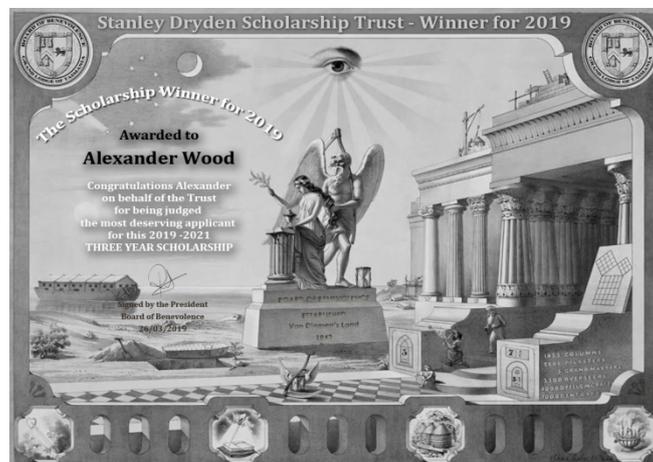


Successful Dryden Scholarship Applicant 2019



This year's recipient of the three year Stanley Dryden Scholarship is Alexander Wood here pictured shaking hands recently with the current President of the Board of Benevolence, R.W. Bro. R. J. Hesline. Alexander is flanked by his brother, Nathaniel, who was the successful candidate in 2018.

The quality of applicants makes this scholarship highly competitive amongst the children and grandchildren of Masons; and is a worthy accolade. This is one of a range of scholarships sponsored by Freemasons; with this particular scholarship arising from a generous bequest by the late Grand Master Stanley Dryden. While Stanley Dryden moved to the Grand Lodge above in August 1954, he was a “go getter” during his life, and well known as Editor of the Examiner Newspaper during the 1920's and early 1930's. In that role he is said to have had no worse criticism to apply to any local political figure than to brand them a member of the “do nothing brigade”. His work ethic and industry were legendary. His charitable work also extended well beyond Freemasonry, and he was a great benefactor to the Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys and the Launceston Girl's Home.



Alexander has thanked the Freemasons of Tasmania for assisting him during his further years of study and wrote to the Board informing them he had placed his framed certificate in a position of pride in his dormitory room. In further news we have recently learned Alexander has also been awarded “The Tasmanian Society of Justices of the Peace inc.” prize for attaining the highest achievement in the unit LAW122 (legal systems) for 2019 – which he will receive at their upcoming dinner. Alexander is only the latest in a long list of successful recipients of the annual Dryden Scholarship. Aspiring applicants qualifying for next years' Scholarship are students currently studying in their first year of University this year. The scholarship starts in the second year of their study, and they are encouraged to add a note to their diaries now, so as not to forget to apply early in the New Year for the 2020 round and quoting from Stanley Dryden, not to fall into the trap of becoming part of the “do nothing brigade”. You can't win it, unless you are in it. Newer Brethren please let family members know of this scholarship if they are unaware of it.