", which also had Nordic themes.

Mr McDermott then took us to the land of the Celts with "Loch Lomond",

a musical piece of two interwoven well known folk tunes.

The audience was then transported to Tasmania with the rousing tune "Brigade of Guards", composed by Alexander F. Lithgow, who was appointed bandmaster of St Joseph's Band in Launceston in 1894.

Next came a medley of tunes from George Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess".

The well known tune to the hymn "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is ended" (St Clement), with a flugel-horn solo took us to our beloved Lodge Rooms.

This hauntingly beautiful tune was especially arranged for a concert band by the Mountain Youth Orchestra of NSW.

Onto Spain and a dance tune from composer Morton Gould's Second American Symphonette.

Two movements from the English composer Phillip Sparke's work "A Portrait of a City", namely "In Autumn" and "Downtown" completed the musical journey.

Bro Green thanked the Band for its wonderful performances and noted that whilst at Saturday's competitions the Band was awarded 466 points out of a total of 500, surely this concert was 500 out of 500!

The audience's applause was rewarded with an encore, the Australian composer Percy Grainger's "Shepherds Hey", a Morris Dance tune.

Friendships continue

The 1964-65 Northern Masters Association went into recess in May last year, although the remaining members, partners and widows meet for lunch once a year, in November.

With numbers decreasing, age catching up and the difficulty of transport in some instances resulted in the decision to cease regular meetings and luncheons.

Over the years, friendships made 45 years ago have firmed, and while the association never set out to become heavily involved in fundraising, it has made considerable donations to the Northern Masonic Homes and charities.

The association's album of historic photographs has been placed in the museum at the old Lake Lodge building at Longford, now controlled by the National Trust.

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Supporting medical research

New hope for brain injury sufferers

The Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation has provided a report on the progress of Catherine Blizzard, the foundation's "very own" PhD student.

President Brian Sims says the foundation is proud of her achievements and conveys best wishes to her for many successful years.

Ms Blizzard has applied for an Australian fellowship for two years to continue her studies in Tasmania with other researchers associated with the foundation - Dr Anna King, Professor James Vickers, and Dr Tracy Dickson.

After that she hopes to continue her work in an international laboratory, with the end goal to return to Tasmania and the NeuroRepair group.

She thanks the MCMRF for its support and hopes to stay in touch with it throughout her career.

Bro Sims said freemasons could be proud of the foundation's contribution to world-class research.

"In this little island may we continue to fight above our weight," he said.

Despite the previous dogma that the adult brain cannot recover following injury, recent research indicates that the brain does have a remarkable capacity for repair and remodelling following injury.

Acquired brain injury affects about one in 45 Australians, and its consequences remain severe as there are still no effective treatments.

MCMRF PhD student Catherine Blizzard has been investigating the brain's capacity for regeneration and plasticity following injury.

She has demonstrated that injured neurons can respond actively to injury and the cerebral cortex (the brain's outer layer of grey matter surrounding the cerebrum) is capable of significant remodelling following injury.

Two types of neurons were investigated: pyramidal neurons, which Ms Blizzard found attempt "axonal regeneration" into the injury site, and interneurons which reorganise their processes away from the injury site to undamaged areas of the

cortex. She said the interneurons had the right idea.

"These neurons are attempting to rewire the brain following an injury," she said.

"These studies describe how natural brain remodelling and healing may improve an outcome after acquired forms of brain injury.

"They represent a new therapeutic window giving new hope to sufferers of acquired brain injury and neurodegenerative disease alike".

Ms Blizzard said Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation funding had supported her laboratory studies and also enable her to attend an International Society of Neuroscience conference where she presented her work in 2008 and a trip to Cambridge in March last year to attend a neuroscience school.

"The funding provided has enabled me to potentially become competitive on an international scale," she said.

Ms Blizzard listed 21 of her joint publications and conference abstracts, including one published in May last year by a prestigious research journal.

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Roland donation

A \$500 donation towards much-needed medical equipment has been made to the Tandara Nursing Home at Sheffield by Roland Lodge. Pictured at the cheque presentation are (from left) W Bro Laurie Appleby, W Bro Alan Braid and Bro Peter Spinks, with Tandara chief executive officer Paul Crantock and the Home's director of nursing Pam Von Steiglitz.

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Around the World

Public Awareness

If there is anyone in Iowa who is unaware of the Masonic fraternity then they must have forgotten to come out of hibernation after the Iowan winter.

The range of outreach programmes to the community is impressive. The Bulletin of Grand Lodge describes activities that support students and teachers and other community groups.

One lodge conducted a benefit breakfast to help a brother with a serious medical problem. Another lodge regularly cleans the roadside along a ten mile stretch of highway leading to their town.

The piece de resistance seems to be the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. Four were reported in a recent Bulletin and only one of them a Masonic building. The others were a Youth Complex, a Social Security Administration Office and a Police Department and Ambulance Service. For these events to take place there must already be a level of knowledge and respect for freemasonry in the communities. Each new event then adds to the corpus of knowledge about the principles and tenets of the craft.

The Grand Design

A Grand Orator for the Philippines drew on the concept of harmony to illustrate how freemasonry can contribute to the making of a better world.

He put the point of view that it is our Masonic duty to spread harmony, to shape a society where the reign of greed cannot endure, where the number of hands with begging bowls should be less, where the clenched fist of protests should be reduced because people should be judged for their value and potential, not for the value of their worldly goods.

The Grand Design for an ideal society focuses on the creation and fostering of variety and difference.



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Its beauty depends on the harmony of all the components. It is a Masonic duty to reduce discord and contribute to harmony by eschewing abuse, extremism and greed.

Monaco Grand Lodge

It has been announced that the National Regular Grand Lodge of the Principality of Monaco will be consecrated on 19th February 2011.

The ceremony will be undertaken by the United Grand Lodge of England in association with the United Grand Lodges of Germany and the National Grand Lodge of France.

The Port of Hercules Lodge #4626 EC was consecrated in Monte Carlo in 1924. There have also been three lodges Deus Rex, St Jean L'Evangeliste and Leonardo da Vinci, of the United Grand Lodges of Germany.

All of these lodges will join with their French brethren to form the new Grand Lodge.

India emphasises brotherhood

The observation of June 24th as Universal Brotherhood Day has been taken up with enthusiasm by Indian brethren. It has lifted the profile of freemasonry in the nation.

Lodges all over the country have marked the occasion with a very wide range of activities. This year there were special projects to organise blood donations. There were many donations to schools, orphanages and needy persons.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India made the following comments.

"For the past several years, the lodges in all regions have been observing this day as one for rededication to our brotherhood.

"It has also been taken as an opportunity to proclaim our tenets and ideals to the rest of the community, by organising meetings in which non-masons of importance in the community and our own brethren reiterate the necessity, in today's strife torn world, of practising the virtues of brotherhood that we may live in amity."

Arizona Grand Representative

We hear all too little from our Grand Representatives but recently our newly appointed Grand Representative in Arizona contacted us.

Bro Scott Tracy is a member of Scottsdale Lodge #43. Thus, he has become very interested in north-east Tasmania.

Scottsdale Lodge in Arizona has 550 members. The lodge is very community oriented and participates in an extensive list of activities.

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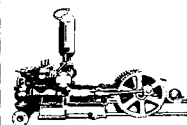
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Keeping in touch

In 1987 RW Bro Brian Rountree took his wife and two small children on a teacher exchange from Thompson, Manitoba, Canada to Launceston in Tasmania.

He was assigned a grade 4 class at Rocherlea Elementary School for the year.

While in Canada Bro Rountree followed grand lodge protocols and was put in touch with Bro George Harrison who was his initial guide to all things Masonic in Tasmania.

Many visits were made and new friends found. He enjoys reading the issues of Freemasonry Tasmania to see whom he knew back then. Back in Canada, Bro Rountree continued teaching and moved into a school library for nine years.

In 1998, as a result of training, he moved to Pine Falls, Manitoba to be the rector of the Anglican Church, until 2003. During that time Bro Rountree

Fond memories from Canadian Librarian

became Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

He also became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada [AMD].

In 2003-04 Bro Rountree attended the University of Western Ontario where he earned his Master of Library Science degree which he now puts to good use as an instructor of library technician students at Red River College in Winnipeg.

In 2005 Bro Rountree became the Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

He is the secretary for the international Masonic Library and Museum

Association which will hold its 2011 meeting in Winnipeg. In December 2008 Bro Rountree was elected Sovereign Master of the local AMD Council and served during the 25th anniversary year of the AMD in Canada.

At the annual assembly of the Order in 2009 he was appointed Grand Chaplain.

Brian and Iris are pleased to report that their children, Marina and Ian, are married: each have a child, Georgia and Liam, who are doted on by loving grandparents.

One of his favourite possessions is a gavel made from Tasmanian myrtle, a gift from Launceston Lodge of Research.

A combination night at Lodge Esk

Lodge Esk combined its 2010 Past Masters Night with a second degree ceremony and decisions to make several donations to worthy causes.

W Bro Don Simpson (2005-6) was in the chair, accompanied by the officers for that year.

Twenty-four Lodge Esk members were present and they welcomed 12 visiting Past Masters and brethren and seven visiting Worshipful Masters.

The Worshipful Masters included W Bro Rob Billing of Themis Lodge, who is an uncle of the candidate for the second degree ceremony, Bro Andrew Brumby.

The business section of the meeting approved donations to be made by the Lodge Esk Social Committee.

These included \$600 to Masonic Peace Memorial Haven, \$600 to Fred French Nursing Home, \$500 to The Examiner Winter Relief Fund, and \$250 to the Breast Cancer Research Fund.

The breast cancer donation was matched by the Lodge Esk Ladies Committee.

Members of the boards of Peace Haven and Fred French were present and thanked the Lodge for its generous donations.

In the South, an enjoyable supper was served and members and visitors shared equally in the raffle prizes.

W Bro Billing gave the response to the visitors' toast, during which he said he was proud of the way his nephew presented himself throughout the second degree ceremony.

- Ray Chell

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Something for everyone

Tasman OES celebrates 50 years

Order of the Eastern Star members from throughout Tasmania and interstate gathered in Penguin on Saturday, June 19, to join members of Tasman Chapter celebrating the chapter's 50th anniversary.

Tasman Chapter was instituted on June 11, 1960 in the Cooe Memorial Hall. The ceremony was conducted by members of the Melbourne District Grand Chapter under the authority of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

A year of fun(d)raising

The four Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Southern Cross Court No. 3 Order of the Ameranths have completed their installaions and are all set to start the New Year.

Fundraising is their top priority, but there's lots of fun, too. Most moneys raised are donated to non-government funded organisations.

These included Cystic Fibrosis, Flying Doctors, Diabetes, Royal Guide Dogs, Epilepsy, Breast Cancer, Camp Quality, Asthma Foundation and many more.

This money has been happily and readily given, with members enjoying thinking up fundraising ideas, some hilarious, others relaxing but with fun, laughter and companionship. All the Chapters welcome new members and inquiries.

- Doreen Round

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Tasman Chapter was the first chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Tasmania.

For 37 years it met at Cooe Memorial Hall until circumstances necessitated a move to new premises.

In 1997 the chapter re-located to the Lodge of Peace premises at Penguin, a move that has proven beneficial to both Tasman Chapter and the Lodge of Peace.

The Worthy Matron, Sister Marilyn Hyland, was delighted to welcome to the 50th anniversary meeting a large gathering of Order of the Eastern Star members from other chapters in Tasmania as well as members who had travelled from interstate.

Also present was the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the United Grand Chapter of Australia, Sister Lois Allen, from Sydney.

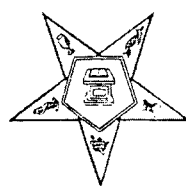
The Most Worthy Grand Patron, Bro James Beck, travelled from the Gold Coast for the occasion.

Sister Mary Stirling, a Foundation Member and stalwart of Tasman Chapter, was honoured during the meeting.

Following the chapter meeting members and guests continued the celebrations at the Penguin Sports Complex.



Pictured is Tasman OES Foundation Member, Mary Stirling, (left) assisting the Worthy Matron, Marilyn Hyland to cut the 50th anniversary cake.



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Masonic education reviewed

Grand Lodges need more active role

The connection between masonic education, membership and a vibrant freemasonry has been recognised for a long time.

Apart from some talkfests and some documents which have been forgotten by many of our members, little has been accomplished.

It is time for followup and programme development.

In March 2010 a Membership/Education Symposium was held in Melbourne so that representatives of Australian Grand Lodges could review what is being done to address these topics.

Mentors can help new masons to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the craft.

However, this only works if the mentor himself is active in his role, well equipped and cognisant of why his efforts are significant.

In practice it is clear that Grand Lodges need to take a more active role in promoting masonic education.

It is important that each new member is assisted to develop an understanding of the organisation that he has joined.

He must be made to feel comfortable in the new environment that he has entered.

He can then confidently complete the pathway to becoming a master mason, participating fully in lodge activities.

If positive steps are not taken to ensure the integration of the new member into the functioning lodge he will be reluctant to take part in ceremonies and incapable of responding to the questions of friends, relatives and work colleagues.

Experience shows that it is most likely that in five years he will have taken a clearance. The prospect of him introducing new members and becoming a future leader in the lodge will have vanished.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania is introducing a series of masonic education programmes based on what is in current use in Victoria.

There is one programme pertaining to each of the three degrees.

The purpose of these programmes is not to repeat the content of the ritual.

Rather it is to provide background explanations that will enlighten the brethren and encourage them to ask questions and inquire more into the tenets of the craft.

In October 2010, brethren who had joined lodges in the last three years were requested to attend a presentation of "Discovering the First Degree" – Burnie (VW Bro R. McKenna), Launceston (VW Bro K. Holloway, Hobart (RW Bro M. Yaxley).

Presentations of "Journey Through the Second Degree" and "Revealing the Third Degree" will be conducted in 2011.

Those who attended the first presentations found the evening instructive and enjoyable.

Above all, they now realise that they have not only joined a lodge but they have been initiated into a fraternity which, with interesting variations in procedures, can be found all over the world

The presenters are grateful for having the opportunity to use material supplied by the United Grand Lodge of Victoria and the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Murray Yaxley
Superintendent of Masonic Education



The Broken Column

Symbol of the passing of a member of the craft

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Variety in Freemasonry

Come to Queensland, says tour club

For some years now it has been the custom of the Queensland Masonic Touring Club, in conjunction with similar caravanning clubs of Victoria and South Australia, to hold a "Hand of Friendship" Rally every two years.

The 2011 rally starts on Thursday, June 30 at the Lawnton Showground on the northern outskirts of Brisbane.

It lasts five days, but an extended stay is possible.

The rally starts with an official opening and supper and thereafter daily activities including the Proclamation of the MW Grand Master in Brisbane, a full day coach tour of the Sunshine Coast with a luncheon at Maleny on the Blackall Range, a scenic tag-a-long drive and barbeque lunch, games and competitions,

evening entertainment and much more.

The rally concludes on Tuesday evening, July 5, with a dinner and closing ceremony.

An attendance of around eighty vans is anticipated.

A warm fraternal invitation is extended to all Freemasons and their families, irrespective of any club affiliation, who may be travelling through the area in an RV at the time.

This includes caravans, motor-homes, camper trailers, etc with no restriction on the type of vehicle used.

Further information and registration details may be obtained from RW Bro Roy Fursman, Club President, Ph (07) 5444 0742 or email fursie@bigpond.com



What happened to November?

Readers of Freemasonry Tasmania may have wondered what happened to the "special edition" in November 2010 intended to promote the 2011 Tasmanian Grand Installation.

Our apologies, but it came down to a decision by the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes.

Initially, it approved a special edition but circumstances necessitated a change to that plan.

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TOP: Queensland Masonic Touring Club members extend a warm welcome to masons and connections to their Hand of Friendship Rally from June 30 to July 5, 2011. See story above.

Lodge Loyalty Installation

The Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro John Wallace, assisted by Grand Lodge Officers, conducted the ceremony of Installation of the new Master of Lodge Loyalty on June 15.

Bro Ian Crawford was installed as Master and the investiture of his officers followed.

Pictured on the lower left are (from left), Junior Warden W Bro David Byrne, W Bro Crawford and Senior Warden W Bro Ralph Wells.

- Jack Clear

Knights Templar Installation

A Knights Templar Installation was held at the Lindisfarne Masonic Centre on October 16, 2010.

The Rt Em. District Grand Prior for Tasmania, Keith Hepburn, installed Ven. Fr John, The Duke of Avram as Preceptor of the City of Hobart Preceptory and Priory No. 131 S.C. It was Keith's first Installation.

The two have known each other Masonically for about 40 years.

Pictured (lower right) are Keith at left and John at right.

An encouraging feature of the ceremony was that all the progressive office bearers were *not* Installed Preceptors.

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