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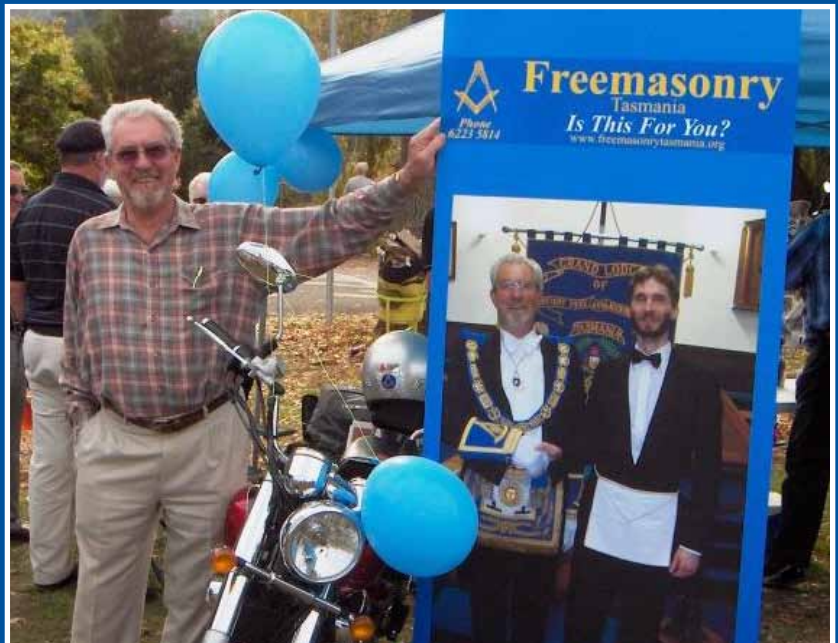
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### Front Page photos

TOP: W Bro Burton in conversation with an interested member of the public at the Derwent Festival. Story Page 3.

LOWER RIGHT: Grand Master Norm Cooper with his look-alike at the Festival.

LOWER LEFT: RW Bro Col Moore presents a cheque towards the work of the Appin Hall Children's Foundation to former pop singer Ronnie Burns and his wife Maggie. More on Page 10.

### SPECIAL EDITION IN NOVEMBER

Contributors to Freemasonry Tasmania are advised there will be a special edition of the magazine in November, to help promote the February 2011 Grand Installation. Deadline for copy and advertisements is October 29, 2010.

## From the Grand Master

# Steady and purposeful

Freemasonry in Tasmania continues to evolve in a steady but purposeful manner.

The foundations and principles laid by past members are guiding this evolution and controlling the rate of change so that we do not do anything too radical or make changes that will create problems in the future.

Some examples of these changes...

- Daytime Lodges
- Dining Lodges
- Recorded ritual music
- Deleting penalty clauses from rituals
- Video conferencing of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence
- Street marches wearing regalia
- Open Installations
- Formation of The Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation
- Formation of The Tasmanian Masonic Benevolence Foundation
- Formation of the Freemates Foundation

- The change from elections to appointments for Boards and Ceremonial members

- Emailing correspondence

- The editor of *Freemasonry Tasmania* works from Geraldton in WA and communicates electronically with Tasmania

- Alterations to the dress preparations of candidates for degree ceremonies

- Expansion of Grand Lodge's presence on the internet

These changes have occurred over the last fifty years and are well within the memory of a great majority of our members, yet we continue to regard ourselves as conservative.

### Maintaining relevance

The secret, of course, is the rate of change; we do not rush in but approach each issue that requires attention with caution.

This will serve us well for the future and ensure that we maintain the principles of our organisation, while at the same time being relevant in the society of today.

I am very proud to have led delegations to the Grand Installations of the Victorian

Craft, Victorian Mark and Queensland Craft.

I appreciate the company and support that I have received from the members of Tasmanian Freemasonry on these visits.

The recent Tasmanian Union Open Installation was an event greatly appreciated by all who attended.

The current success story of Tasmanian Union Lodge can be partly attributed to the first open installation held in Tasmania in 2005.

The lodge has degree work for the next eighteen months with more candidates anticipated. I congratulate them on their endeavours.

### Web work

The untiring work of our Webmaster, VW Bro John Webster, is proving to be a valuable recruitment tool as an increasing number of our initiates are making their first contact with Freemasonry through this medium.

I encourage all members to become active in supplying John with photos, notices, items of interest and general information.

Other orders are in the process of updating their entries.

### Masonic education

I am grateful to RW Bro Murray Yaxley for accepting the role of Superintendent of Masonic Education and to VWBros Kerry Holloway and Dick McKenna and W Bro Don Jones for becoming District Masonic Education Officers.

The efforts of these brethren over the coming months will I am sure result in a greatly enhanced body of knowledgeable Freemasons and help improve our retention rate.

### First class venue

Recent improvements to Devonport Masonic Centre have resulted in a first class complex that will cater for Masonic activities for many years to come, at the same time providing a potentially commercially viable venue.

The members of Concord and Devonport Masonic Lodges are to be congratulated for their vision in arriving at this point in Masonic development in the Devonport area.

# Motorcycles and masons at Festival

Freemasons were again out in force to support the Forestry Tasmania Derwent Valley Autumn Festival on April 18 - the tenth anniversary of the event.

They manned a marquee and talked to locals about the Masonic Motorcycle Association of Australia and Freemasonry in general.

Several contacts were established and at least two potential applicants were identified.

Grand Master Norm Cooper was among the brethren at the event.

The Derwent Valley Autumn Festival is the largest event in the Derwent Valley, and this year included around 600 dancers, singers and choirs across four stages.

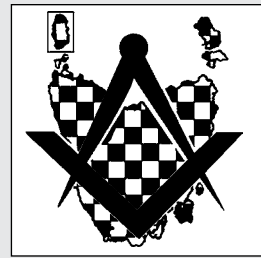
There were more than 100 stalls featuring local fine food and wine, arts, crafts and produce, plus a variety of special displays.

Attendance was boosted by 26-degree sunshine throughout the day.

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- Jack Clear

## WELCOME ABOARD



*to our new Brothers...*

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# Pacific celebrates 150 years

On June 17, 2010, The Pacific Lodge celebrated its Sesquicentenary.

Highlight of the evening was an address on its first 30 years between 1860 and 1890, presented by MW Bro Robert Clarke, Past Grand Master.

He related the history and the occupations of freemasons in the early years and compared them with those in the recent past.

Following the presentation, the Grand Master, MW Bro Norman Cooper,



acknowledged the dedication of W Bro Brian Sims to the Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation by conferring on him the rank of Past Grand Inspector of Lodges.

Sesqui-centenary celebrations continued with a Service of Recognition at St Aidens Church, Lindisfarne on June 20.

The celebrations will culminate with an anniversary dinner at Bellerive Yacht Club on October 2.

- Jack Clear

*Pictured are the anniversary cake, and the Grand Master helping the Master of Pacific, W Bro David Ferguson, in cutting duties.*



## Is your item missing?

Due to the pressures of space, several contributions have been held over to our **special November 2010 edition**. Due to "gremlins" getting into the Editor's computer, some may have gone missing. If you want to be sure your emailed item was received, please re-send it to the Grand Secretary at the address shown on Page 2, who will pass it to the Editor.

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## Memorable 'family plus' installation

This year's Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge installation was a momentous family occasion.

RW Bro Peter Edwards was honoured to represent the Grand Master to instal his son, Stuart, into the chair of King Solomon. He was accompanied by a large number of Grand Lodge Officers.

W Bro Stuart Campbell Edwards was invested with the apron formerly worn by his grandfather, VW Bro Rupe Campbell.

The new Master was presented with a blackwood gavel which had been crafted by his great uncle, W Bro George Edwards.

There were many more family connections highlighted on the night.

W Bro Stuart Edward's uncle, W Bro Brian Edwards, proposed the toast to the incoming Master.



*RW Bro Peter Edwards hands the gavel to his son, W Bro Stuart Edwards at this year's Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge installation.*

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He said his nephew had a great grandfather, both grandfathers, five great uncles, three uncles, a cousin and his father in the Craft.

Apart from W Bro Brian Edwards, another uncle, Bro Neville Truskett, and cousin, Bro Ben Edwards, were present on the night.

W Bro Brian Edwards said the Worshipful Master had declined to jump an office a few years, because he had worked out that his 2010 installation date, May 27, would mark the 17th

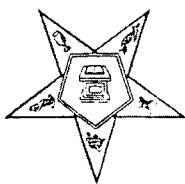
anniversary of the death of his grand father, VW Bro Rupe Campbell.

RW Bro Peter Edwards, who gave the address to the Master, said he had presented the same address 17 years ago to the day of VW Bro Campbell's death, at the Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge installation of W Bro Rob Lovett.

RW Bro Edwards said he was privileged to have his father, W Bro Bill Edwards, present the address to the Master at his first installation in 1982.

This meant that the address to the Worshipful Master this time was not only from him but also from both grandfathers.

- Peter Edwards



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### One for Neil

*Bro Neil Gray has 1983 supported the Pacific Lodge as Inner Guard, Tyler, Deacon, Steward and Senior Steward.*

*The Lodge's May meeting recognised his devotion with an accessory case hand-crafted by RW Bro Bill Hawkes, who made the presentation.*

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## Around and about

Heritage Tasmania held an "Open Doors" Festival around Hobart on May 29 and 30, which included the Masonic Centre at 3 Sandy Bay Road.

The organisation provided tour guides and architect Barry McNeill was on hand to point out many of the art deco features of the building.

Constructed about 1938, the Masonic Centre is an example of "inter-war stripped classicism" with art deco influences.

It was designed by Lauriston Crisp, who considered it his finest work.

The interior of this building is intact with only minor modifications since its construction.

The two Lodge rooms are beautiful and in their original condition.

*Pictured are members of the public receiving a tour and explanation of the Cummins Room by MW Bro Alan Swinton, assisted by RW Bro John Caulfield, and W Bro Mike Watson and the front of the building showing its Art-Deco lines.*



## Heritage on show

The building comprises two storeys and has six-metre ceilings throughout. It is still actively used by several masonic lodges in Southern Tasmania.

This tour provided a rare opportunity to see into the beautiful meeting rooms of a masonic lodge.

Some freemasons, dressed in full regalia, explained the history of Freemasonry, including leading tours of the lodge rooms and other parts of the building.

Visitors noted it as a fascinating and rare insight into Freemasonry in Tasmania.

- Jack Clear

## Breakfast at Esk-any's and a golf 'putt putt'

It wasn't quite "Breakfast at Tiffany's", but Lodge Esk's annual family and friends breakfast for 2010 was a great success.

More than 50 people attended the breakfast on March 28.

With the Lodge's own "Chef Extraordinaire", W Bro Reg Frost, in charge of the kitchen, assisted by wife Karen and sons Alex and Robbie, a full "English breakfast" with all the trimmings was presented in a truly professional manner.

Wonderful fellowship abounded between lodge families and friends attending. Lodge Esk is fortunate in having a number of young members and it is great to see the friendships developing between them.

And now to sport...

The Lodge hired the "Putt Putt" golf course and barbecue area at Grindelwald for its exclusive use on February 27.

There were mums and dads and children and friends everywhere.

When you put (or is it putt?) over 50 people on a Putt Putt course you have a lot of laughs and a great time.

Comments were made, by some, as to the ability of others to add up!

In spite of "daylight saving", it was just on dark when the last of the *big* hitters arrived at the 19th, where a wonderful barbecue awaited them - even if most people had gone home.

It's just as well they enjoyed each other's company.

- Col Moore

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## Around and about



Pictured are Jack Clear (left) and Graeme Evans and with two of the dogs Freci (blonde) and Tassie in their prison surroundings and (at right) the presentation of the donation on behalf of Southern Masters Association to Diana Ivanova.

## Barking up the right tree

Pups in Prison is a recent addition to programmes being assisted by the Southern Masters Association (SMA).

Selected inmates at Risdon Prison train the animals to become assistance dogs for people with disabilities and special needs.

The training lasts over an 18-month period.

The SMA's financial donation will be used for food and equipment used in the training of the dogs.

The association's president, W Bro Graeme Evans, and secretary, W Bro Jack Clear, made the presentation at the

prison and were hosted by Ms Diana Ivanova, who is executive assistant at the Integrated Offender Management Unit.

The pair were given a detailed outline of the programme, including a visit to the three puppies while their trainers put them through their paces.

Graeme and Jack agreed that Pups in Prison had extraordinary positive outcomes in providing love and care for the animals throughout their lives, invaluable assistance to the recipients of the dogs, and a sense of achievement and purpose for the inmates and trainers.

- Jack Clear



## Order of Temple Grand Master in Tasmania

The Grand Master of the Order of the Temple from Scotland, the Most Eminent and Reverent Grand Master, David A. C. Niven, was in Tasmania earlier this year.

He was here for the installation of Rt Em Keith Hepburn as District Grand Prior of Tasmania.

The installation was in Launceston on April 3.

The Most Em and Rev Niven was assisted by a ceremonial team from Scotland.

The brethren also visited Hobart.

## Changi play raises funds for Legacy

A play recording the history of freemasonry in the Changi prisoner of war camp during WWII was presented at the Lindisfarne Masonic Centre after a year of rehearsals.

"The Broken Column" was presented on May 19 by the Hobart Lodge of Research to raise funds for Hobart Legacy, which cares for the widows and children of returned and ex-service personnel.

The play highlights how masonic prisoners continued their Craft "under the noses" of the Japanese. Profits from the night totalled \$759.

- Jack Clear



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# Around the World

## Orient excess

The European press tells us that the Grand Orient of France and some of its fellow travellers on the Iberian Peninsula are promoting the creation of a Masonic lobby group to influence decisions in Brussels at the European Union headquarters.

It is a fundamental principle of regular freemasonry that political affiliations and religious beliefs are private matters for its members.

Within the circle of their masonic duties, freemasons ignore ideological interests in a spirit of tolerance. Brotherhood wins out against those matters which divide the community at large.

You can be sure that any attempt to establish a "masonic bureau" in Brussels will receive no support from the regular Grand Lodges.

Immediate objections have come from the Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic.

Its members have more reason than most others to be "interested".

The landmarks of our Order guarantee the autonomy of individual Grand Lodges and preserve freedom for each freemason to make his own decision on contentious political subjects.

## Massive attendance

We recently received an interesting letter from the Philippines. It was from a brother well known to many Tasmanian brethren.

W Bro Alastair Kane joined Lodge Lauriston in 1971, affiliated with Lodge Roland in 1977 and moved to Queensland in 1996.

He and a number of other Australians now serve freemasonry in the Grand Lodge of Philippines.

He tells us that 2000 masons recently attended a Grand Lodge Communication in Manila.

One factor contributing to this massive attendance is that the Worshipful Master and the two wardens from each of the 320 lodges (16,000 members) are required to attend so that they can participate in the election of a new Junior Grand Warden.

The service of expatriate brethren is very much appreciated.



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Australian brethren from Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania along with brethren from Taiwan, Japan, California, Utah, Washington and Guam were introduced to the Grand Master and invited to sit in the East.

## Add to the atlas

A small area between Romania and Ukraine, known as Moldova, became an independent republic following the collapse of USSR in 1991.

Most of this country was in the territory formerly known as Bessarabia. Two thirds of Moldovans are of Romanian descent, the languages are virtually identical and they share a common cultural heritage.

A small part of Moldova called Trans-Dniester, is occupied by Russian and Ukrainian speakers who are unwilling members of Moldova.

The once flourishing wine trade of Moldova is in decline and it is one of the poorest countries in Europe.

An Italian who arrived in the towns of Galati and Iasi in 1733 is considered to be the founder of freemasonry in Moldova.

However, there have been many "stops and starts" since then in this politically volatile part of the world.

The current period of active freemasonry began in June 1997, once again with assistance from Italian freemasons.

An independent grand lodge was formed in 1999. It has established fraternal relations with many of the regular grand lodges in Europe and its legitimacy has been confirmed by the American Commission on Information for Recognition.

## An "engine room"

Each year there is a Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. The Grand Secretaries meet at the same time.

This year the Conference was held at Arlington, Virginia and the theme was "Inspired by our History ...Embracing the Future".

Sixty jurisdictions were represented. A number of observers from outside North America also attended.

This Conference enables participants to hear reports from a number of committees and associations that monitor masonic charities and community initiatives.

For many years the "Commission on Information for Recognition" has reported to the Grand Masters on applications for recognition from new Grand Lodges.

Whilst each Grand Lodge is autonomous and has its own procedures for adjudicating matters relating to recognition, the views of the Commission are widely sought. It guards the standards by which we measure masonic legitimacy.

General interest topics discussed at the Conference were:

1. Criminal record checks of all applicants for initiation (Florida)
2. Digitising historical records.
3. Web conferencing and online meetings.

Freemasonry must not only value its history but it must embrace the future.

## World Conference

The Eleventh World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges will be held in Cartagena on the Caribbean Coast of Colombia.

The main theme of the conference will be based on Freemasonry's potential to participate in the social issues confronting modern day society,

# Serving Homes in the North

The iconic Docking Court units in Launceston are about to have a facelift.

Of the 23 one-bedroom units in picturesque Docking Court, opposite Scotch Oakburn College, eleven units on the southern side are to be remodelled into eight modern two- and three-bedroom units.

The units have been around since the 196's, with the original ones being built in the late 1940s.

Just after World War II, a group of 15 northern lodges began planning to build low cost housing primarily for the widows and family of freemasons, in memory of those who lost their lives in the war.

That was the foundation of the Masonic Peace Memorial Haven.

## Facelift for an icon

Each of the small units was sponsored by either a lodge or other community groups, and were built over a period of time as funds permitted.

Plaques on the fronts of these units acknowledging the support of these groups.

Several years ago the Peace Haven Board agreed that the time had come to turn their attention to a redevelopment of this village and, after researching a number of options, decided to remodel half of Docking Court.

The logistics of vacating the 11 earmarked units was a lengthy process, but there was great co-operation between all the parties involved and the outcome was beneficial to all.

A number of residents relocated to either upgraded units on the northern side or to the Masonic Garden Village in Norwood, about a kilometre away.

Part of the history of Docking Court will be maintained by absorbing some of the existing buildings into the new concept plans, as well as by removing the plaques from the southern units for relocation to an appropriate place as a memorial.

Building work should commence in the near future and the ongoing history of Docking Court will begin its next phase.

It is envisaged that over the next 10 years or so, the remaining 12 units on the northern side will have a similar facelift.

## Inspiring address by students

An inspiring address was delivered by two Grade Ten students during a service of Remembrance at Masonic Peace Haven Chapel on Anzac Day 2010.

The 70 people attending heard from Queechy High School's Emma Crack and Gemma Williams.

Emma read the last letter received from her great grandfather, a

prisoner in Thailand who died on the Burma railway.

The service was led by Bro Keith Yost.

Also taking part was MW Bro Harold William, who read a poem "A Tribute to Anzac Day".

As well, Mrs Noreen Stubbs read the poem "We're All Australians

Now" by "Banjo" Paterson.

This service was originally formulated by Bro Max Frost and RW Bro Monty McDonald in 2007.

Although both have since passed away, the tradition has been carried on by others every year since.

- Bill Robinson

The official ceremony to open the new sections of the Fred French Masonic Nursing Home was held on May 18, 2010, with the Grand Master, MW Bro Norm Cooper, officiating.

He noted there had been several major projects over the years to upgrade the Home to provide residents and their families with high-standard accommodation and good working conditions for staff.

The final stage of this particular planning process commenced in June 2008 when the Board undertook a master planning exercise to address concerns about the older sections of the Home.

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## New sections opened at Fred French

The main issues concerned the difficulty management was experiencing attracting residents and their families to take up the offer of two-bedded rooms and the lack of private en-suites.

Several rooms were very small, the East Wing was disjointed from other sections and all areas lacked appropriate storage.

The Board appointed architects ARTAS to develop plans for the upgrade, with Fairbrother Constructions as builders. Works commenced in October, 2009.

This has transformed the Kuiper and East Wings.

They now have eleven new rooms with en-suites, converted shared rooms to single rooms, provided all rooms with private facilities, improved sitting rooms with team-making facilities, improved storage, outdoor areas, medication rooms and nurse offices, provided a new day toilet, a better lounge room and a refurbished communications room for the technical requirements of the Home.

There were insufficient funds available to complete the Robinson Wing, which is the subject of an application to the Commonwealth Government for a capital grant.

The total cost of the project currently stands at \$1.315m.



# Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania

Since the last edition of *Freemasonry Tasmania*, many things have progressed in the life of the Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania.

Construction has begun on seven new independent living units at Selbourne Place. One of those nearing completion is **pictured at right**.

The units have been on the drawing board for some time, and their tenants are eagerly awaiting the day when they can take up residency, expected to be early 2011.

The Board has also bought seven high-quality holiday villas in Wellington Road, adjacent to Lindisfarne Village.

These are undergoing refurbishment to modernise them and provide amenities suitable for older residents.

The villas will be ready for occupancy this month (August), and inspection of those which have not already been "snapped up" can be arranged by contacting executive support officer Joanne Merrifield on 6282 5200.

## New retirement village planned

*The Peace Haven Board has an exciting new development planned for 2011 – a new retirement village in south Launceston.*

*Over the past eighteen months the Board has purchased two adjoining blocks of land on the Kings Meadows Connector directly opposite Bunnings, covering a total of 7.5 hectares.*

*This land could take up to 100 individual retirement residences, plus a community centre and other lifestyle activities, although building will take place in staged developments, according to demand.*

*It is hoped that the first sod will be turned about March 2011.*

*Expressions of Interest were received from eleven architects, from Tasmania and interstate.*

*Of them, three Tasmanian firms were selected to prepare schematic concept plans for the new village.*

*The residences will eventually be sold off plan to prospective buyers and it is hoped that promotion of the new village will start within four months.*

## Moving forward



### National campaign

Funding constraints for residential aged care remains a significant concern for the Board and staff of Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania, with government funding support grossly inadequate.

Despite this unfavourable financial climate, the Homes remain viable.

This has been achieved through stringent budget supervision, while ensuring that the highest priority is given to maintaining services to residents.

However, the Board and management's desire to improve and expand services is difficult to achieve.

A national campaign entitled "The Grand Plan" has been launched with the aim of bringing the plight of aged care to the attention of government decision-makers.

### Planning energy

Much planning and energy is devoted to making life as fulfilling and enjoyable to residents.

A major initiative in recent times is to build a "Homes community", so that residents, families, visitors, volunteers, tenants and staff interact regularly in an enjoyable environment.

CHATS Cafe was the first initiative in this programme.

Since then, Community Celebration Days have been running twice-yearly, resident/family formal dinners are arranged several times a year, and "Audrey's Place", a convivial social gathering spot for drinks, opened at Ballawinne Road late last year.

The motto of the Homes' Aged Care Foundation is "Fulfilment, Well-being, Belonging" and everything being done for residents aims to achieve these aspirations.

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# Around and about

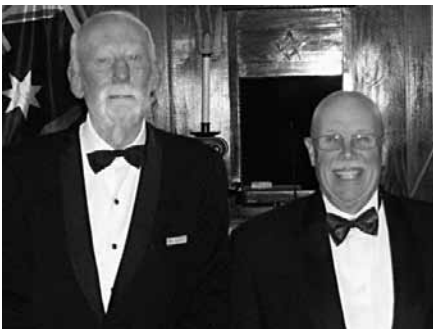
## Tasmanian to address researchers in WA

W Bro Ian Green is to be the Kellerman Lecturer in September at a meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council in Western Australia.

In May this year, W Bro Green presented the 2010 Blaikie Memorial Lecture for the Hobart Lodge of Research, hosted by St Pauls Lodge. W Bro Green spoke of tracing his family tree of masons through several generations, and highlighted their personal histories. He is **pictured below** with St Pauls Worshipful Master, W Bro Don Ronald (left).

The Blaikie Memorial Lecture acknowledges RW Bro T. W. Blaikie PGW, who in 1939 developed a study circle which became the Hobart Lodge of Research in February 1948.

- Jack Clear



*The original building on the Appin Hall property*

## Appin Hall showcased

Appin Hall Children's Foundation property at Erriba near Wilmot was the destination for more than 40 Lodge Esk members, wives and friends on April 18, 2010.

It was a perfect day to "showcase" Appin Hall, with its magnificent views towards Mount Roland bathed in sunshine.

Appin Hall is a respite centre to assist children to recover from and handle illness and trauma brought about through abuse, destitution or any other reason.

It was established and is operated by Ronnie Burns and his wife Maggie, assisted by local volunteers.

Robbie was a successful pop singer in the 1970s and 1980s,

Appin Hall comprises two main buildings with housing, recreation, sleeping, dining and kitchen areas.

Under construction is a huge glasshouse in which vegetables will be grown, allowing the centre to become self-sufficient.

As well, foundations have been laid for a sizeable multi-purpose building.

After enjoying a picnic lunch, the Lodge Esk group toured the 32 acres of grounds and premises and were then entertained by Ronnie and his guitar.

Ronnie and Maggie told stores of sadness and happiness they have experienced with their "special children".

Lodge Esk Ladies Committee and the Lodge presented cheques of \$500 each and raised a further \$205 on the day to assist this most worthy cause.

Afternoon tea was served afterwards in the dining room..

The Appin Hall Foundation receives no government funding and is reliant on monetary donations and gifts of kind.

There are some corporate sponsors, however the foundation is always in need of more, and Lodge Esk recommends it to other lodges as a worthy charity.

Our front page photo shows RW Bro Col Moore presenting a cheque from Lodge Esk to Ronnie and Maggie Burns.

- Col Moore

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## Around and about

### Restoration brings 'new life' to Devonport centre

For many years the Devonport masonic lodge building, now known as Devonport Masonic Centre, was in a state of deterioration and in much need of restoration.

However, because of membership numbers and lack of finance this was not possible, nor could the lodge repay any loan from Grand Lodge.

During 2009, Concord Lodge at Latrobe voted to hand over its building to Grand Lodge, on condition that when it was sold the money would become available for restoration of Devonport's building.

This was agreed by Grand Lodge, and both lodges agreed that Concord should move to Devonport in its own right.

This happened in time for Concord's installation in November 2009, and the transfer went very smoothly, albeit a little congested for a while.

With Concord's move, it was also necessary for Devon Chapter, Cryptic and Lodge and Council to move with them, and all have settled in well.

The Concord building was eventually sold for \$175,000, and restoration of Devonport's beautiful old building began.

Work completed so far has been a new floor in the South, new Colourbond roofing, replacement of outdated and dangerous wiring, and of damaged windows with translucent laminated glass, interior painting with the exception of the lodge room, a sealed driveway and a new caterers oven.

The Devonport Masonic Centre should now last for another 100 years.

The only other thing to be done will be the replacement of galvanized roofing on the remainder of the lodge building.

- Maurice Lawson

### Masonic 'bikers' visit NSW

Motorcycle riders who are also members of the Craft in Tasmania to New South Wales earlier this year for the annual general meeting of the Masonic Motorcyclist Association of Australia.

They set off on the Spirit of Tasmania II on January 22 for Victoria and the NSW town of Young, where the AGM was held.

The Tasmanian chapter was represented by W Bro Rick Goninon (president), W Bro Craig Deane (secretary), W Bro Tony Bruce-Mullins (treasurer), accompanied by Rosemary, W Bro Paul Goninon, W Bro Alan Burton and Bro Peter Shacklady, accompanied by Kelly.

*Our Back Page photo shows members of the Tasmanian Chapter of the Masonic Motorcyclist Association of Australia in a group photo taken at Young.*

## Grand Master presents scholarships

Annual scholarship certificates were presented at the June meeting of Burnie Masonic Lodge by the Grand Master, MW Bro Norm Cooper.

The Worshipful Master, W Bro P. J. Radel, welcomed the students, their families and educators, as well as the lodge ladies and the ladies of visiting masons.

The Grand Master outlined the history of the scholarships, making particular reference to the D. I. Bartley Burnie Masonic Memorial Scholarship.

This was established by the former Burnie Rechab Lodge after a suggestion by Bro D. I. Bartley who died before its inception.

MW Bro Cooper also referred to the Hilton Sharpe Burnie Masonic Memorial Scholarship, which was established by the former Gill Memorial Lodge and named after a prominent freemason, RW Bro Hilton Sharpe.

Both scholarships commenced in 1991. The greater part of the initial funds came from bequests from the estates of the later Bros Ernest West and Roy Conroy.

After the Grand Master's address, the winner of the Hilton Sharpe scholarship, ex Hellyer campus Tasmanian Academy student Zac Durkin - now studying medicine at the University of Tasmania - outlined his progress through his five-year course.

Winners of the D. I. Bartley scholarships were grade seven pupils Lisa Russell from Burnie High School and Tayla Stubbs from Parklands.

- Gerry Gunton



Pictured with the Grand Master and the Master of Burnie Masonic, W Bro P. J. Radel, are Zac Durkin and Lisa Russell. Inset is Tayla Stubbs, who was not present on the night

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# Counting the years



## Birthday surprise

A surprise visit from members of Devonport Masonic Lodge made Bro Frank Kerrison's 90th birthday a special occasion on June 23, 2010.

Frank has been a mason for more than sixty years. The visitors enjoyed a wee dram and a cake was produced which didn't last long.

*Pictured are (from left) Col Blackwood (aged 91), Leighton Scott, (88), Ian Muir (88), Bill Holman (94), and the man of the moment, Frank Kerrison.*

- Maurice Lawson

## Sixty years for Bruce

For the third meeting in a row another member of The Pacific Lodge to have the significant anniversary of his service recognised was W Bro Bruce Connor.

He celebrated 60 years in the Craft on February 18 when he was presented with a bar to his 50 Year Jewel by RW Bro Terry Dann, PDGM of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania (pictured at right).

Bruce was initiated into Pacific Lewis Lodge in February 13, 1950. In May 1951 he and three other members were passed on the same night, and on February 12, 1951 he was part of a double raising.

Bruce joined Friendship Lodge and after serving as Junior and Senior Warden, became its Master in 1965. After the closure of Friendship in 1993, Bruce joined The Pacific Lodge while retaining his membership of Pacific Lewis.

He was a Grand Steward in 1968 and served on the Board of Benevolence from 1993 to 1996 at the time of the formation of the Benevolent Foundation.



The same evening was also cause for celebration with of the raising of Bro Chris Archer, pictured below with his proposer, W Bro Jack Clear (left) and Wor Bro Max Pringle.

- Jack Clear



## Four active "Fifties"

Roland Lodge now has four active Fifty Year Jewel recipients, following presentations to of RW Bro R. Diprose and W Bro I. Muir.

They are pictured below the other "Fifties", W Bro Les Crowden (left) and RW Bro Bill Bannon (right).



The presentations in March were made by RW Bro M. Lawson.

Greetings were received from W Bro Muir's mother lodge, Sirilium in Newport, Wales.

The correspondence included a Fifty Year Certificate and greetings from the Pro Grand Master of Monmouthshire.

- Kevin Chambers

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# Starting off and staying around



## The internet: Roger to that

The power of the internet in bringing potential candidates into freemasonry culminated in Bro Roger Burdon being initiated into Lodge Clarence in March 2010.

During his speech in the south, Bro Burdon said he had done a lot of research about freemasonry on the internet. One of the statements which particularly drew him to the Craft was "Freemasonry takes good men and makes them better."

*Pictured is Bro Burdon between his proposer, W Bro Graeme Evans (Worshipful Master) at left and his seconder, RW Bro Ian Reading from Esperance.*

- Jack Clear



## Grand Master at initiation

Grand Master Norm Cooper visited the Tasmanian Union Lodge in April to witness the initiation of Bro Ian Coombe. The new Brother is pictured here with his proposer, W Bro Frank Trappes, seconder VW Bro Fred Hanlon and the Worshipful Master of Tasmanian Union Lodge, W Bro David Baldwin.

Photo: Jack Clear

## Mt Lyell member acknowledged

The brethren of Mt Lyell lodge feel that the loyalty of Bro Alwyn (Bob) Sargeant - a recent recipient of his 70 year Certificate - should be acknowledged.

Bro Sargeant was initiated into the Lodge in February 1940, passed to the second degree in February 1941, and raised in October 1941 at the age of 22 years.

Soon after World War II, he left Queenstown for Victoria, where he still lives.

Bro Sargeant never joined or affiliated with any other lodge, but remained a loyal and fully financial member of Mt Lyell Lodge for all his years of membership. He was made a life member of the lodge in September 2004.

In a letter to the Lodge secretary, Bro Sargeant said:

"The Certificate arrived in good order and now has pride of place in my home. Thank you, Terry and brethren. I have always had respect for Lodge No. 24. My grandfather (D. K. Rhodes) laid the foundation stone for the Masonic Temple in Queenstown years ago."

W Bro Rhodes was also the first Master of Mt Lyell Lodge. Once during a business trip to Victoria, the Lodge secretary came across Bro Sargeant at a conference, and happened to mention he came from Tasmania.

The secretary asked his name and realised he sent Bro Sargeant a notice paper every month.

Since then they have become good friends, with the secretary always adding some notation when sending Bro Sargeant his notice paper, and Bro Sargeant responding in kind.

- Ian Petty

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# Called to the Grand Lodge above

## Vale: RW Bro Ted Priest

### A friend and Brother

On June 11, 2010, freemasonry in general and the North West Coast in particular lost one of its great icons, RW Bro E. J. (Ted) Priest, at the age of 84.

Ted was initiated on October 1, 1969, in the then Formby Lodge No. 57 TC.

He was passed to the second degree on January 7, 1970 and raised on August 5 in the same year.

Music is defined as the concord of sweet sounds and Ted's masonic generosity brought this not only to all North West lodges, past and present, but to many other lodges throughout the State.

This generosity led to his being awarded the Grand Lodge Order of Merit on August 3, 1988.

In 1992 he was convinced, and as he often said, "had his arm twisted by persons who will remain nameless", to take the chair of King Solomon, so in May of that year he was installed as Worshipful Master of Formby Lodge.



He fulfilled the role with great enthusiasm, and thoroughly enjoyed his term.

When the then Mersey Lodge reverted to a day time lodge, he immediately affiliated, and took the chair on September 16, 1995.

He and one of his great mates, VW Bro Owen Stagg were seen throughout the State, Owen always with his camera and Ted either on the organ or the piano.

In 1997 Ted had the rank of Past Grand Inspector of Lodges bestowed on him in recognition of his continued work of bringing enjoyment to all and sundry in his field of music.

From 2005 he was Grand Lodge organist until health problems forced him to slow down a bit... but of course Ted didn't know what this meant.

In 2008 he was appointed Past RW Bro Grand Warden.

Ted was also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia (Rose Croix) and the holder of the 30th degree.

He was also a past member of the Royal Arch.

RW Bro Priest will be greatly missed.

Sincere condolences are expressed to his wife Mona and family.

- Maurice Lawson



## The Broken Column

*Symbol of the passing of a member of the craft*

### RW Brothers

R. Diprose	Roland Lodge
E. J. Priest	Formby Lodge
	Mersey Daytime
E. H. Triffett	Mt Lyell Lodge

### VW Brother

S. K. Woodman	St Andrew Lewis
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### W Brothers

I. M. Abell	Burnie Masonic
G. Edwards	Lton-Lawrie Abra
E. W. M. Fisher	Lodge Loyalty
J. C. McLachlan	Leven Lodge
R. G. Marriott	Glenora Lodge
S. S. Palnitkar	Lodge Esk
M. Walley	Dorset Lodge
J. Wells	Lodge Macquarie
	Lodge Loyalty
	Hobart Research
T. J. White	Rosebery Lodge

### Brothers

A. C. Anderson	Lton Daytime
D. T. Bonner	Lord Carrington
E. J. Brown	Glenora Lodge
W. D. Butler	Mt Lyell Lodge
E. G. Carter	Lodge Heather
J. Copeman	Nugara Lodge
D. G. Finegan	Tasmanian Union
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## Called to the Grand Lodge above



Officers of Lodge Loyalty join W Bro Noel Woodrow, in paying tribute to their comrades who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above, at W Bro Woodrow's last night as Worshipful Master. The close-up of the alter (at right) shows the brethren remembered.

Photos - Jack Clear

## Loyalty remembers its late members

At the regular meeting of Lodge Loyalty on May 18, 2010, members paid tribute to four brethren who died during the previous year.

The remembrance was held on the last night for the Worship Master, W Bro Noel Woodrow.

It included lighting of candles and the singing of "Oh God our Help in Ages Past".

W Bro Paul Lewis died on September 22, 2009.

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He was a past secretary, treasurer and preceptor.

At the time of his death he was Senior Grand Deacon of the then ceremonial team.

Bro Roy (Boysie) Morris, a member for 53 years, died on October 5, 2009.

W Bro Stan Fisher, who was Worshipful Master of United Service Lodge at the time of its incorporation with Lodge Loyalty, died on December 4, 2009.

W Bro E. W. M. (Morris) Fisher, past chaplain and Life Member, passed away on January 2, 2010.

The Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro John Wallace, assisted by Grand Lodge officers, installed a Master Mason as Worshipful Master of Lodge Loyalty the following month.

W Bro Ian Crawford took charge of the lodge, assisted by Senior Warden, Bro Ralph Wells, and Junior Warden, W Bro David Byrne.

- David Louez



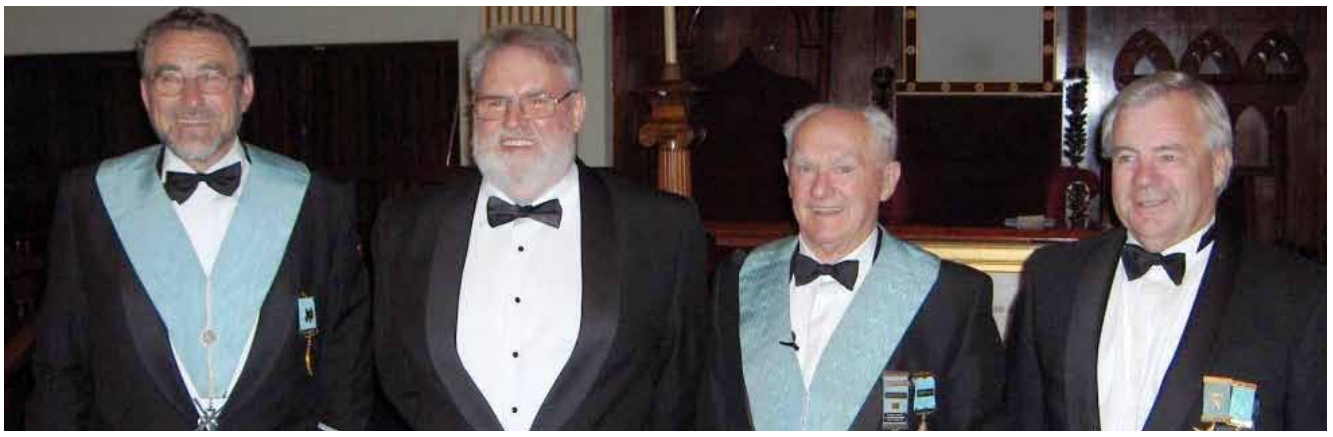
### Back Page photos

**TOP:** The Grand Master, MW Bro Norm Cooper (centre) paid an official visit to Tasmanian Union Lodge in April. He is pictured with his escort party.

**MIDDLE:** Members of the Masonic Motorcycle Association of Australia, including Tasmanian representatives, at the association's annual general meeting in Young, NSW. Story Page 11.

**BOTTOM:** New Pacific Lodge member Peter Knight, pictured with his proposer, W Bro Jim Wilkinson (left), W Bro Max Pringle and his seconder, RW Bro Barry Curtain (right). More Initiates, Page 13.

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