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The Grand Master, MW Bro Julius Kearon, at the St Helens Lodge consecration, flanked by the Master of Lodge Laurieston, W Bro Christopher Hogan (left) and the inaugural Master of St Helens Lodge, VW Bro Joe Porter.

Support in all our undertakings

When Ann and I were first married we were surprised to find that, without any conscious effort on our part, our friendship group quickly changed from "singles" to "marrieds". This was when I first learned about the valuable support we gain from those in a similar situation to ourselves.

The lesson came back to me in my professional career. As a mathematics teacher I was an active member of the Mathematical Association. As a Principal I was an active member of the State Principals Association. As President of the State Association I was an active member of the National Association, eventually becoming its President.

So it has been in Freemasonry. As Master of my Lodge I gained particular support from my Masters' Association. As Grand Master I gain from mixing with my fellow Grand Masters when I attend the Grand Installations in the various jurisdictions around Australia and New Zealand.

My batteries have recently been recharged during my attendance at the functions associated with the installation of MW Bro Garry Sebo as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

The value of establishing Freemasonry as a national association must not be underestimated.

A Grand Masters Conference is always held in conjunction with the Victorian Grand Installation. Interim Conferences are held as required at other Grand Installations.

At the recent Melbourne meeting we evaluated last year's Men's Health Month and set future directions, agreeing that another Men's Health Month would be held in October, 2008.

From the Grand Master

I appreciate RW Bro S. R. Zichy-Woinarski's agreement to be Tasmania's representative on the planning committee for that event.

In the meantime, individual Lodges are encouraged to maintain a focus on men's health issues.

It is very important to the success of our organisation for us to be outward-looking and to establish ourselves as a vital and integral part of our local communities.

If we want to attract new members we must acquaint the general public with what our organisation has to offer men and our communities. It appears to me that Lodges which have been successful in this regard have been rewarded by some renewal.

However, once we gain new members we must retain and develop them so they become active in their membership.

I firmly believe that we must strive to achieve excellence in all that we do. We must have well considered lodge programmes, excellent standards in the preparation of lodge meetings, excellent standards of ceremonial, and an enthusiastic and positive approach in all that we do.

In these ways we will have a membership which will be pleased to be part of our organisation and keen to take an active part.

There are sufficient signs of renewal to suggest the strong possibility that we will halt our declining membership in the near future. Every one of us has a role to play in the realisation of this goal.

**Julius Kearon,
Grand Master**

Bushfire appeal donation

Tasmania has experienced some devastating bushfires in the past six months, and one of the worst-affected areas was the East Coast where thirty-thousand hectares were burnt and many houses and other buildings lost.

The Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence donated two thousand dollars to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal for assistance in this area.

Pictured at right receiving a cheque from the President of the Board, VW Bro John Packham, is the Mayor of Break O'Day, Cr Robert Legge. The presentation was made at the banquet marking the inauguration of the St Helen's Lodge.

Dick McKenna



Gas fire charity

During the Australia Day weekend this year, three children of a Bridport family were severely burned during an horrific gas fire in a caravan annexe.

Their treatment will be long and expensive, costing at least fifty thousand dollars and requiring ongoing trips to Melbourne for specialist treatment.

This event has touched W Bro Michael Roche, who has discussed the situation with the Grand Master, and is raising funds for the family during visits to various lodges along the North-West Coast.

To make the collection of funds more interesting, W Bro Roche has offered a raffle prize in the form of a set of mother of pearl cuff links and shirt studs.

A suggested price is two dollars per ticket but, as Mick says, "Whatever you feel inclined to give".

To cover a larger area, and to raise funds quicker, he is being ably assisted in the Launceston and the northern area by Peter Wise.

I feel that this is a most deserving cause and I urge brethren to support it to the extent their circumstances will allow. Please be on the lookout for Mick and Peter, and give generously.

John Wallace

Positive start at St Helens

Tasmania's newest lodge has started operations on a positive note, with ballots in April for two potential candidates and plans for a second degree ceremony this month (Saturday, May 26).

The St Helen's Lodge was consecrated on Saturday, February 3, 2007, at the Tidal Waters Hotel in St Helens.

Immediately afterwards, the Grand Master, MW Bro Julius Kearon installed VW Bro Joe Porter as its first Worshipful Master.

Pictured below are the inaugural officers of the Lodge.

At the new lodge's May meeting, a Sixty Year Certificate was presented to RW Bro Jack Butler (See Certificate, jewel ... and gavel, Page 12) and the members discussed their by-laws in detail.

The Ceremony of the Vacant Chair was held at the April meeting, in

acknowledgement of Anzac Day commemorations during that week.

At the lodge's meeting this month (May 26), one of its founder members, Bro Andrew Pike, a professional fisherman, is scheduled to be raised to the Second Degree.

The initial membership of the St Helens Lodge comprises unattached masons from the East Coast, as well as from Queensland, Western Australia and Victoria who have moved to the East Coast to live.

The lodge meets on the fourth Saturday of each month in the town's Neighbourhood House (25 Circassion Street) tiling at 7.30.

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Meet your Board of General Purposes



RW Bro Ewen Cummings (President)

Born - Scotland 1944, came to Hobart with his family in 1960. (His father was Project Manager for the Tasman Bridge).

Mother Lodge - Hutchins Old Boys; his maternal grandfather was a freemason and he was part of the NSW Grand Lodge Installation team which installed his father as Worshipful Master of Lodge Kempsey/Macleay.

Masonic activities - Current President of the Board of General Purposes (eight years), member of the Board since 1997; active in the Tasmania Conclave, Victorian Constitution Mark Lodge and VC Ark Mariners.

Career highlights - Tasmanian Public Service from 1960s, initially with the Public Trust Office. Managed the Land Data Registration Branch before retiring in 2004.

Professional qualifications include being a Justice of the Peace.

Other interests - Rugby, rowing, Battery Point Sea Scouts Group (as president), golf, fishing, water skiing and snow skiing.

MW Bro Robert Theo Clarke PGM

Born - Sydney 1943, family moved to Tasmania 1948 (Austral Bronze Company).

Residential address - Howrah

Married to Catherine, two daughters.

Mother Lodge - Initiated into Pacific Lewis Lodge in 1965 (now amalgamated with The Pacific Lodge), Wor Master of Pacific Lewis twice.

Masonic activities - Completed six-year term as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master in February 2005; Past Principal and current treasurer, Archibald Park Royal Arch Chapter; extensive involvement in Other Orders.

Career highlights: Commonwealth Public Service, Macquarie Bank as part of Fleet Operations, Tasmanian Manager, AABN AMBRO Lease Plan Tasmanian manager before his retirement.

Professional qualifications - Bachelor of Arts (Politics and History), University of Tasmania.

Other interests - Currently a Board member with the Freemason's Homes of Southern Tasmania. Instrumental in setting up the Freemates (Freemasons Assisting Tertiary Students) foundation.

At a recent meeting of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes, members took a break from their deliberations for a "photo shoot" to show brethren "the faces behind the names".

Members also provided regimes of their personal, masonic and career backgrounds, and edited versions are published here.

Freemasonry Tasmania thanks MW Bro Rob Clarke for his assistance in compiling the profiles.

RW Bro Norman Roy Cooper DGM

Born - Howrah, 1937

Residential address - Howrah

Married Cy in 1958; three children, eight grandsons.

Mother Lodge - Clarence.

Masonic activities - Deputy Grand Master since February 2005; involved in a range of Other Orders.

Career highlights: Currently Director and Public Officer, Southern Air (Tas) Pty Ltd (11 years); Trustee, Superannuation Fund (16 years); previously held senior management positions with Norm Cooper Pty Ltd, (J. and A. Parr Investments Pty Ltd and Ray Taylor (Hobart) Pty Ltd.

Professional qualifications - A Grade electrician; Electrical Contractors Licence; Domestic Plumbing Licence; refrigeration mechanic and CFC Licence; Master V. and 11B Coastal Engineers tickets; Life Member, Australian Institute of Refrigeration Airconditioning and Heating Engineers.

Other interests - Director on the Board of the Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania, boating and fishing, gardening, Rotary International (Paul Harris Fellow), travel.

VW Bro Ray Chell PGIL

Mother Lodge - initiated into Lodge Esk in 1977, and was its Wor Master twice.

Masonic activities: Current secretary of Lodge Esk; extensive involvement in Royal Arch and other Orders, including reaching the 31st degree in the Northern Tasmania Sovereign Council.

Career highlights: Forty years in the export meat processing industry (retired in 2001).

Professional qualifications: Bachelor of Arts majoring in History and Geography, Graduate Certificate in Corporate Management.

Other interests: Member of Board of Directors of the Peacehaven and Fred French Nursing Homes.

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RW Bro Horrie Hollick PGW

Born 1934

Married Ann in 1958; three children, six grandchildren.

Mother Lodge - initiated into Huon Lodge in 1967, Wor Master twice.

Masonic activities: Currently Grand Lodge Representative on the Board of the Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania; Past Grand Warden and served in other Grand Offices; member of the Board of Benevolence from 1996 to 2004 and of the Board of General Purposes since 2005; member of the Hobart Lodge of Research and of other Masonic orders.

Career highlights - Apprenticed in 1960 as a baker in the family business, bought the Franklin Bakery next to the Huon Lodge Rooms in 1962 and over the next eleven years acquired bakeries at Huonville, Cygnet, Ranelagh, Dover and Grove, producing bread in a factory at Ranelagh; and in 1973 received "an offer too good to refuse" (his words - Editor), and sold the business to Nut Brown Bakery in Hobart; spent most of the next twenty-six years driving around the State for Hobart Pathology before retiring in 1999.

Other interests: Fishing.

MW Bro Julius Edward Kearon GM

Born - England, 1942

Residential address - Deloraine

Married Ann in 1967

Mother Lodge - initiated into Lake Lodge in 1972.

Masonic activities: Current Grand Master; affiliated with Glenora Lodge in 1968 and Meander Lodge in 1984; a member of most orders of Freemasonry and has taken the chair in several of them.

Career highlights: Began teaching in Romford, Essex in 1964, came to Tasmania in 1967 where he was employed by the Education Department until his retirement at the end of 1997. Served in all parts of the State, including twenty-three years as principal. Active in the Secondary Principals Association, in which he was State and then National president.

Professional qualifications: BSc, Post Graduate Certificate in Education, Master of Curriculum Studies.

Other interests - Active in many organisations, including the Anglican Church.



RW Bro Zichy-Woinarski was not present for the Board of General Purposes photograph on Page 4. He is shown here (above).

RW Bro Stanislaus Zichy-Woinarski

Born 1942

Married to Sue; two daughters and two grand-daughters

Mother Lodge - initiated into Lodge Galen (Victoria) in 1970.

Masonic activities - President of the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence (1993-2000); affiliated with Tamar Valley Lodge, joined Lodge Scotch College when Tamar Valley closed; previously affiliated with Lodge Galen in New South Wales and University Lodge in Western Australia; active in the Royal Arch and several Other Orders.

Career highlights - Commenced employment in 1964 in the New Zealand Insurance company and held many senior management positions until a company merger; administration manager at the Waverley Woollen Mills 1982-1984; Executive Director of the Tasmanian Rural Industry Training Board 1984-2004; currently on the State Planning Group of the Department of Primary Industries and an advisor to TAFE on wool harvesting, vocational education and training.

Professional qualifications - Bachelor of Commerce (Melbourne), Masters Degree in Professional Education and Training, currently completing a PhD at the University of Tasmania related to education.

Other interests - reading, gardening, classical music, model railways, travel and walking.

RW Bro Mervin Keen PGW

Residential address - Burnie

Married to Joy; two children, four grandchildren

Mother Lodge - Burnie Masonic.

Masonic activities: Past Grand Warden, holding many offices in the North West Ceremonial Team; North West representative on the Board of General Purposes Public Relations and Information Committee; former member of the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence (four years); member of Burnie Masonic Lodge, Devonport Masonic Lodge, Ramsay Royal Arch Chapter, Coronation Chapter Rose Croix and the Northern Sovereign Council.

Career highlights - Webster Woolgrowers (39 years until retirement).

W Bro David Macrow GStdB

Born - Hobart, 1946

Residential address - Rosny

Married Elizabeth in 1967; two children.

Mother Lodge - initiated into Lodge Diadem (Sydney) in 1969, Wor Master in 1973.

Masonic activities - Current Grand Auditor and Grand Standard Bearer (South); current Senior Warden of Bowen Lodge, having affiliated with it in 1998; previously affiliated with New Guinea Lodge (1982); member of Derwent Royal Arch Chapter and active in many Other Orders.

Career highlights - Commenced employment with the Bank of NSW (now Westpac) at Moonah in 1962; served in all States for 31 years, initially in branch management, then State administration in NSW, Tasmania, the Northern Territory and Papua New Guinea; worked in State and Commonwealth government departments from 1993; retired in 2003.

Professional qualifications - Associate of the Australian Institute of Management and the Australian Institute of Credit Management

Other interests - Meals on Wheels, Maritime Museum of Tasmania, inshore and offshore yachting/cruising, motorcycle/caravan touring; previously involved with Rotary, Jaycees, Neighbourhood Watch, Rosny-Montagu Bay Progress Association, rugby union, and Parents and Friends Associations.

Around and About

A 'hoot' of a day

On Sunday, March 25, thirty-two Lodge Esk members and friends boarded a bus and set off down the West Tamar, to visit Platypus House and enjoy a tour conducted by one of its brethren, Bro Professor Nigel Forteath.

The bus then took the group to Low Head Pilot Station for lunch before visiting the museum and precinct of what is in fact the oldest continuously-operating pilot station in Australia.

Next to the light house is the fog horn - the only one of its type left in the world.

The motor was fired up and after a ten-minute wait two massive tanks, each holding five hundred cubic feet of air, built up a pressure of thirty-five pounds per square inch to discharge a deafening HOOT at fifty-one second intervals, which can be heard up to twenty miles away - that's one Big Hoot!

With ears still ringing we boarded the bus and headed for home, via the Hillwood Strawberry Farm for a taste of fruit wine and strawberry sundaes.

We must thank our bus driver, Peter McDermot, whose knowledge of the area added greatly to the day.

New member welcomed

At its September 2006 meeting, Lodge Esk initiated Bro Graham McLaurin, who has since been passed to the Second Degree.

Graham operates his own handyman business and undertakes all types of garden and property maintenance work.

We wish him well for his future in freemasonry and also in his newly-established business.

Col Moore

Roy has a win - at last!

During the second half of last year, Tasmanian Union Lodge held a raffle to raise funds for charitable purposes.

The prize was a water colour painting by Judith Johnstone (wife of the lodge's treasurer, W Bro David Johnstone).

The raffle was drawn at Tas Union's Christmas function early in December, and the winner was W Bro Roy Greenwood - who has often bemoaned the fact that in all his years of being a member of the Craft, he has only ever won a raffle on the one occasion.

Seems all good things come to those who wait patiently.

The moneys raised are being distributed during this year to various charities as they come to the fore.

Richard Plunkett

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Service attracts big congregation

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In keeping with previous occasions the outstanding feature of the service was the volume and quality of the singing.

This was ably led by the church choir and supported by the organist, Ruth Parsons, with assistance from W Bro Adrian Loone on the trumpet.

More than one hundred Freemasons and their families attended, which shows how much brethren look forward to this opportunity for uniting in worship.

The service was conducted by the

Rev Steven Howard in cooperation with the Rev Bruce Williams.

The first lesson was read by the Most Wise Sovereign of the Coronation Sovereign Chapter, Ex & P Neil Bugg; the psalm by the District Grand Prior of the District Grand Priory of Knights Templar, Rt Eminent Bro Charles Smith; and the second lesson by RW Bro Brian Poulter PDGM.

The evening was rounded off in customary fashion with refreshments and a period of enjoyable fellowship in the church hall, attended by most of the congregation and including those who had travelled from as far afield as Launceston and Wynyard.

Ian Muir

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Around the World

Prince Hall Update

The term "Prince Hall Masonry" refers to Masonic Lodges descended from African Lodge (Boston -1784) whose members are predominantly African-American.

When the Ancients and Moderns Grand Lodges merged in 1813 to form the United Grand Lodge of England, all the American lodges were stricken from their rolls on the incorrect assumption that they had all affiliated with one of the Grand Lodges formed in America. In 1827 African Lodge declared itself independent and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was established.

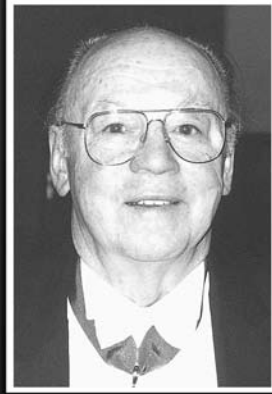
Today there are 42 Prince Hall-affiliated Grand Lodges in the United States. It has become generally accepted that Prince Hall Freemasonry is regular in form and practice.

Recognition between mainstream and Prince Hall Grand Lodges began in 1989 in Connecticut and today there is mutual recognition in 40 States, the most recent being Texas (December 2006). Thus the question of regularity no longer appears to be an issue.

When the Committee on Information for Recognition reported to the 2006 Conference of the Grand Masters of Masons in North America it reaffirmed the opinion that the establishment of fraternal relationships with Prince Hall Grand Lodges remains the prerogative of each individual Grand Lodge.

It was subsequently moved that the Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters should be offered a seat at the Conference.

The motion was carried but later was ruled out of order on account of the fact that only a Grand Lodge and not a Confederation of Grand Lodges can take a seat at the Conference, be it from Mexico or Prince Hall or any other source.



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Co-ordinator of Fraternal Relations for
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The worst and the best

We continually marvel at the technological developments that appear before us. Yet men continue to insist on solving their differences by going to war. The July/August (2006) war between Israel and Hezbollah illustrate this grim reality.

Yet it gave rise to many acts of human kindness on the part of Israeli masons who carried out relief work to ease the suffering of civilians in the north of the country.

A distinctive monument that stood in Freemasons' Circle in the city of Carmel received a direct hit from a rocket.

Membership development

For many years, membership development of Masonic lodges has been hampered by two main stumbling blocks.

Firstly there has been the antiquated admonition that members should not initiate discussion of freemasonry with non-members for fear of being seen to be soliciting.

It follows that our members have been ill at ease when trying to explain freemasonry. The trite statement that "Freemasonry is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols" does little to help.

A clearer explanation, as suggested by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, might begin with "Freemasonry is the activity of closely united men who employ symbolical forms borrowed principally from the stonemasons and from architecture to illustrate how they can work for the welfare of mankind,

whilst striving to make better persons of themselves and others."

One of the charms of freemasonry is that this symbolism is taught incrementally to make the complex lessons of life easier to understand and master.

The Tripod was a Working Tool

The Grand Lodge of Nevada was invited to place a cornerstone at a school. It was the 403rd time that the ceremony had been conducted. The school principal gave an oration which included the following passage:

"A tripod is used to hold the builder's level because, regardless of the terrain, the three legs are stable.

"In order to accomplish our mission we depend on a tripod of people: teachers, students and parents.

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If you have one friend who has helped you through good times and bad for the past twenty years you would consider yourself a very fortunate person indeed!

Well, Masonic Peace Haven has many friends who have done just that - the Friends of Peace Haven, which has celebrated its 20th birthday.

More than sixty people shared a magnificent repast and birthday cake while reminiscing over the tireless efforts of the Friends.

The group has raised more than \$114,000 for the Homes since being formed in 1987 - shortly after Masonic Peace Haven opened.

The Chairman of Masonic Peace Haven, Ian Green, and the president of the Friends of Peace Haven, Greta Harris, cutting the 20th Birthday cake.

Friends for twenty years

Fundraising events have included dinners, cocktail parties, barbecues, soup and sandwich luncheons, cabaret nights, concerts, raffles and fashion parades.

All funds raised go towards enhancing the care and lifestyle of the residents of the Homes through the purchase of such items as electric beds, mattresses, lifters, hoists, sheepskin protectors, soft furnishings and outdoor furniture, just to name a few.

Ian Green, Chairman of Masonic Peace Haven, praised the work of the Friends and thanked each and every member for their invaluable contributions over the years.

Greta Harris, President of the Friends, also thanked past and present members for their support.

"We love this complex and are happy to have been a part of its history for the past twenty years", she said.



A second home

Masonic Peace Haven's Day Therapy Centre is regarded as a second home by many of its fifty regular clients.

Nurse manager Lyn Schumacher says more clients would be welcome.

The centre is open from Monday to Friday. Clients come from outside the Peace Haven community and enjoy many art, craft and entertainment activities as well as the company of their peers.

Buses collect and return people to their homes in the Launceston area.

Clients can have blood pressure and blood sugar levels checked, and the centre also provides podiatry, physiotherapy and occupational therapy services and advises on nutrition and medication.

Clients do not need a referral from a doctor or agency - just ring Lyn on 6343 1555 for details.

Peace Haven Liaison Officer Margaret Rich, a past member of the Friends of Peace Haven, other past members and guests are all smiles as they celebrate the 20th Birthday.

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Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania



RW Bro Horrie Hollick with Bowditch Leisure and Lifestyle Coordinator, Christine Alcock and volunteer Raylene Rooney

Active life for the aged

Leisure and lifestyle activities within the Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania form a major part of the daily life of residents.

The extent of the activities depends upon the health and physical ability of the respective individual.

Activities include craft making, musical sessions, dancing, bingo, carpet bowls and Tai Chi, as well as visits by residents from other aged care establishments.

At Bowditch Hostel, where residents are more mobile, twice-monthly bus tours and monthly luncheon visits are undertaken.

The services of volunteers, from carers to bus drivers plays a major role in enabling these visits to take place.

The principal bus driver is RW Bro Horrie Hollick, assisted by RW Bro Greg Jackson.

Horrie is quite a favourite with the residents; although demanding a "hug" when assisting residents into the bus, he repays them by organising drinks, collecting keno tickets...and he can't go past certain shops without stopping to buy soft-serve ice-creams.

The twice-monthly tours are made to various locations throughout southern Tasmania selected by the residents.

One recent journey was to a begonia display at the residence of Denis and Vonda Barnes at Cambridge where the floral display was magnificent. Another was to a major shopping complex.

The luncheon visits are normally to hotels in the area bounded by Huonville, Sorell and New Norfolk, where some merely enjoy the meal, while others enjoy a quiet drink and a few "inspect" the gaming machines or play keno.

Appreciation is extended to all volunteers who give their time to make these activities possible.

Alan Swinton

A new partnership

The Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania has begun a partnership with Alzheimers Australia to provide a new concept in care for residents suffering from dementia.

Anne Kelly, from Alzheimers Australia, said the "relationship-centred care model", evolved in America from "person-centred care" which had been acknowledged since the 1980s as best practice in dementia care.

"Relationship-centred care, while valuing the uniqueness of an individual, also emphasises the person's connections and partnerships with others and the environment in which they live," she said.

"It is not just the relationship between staff and a resident that is important but also the resident's relationships with family members and other professionals who are involved in his or her care.

"Relationship-centred care even extends to the relationship with the wider community.

"It reflects the importance of interactions among people and recognises that these provide the foundation of any therapeutic care activity".

Ms Kelly said the concept of relationship-centred care was still emerging around the world.

"At the Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania Swinton Unit, it will influence and direct changes as the Homes works toward becoming a centre of excellence in quality dementia care," she said.

"The resident living with dementia exists in a family and community and this context must be enhanced as much as possible.

"A key component of relationship-centred care will be the involvement of families, who will be supported and encouraged to participate in many decisions and activities".

Ms Kelly said residents would also be encouraged to participate in all activities, including preparation of meals or snacks, making beds, dusting and other housework.

As well, staff would join residents at meal times and provide flexible care focusing on residents' needs and wishes rather than simply undertaking routine tasks.

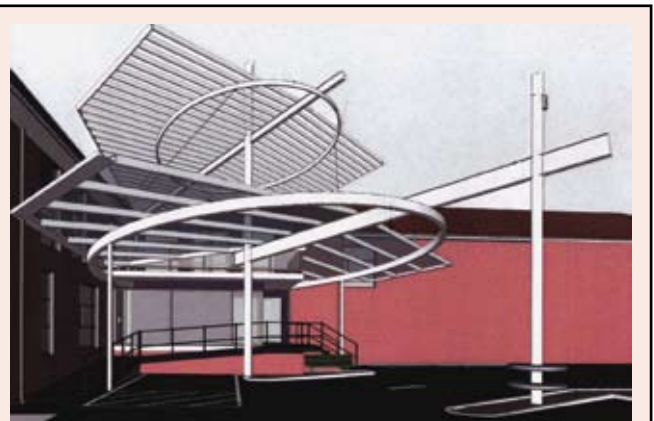
Entrance canopy under construction

Work has begun on an entrance canopy to the Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania (shown in this artist's impression). It will provide protection during inclement weather and shade the first floor balcony.

Fairbrother Pty Ltd was contracted to design and construct the canopy at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars.

The Chairman of the Planning and Building Committee, RW Bro Terry Dann, said the innovative design would not only add to protection and shading but would also more clearly identify the entrance to the Homes.

The project is scheduled for completion by early July 2007.



Variety in Freemasonry

HOG-ing the limelight

What's this? HOGs in Freemasonry? Wor Bro Tony Bruce-Mullins, the Worshipful Master of Pembroke Lodge, explains...

In September last year, my wife Rosemary and I rode north from Hobart, with six other members of the Harley Owners Group (HOG), bound for the National Harley Rally in Airlie Beach, Queensland, a mere 3 200 kilometres away.

Among those accompanying us was Pieter Oud and his wife Julie. You may have seen Pieter: he's the one in the RACT ads, with a big moustache, red underpants, and the thumb that pushes the CD into the player.

(Pieter is pictured on Page 1 with Tony and Rosemary - Editor)

The ferry trip was quiet, the run through Victoria quiet, then we hit NSW: for the next three days and 1 500 km, we suffered extreme cross winds howling over the plains and huge tumbleweeds, two metres across, attacking us.

Reaching the Queensland border and Toowoomba was a relief.



Up through the hills towards Caloundra we struck low cloud, heavy mist and angry magpies: at 60 kmh one of them attacked Julie's helmet.

How it caught the bike at that speed and maintained forward momentum, while facing backwards and attacking the helmet, defies imagination.

At the Ettamogah pub near Caloundra we met some expat Tasmanians and a solo rider, Jake, from Alice Springs.

At Airlie Beach we joined 1 800 Harleys and 2 700 people for three days and lots of touring through the Whitsunday Islands...and then the Thunder Run.

The Thunder Run (*pictured above*) is like a Toy Run with attitude; nearly all of the bikes at a rally line up and ride out through the local town, through the countryside and back into town.

We travelled about sixty kilometres through the surrounding area, with police at every intersection to let the several rumbling kilometres of bikes through.

All along the route, locals lined the side of the road, and had obviously been there for some time before the run; and the adults appear to enjoy the sight as much as the kids.

The police at Airlie Beach were quoted in the local newspaper as saying that HOG members would be welcome back any time, as their workload dropped for the entire week the bikes were in town. So much for the "heathen biker" reputation.

The local tourism people invited us back too, but only in the off season: it appears that their regular tourists and backpackers couldn't find accommodation.

However, the tourism people did add that we really were welcome, as HOG people came from a "higher spending demographic".

This year's big run will be to the Barossa Valley and a 12 500 km ride through the north of Australia. It's only a few months away, but we're not counting the days, really, we're not!!

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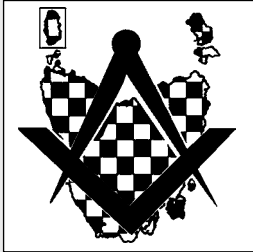
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Historic minutes book missing

The Pacific Lodge, No. 5 TC, is finalising its records for archive purposes and is missing the original minute book detailing the commencement of the lodge.

The book was loaned to a lodge officer and re-loaned to another freemason, but efforts to locate it have been unsuccessful.

The lodge is seeking the help of brethren to discover the whereabouts of this important historical document.

Information may be forwarded to the Secretary of The Pacific Lodge, RW Bro Greg Jackson, through the Grand Secretary's office.

Rob Clarke

First Freemates scholar announced

The first person to receive a bursary from the Freemasons Assisting Tertiary Students Foundation (Freemates) has been announced.

Miss Bonnie Ann Marshall (pictured at right) of Forth is the inaugural recipient.

Bonnie is now in her second year of study for the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Law.

She is hoping for a career in crime scene analysis.

The Freemates Committee and the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence are continuing with their aim of raising one hundred thousand dollars for



the foundation, to ensure its ongoing operations.

The decision to begin issuing bursaries before the target is reached is aimed at stimulating more donations from brethren.



December as usual is a busy time with most Lodges; so it was with Lodge of Peace Indoor Bowls group. On Tuesday, December 12, members of the Lodge-sponsored bowls group visited Pindari Deer Farm at Riana for its "Christmas Dinner". The group is pictured above outside the restaurant, the smiles showing that all were enjoying the event.



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The new and 'not-so-new'



The Junior Warden of The Pacific Lodge, Bro Jack Clear counted it an honour to have taken the Obligations of his son, Bro Scott Clear, for both his Initiation and Passing.

Bro Scott Clear was initiated in The Pacific Lodge on Thursday, November 16, 2006, and passed to the second degree at a ceremony conducted by the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Lodge of Hope in Hobart on Saturday, March 24, 2007.

The ceremony of Passing was held at an Emergency Meeting of The Pacific Lodge (No 5 TC) to mark the traditional Official Visit of Lodge of Hope (No 4 TC), which has been held every second year for several decades. (The Pacific Lodge makes an official return visit to Lodge of Hope in the alternate years).

The Worshipful Master of The Pacific Lodge, RW Bro Bill Hawkes, handed the gavel to VW Bro Kevin Banfield, the WM of Lodge of Hope, to conduct the Passing ceremony.

Bro Scott Clear joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1992 and has seen service twice in Timor, and in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, South East Asia and the Pacific, including Tonga and New Zealand.

He has served on HMAS Derwent, HMAS Brisbane, HMAS Success,

Double honour for Dad

HMAS Kanimbla and at the shore bases of HMAS Stirling (Fremantle), HMAS Albatross and HMAS Cerberus.

He is currently located at HMAS Kuttabul in Sydney, where he is the Chief Petty Officer in charge of the Ward Room with direct responsibility for up to fifteen personnel.

Bro Scott Clear's paternal Grandfather was a member of the Oddfellows. His maternal grandfather was a master mason of Lodge Lion in New Zealand and also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter there.



Bro Jack Clear said his son had showed no particular interest in Freemasonry until about May 2006.

"Out of the blue he enquired what he had to do to join 'this Masonry mob', and the rest, as they say, is history", said the proud father.

Pictured (top left) with Bro Scott Clear at his Initiation were the Worshipful Master of The Pacific Lodge, RW Bro Bill Hawkes, and Bro Jack Clear.

The 'brothers Clear' are again pictured above after Scott Clear's passing to the second degree.

Certificate, jewel...and gavel

The first meeting of the St Helen's Lodge following its consecration on February 3 included the presentation of

a Sixty Year Certificate to RW Bro Jack Butler by MW Bro Paul Hodges.

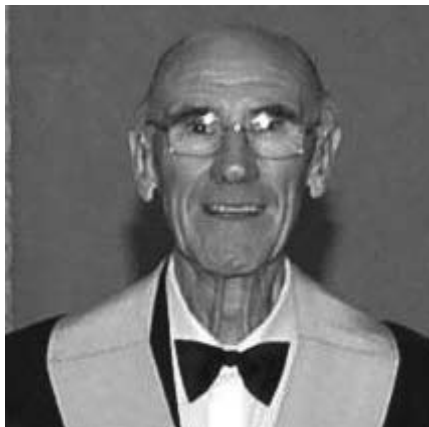
He was also presented with a gavel from the St Helen's brethren.

A Sixty Year Jewel was later forwarded by mail to RW Bro Butler.

It was issued by the United Grand Lodge of Victoria where RW Bro Butler continues to be a member.

RW Bro Butler was initiated in 1946 and is a foundation member and Junior Deacon of the St Helen's Lodge.

He celebrated his 85th birthday on March 18, 2007.



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Promoting the Craft

The Grand Lodge Public Relations and Information Committee has approved funding totalling more than sixteen thousand dollars for "grass roots" promotions of freemasonry throughout the State.

The applications listed here have been approved since April 2004, when the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes gave the committee responsibility for allocating money raised from the annual public relations levy of five dollars per member.

State-wide promotions

Projector and laptop used in presentations by individual lodges and masonic organisations - \$3 581

Fifteen safety vests for use in public events - \$450

An updated video promoting freemasonry being aired on Southern Cross Television - \$286

Television advertising about Men's Health Month in 2006 - \$1 000

Three regional meetings for Men's Health Month - \$750

Placement of Grand Lodge street banner during 2008 Grand Lodge Installation - \$300

PR funding approvals

Two cases for IT equipment - \$800

Purchase of a DVD player for statewide use - \$100

Five magnetic metal promotional signs - \$260

Northern promotions

Hire of a television and video tape recorder (applicant - Lodge Esk) - \$60

Sculpture at Deloraine (Meander Lodge) - \$200

Building sign (Poulett Lodge) - \$350

Youth festival at Launceston - \$660

North West promotions

Projector and laptop for specific use in the region - \$3 610

Building noticeboard (Lodge of Peace) - \$150

Street signs (NW Masonic Centre) - \$317

Future Directions seminar assistance - \$250

Honour board for Ulverstone School (Leven Lodge) - \$138

Southern Promotions

Roadside sign (Huon Lodge) - \$140

Murals on Huon/Esperance masonic centre - \$2 000 subject to further information being provided

Lodge Clarence Open Day - \$600

Building signs for Lindisfarne Masonic Centre - \$320

The Public Relations and Information Committee says all these approvals were made after consideration of formal written applications from lodges, the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, and individual applications by members of the committee itself.

The procedure is aimed at encouraging "grass roots" initiatives, rather than having promotions "imposed from above".

Application forms have been distributed to secretaries of all lodges and masonic organisations.

The forms are also available from the Grand Lodge office in Hobart.

A great day for heat pumps!

On November 21, 2007 (one of the hottest days known in Launceston), the committee of the Heather Hall Company helped with the installation of two heat pumps (of all things!) in the lodge room.

The units were supplied by W Bro Ray Roland of Devonport, who installed them with the assistance of his electrician and experienced tradesmen W Bros Reg Walley and Frank Milbourne. Other committee members were occupied on a "fetch and carry" basis. The units were roof-mounted, so a crane had to be hired to lift them into position.

Pictured is W Bro Reg Walley as "dogman" with W Bro Dexter in an observation capacity. W Bro Ken Jordan is out of sight on the roof.

Jim Powell





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Passed to the Grand Lodge Above

Nearly a quarter of Tasmania's masonic fraternity - along with a big representation from interstate jurisdictions - attended the funeral of RW Max Webberley, PGW, at St Mary's Cathedral in Hobart on March 21, 2007.

Catholic Church officials estimated the attendance of masons at nearly four hundred, but what was of equal significance was the decision of the Archbishop of Hobart, the Rt Rev Adrian Doyle, to allow the use of the Masonic Oration in the service.

It was the first time in the history of the Catholic Church in Tasmania that this "official oration" for a member of the Craft had been included in its funeral services.

(The Anglican Church in Tasmania does not allow the inclusion of the Masonic Oration in its funeral services, although it is used in other churches).

RW Bro Webberley died in Hobart on March 15, 2007, aged 81, after a short illness.

A long-term and active member of the Catholic Church, RW Bro Webberley extended his interests into freemasonry during the 1960s...and continued doing so right up to his passing to the Grand Lodge Above.

The Oration, delivered by Past Grand Master, MW Bro Robert Clarke, covered RW Bro Webberley's achievements in

Vale

RW Bro Max Webberley



the church and freemasonry, while an address by RW Bro Webberley's son, W Bro Max Webberley from Sydney - and other speakers - focused on his involvement in Tasmania's education services as a teacher, principal and mentor of many young people.

Addressing the service, Rt Rev Doyle said he first met RW Bro Webberley when the Archbishop was parish priest at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Sandy Bay.

Rt Rev Doyle commended RW Bro Webberley's work in many of the church's committees and his support of the parish in other ways.

W Bro Webberley said his father lived "a Boys' Own life" - referring to a popular British magazine for boys - and remarked ruefully in a eulogy notable for its reflection on his father's sense of humour that one of the very last faculties to leave him was his ability to speak, sometimes at length, on many subjects.

W Bro Webberley quoted his father as saying, only four days before he passed to the Grand Lodge Above, that life had been "a wonderful trip".

The following points about a remarkably full masonic career were made by RW Bro Clarke during the Oration at the funeral service:

RW Bro Max Webberley...

- joined freemasonry in May 1963 and was raised in February 1964 in Lodge Lyndhurst, joining the Hobart Lodge of Research in the same year... - became

a founding member in 1964 of Lodge Meridian, the second of the new concept of daytime lodges in Tasmania...

- became a founding member of Lodge Phoenix, an early-evening dining lodge meeting in Launceston...

- joined the Grand Lodge ceremonial team in 2000 as a Grand Steward, and progressed through Grand Standard Bearer in 2001, Grand Deacon in 2002, Grand Chaplain South in 2005...

- was a member of the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence and the Masonic Benevolent Foundation in 2002 and 2003, and was elected to the Board of General Purposes in 2004, continuing as a member of that board until his death...

- was elected Grand Warden in 2005, taking up that post in 2006 before retiring in February 2007...

- was convenor of the Grand Lodge Public Relations and Information Committee until his death...

- was the last President of the Masonic Club of Southern Tasmania and became a founding member of the Masonic Social Club of Tasmania (Mascot) after the Masonic Club closed...

- was awarded the Grand Master's Order of Distinguished Service in 2002...

- became an active member of a wide range of other masonic Orders, as well as President of the Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council until his death

MW Bro Clarke also commented on RW Bro Webberley's sense of humour and oratorical ability, as well as his enthusiasm in many facets of freemasonry and in mentoring its newer members.

He likened Max Webberley to a surfer who could not content himself with riding comfortably in the middle of the board.

"He moved to the front of the board and 'hung ten' over the front edge; he was not content to let things happen and had to be to the fore in making them happen," MW Bro Clarke said.

"Our Brother Max embodied all of the good things we associate with freemasonry and his presence and humour at our meetings, both as friendly gatherings and while serving as a lodge officer will be sorely missed".



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Br Jack Jakins

Sadly, Bro Jack S. Jakins of Burnie Masonic Lodge passed to the Grand Lodge Above on April 1, 2007, only a few months after being presented with his Fifty Year Jewel.

His family has agreed to the publication of this photograph showing Bro Jakins proudly displaying his jewel after it was presented to him at the Umina Park complex in Burnie.

The presentation was made by RW Bro Brian G. Poulter, supported by Wor Bros Max Ritch and Harry Hamer.

Bro Jakins was a foundation member of Burnie Masonic, having joined by amalgamation from Burnie Rechab Lodge.

A retired Burnie businessman, he worked for many years as a produce



manager and was a pioneer of the motel business in Burnie.

Bro Jakins was a veteran of World War Two and a long-term supporter of the Returned Services League.

The RSL honoured him with Life Membership and also presented him with a Meritorious Medal for services to his fellow members.

Gerry Gunton

Back Page Photos

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BELOW LEFT: The inaugural Worshipful Master of the St Helen's Lodge, VW Bro Joe Porter (right) with Past Grand Master Paul Hodges

BELOW CENTRE: Bro Scott Clear is congratulated by his "father-Brother" Jack Clear at Scott's second degree ceremony, watched by the Master of The Pacific Lodge, RW Bro Bill Hawkes (left), the Junior Warden of Lodge of Hope, BroElijah Marshall (centre) and the Master of Lodge of Hope, VW Kevin Banfield...Page 12

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