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Your "PR Levy" at work - paying for promotional signs and banner in the Huon (top), street art at Deloraine (right), audiovisual equipment for masonic promotional meetings throughout the state (below) - and this "Special Edition" of *Freemasonry Tasmania*. - See Page 2

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Special Grand Installation promotional edition

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Our 'Special Edition'

This edition of *Freemasonry Tasmania* is "special" in that, for the first time, it is in full colour, and has been funded by the Grand Lodge Public Relations Levy.

A fourth 2007 edition was needed to help promote the February 2008 Grand Installation.

The Board of General Purposes and the Public Relations and Information Committee - which administers the PR Levy - agreed that covering the cost of a special edition would be an appropriate expenditure of money raised from the Levy.

Our front page photos shows some of the other ways the PR Levy has been used to put freemasonry in the public eye.

Christmas message from the Grand Master

Friendship - a privilege to share

In each of the last two years, I opened my Christmas message with two verses which come from the well known and loved Christmas carol, "While shepherds watched their flocks by night". I went on to develop my messages around the themes of 'peace' and 'goodwill'.

The words of the carol in question were written by Nahum Tate, an Irish poet and dramatist who lived from 1652 to 1715. He wrote other popular hymns, and the following quotation comes from his writings:

"Friendship's the privilege of private men; for wretched greatness knows no blessing so substantial".

Friendship is important to us as Freemasons and as private individuals.

As Freemasons we are enjoined to avoid topics of discussion which might cause disharmony. In the final address to the Brethren in our Installation ceremonies the Installing Master recommends that brethren "enjoy every satisfaction and delight that disinterested friendship can bring".

I was once asked what this recommendation meant, and explained that disinterested and uninterested have different meanings, with disinterested meaning uninfluenced by self-interest.

Christmas is a time when friends are especially important to us. We send greetings to friends and relations with some of whom we only communicate once a year.

Ann and I have maintained an exchange of Christmas greetings and letters with some people we encountered for only a brief period twenty five years or so ago.

These include a young woman in Canada who was profoundly deaf, who was in the same railway carriage with us during a trip from Vancouver to Banff.



The Grand Master and Mrs Ann Kearon

We were only able to communicate with her in writing.

On another occasion, we met an elderly woman at a bus stop in Copenhagen. Amazingly, a few weeks later we met her again, at another bus stop in Edinburgh.

Our Christmas list also includes another elderly woman met during an overnight stay in a boarding house adjacent to the bus depot in Ottawa.

On the list are old school friends from fifty years ago. And, of course, relatives who are our friends in a very special way.

Freemasonry blesses us with friends. Let us remember that not everyone is so blessed and to reach out the hand of friendship to those who might otherwise be alone.

Ann and I wish all members of the Craft and their families a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Julius Kearon
Grand Master



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Grand Installation invitation to interstate and NZ brethren

The Grand Master, MW Bro Julius Kearon, has extended the following invitation to interstate and New Zealand brethren in a full-colour brochure promoting Tasmania's forthcoming Grand Installation...

On behalf of the Freemasons of Tasmania I extend to you a warm invitation to join us in Hobart in February 2008 for the Installation of RW Bro Norman Cooper as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

The celebrations will begin with receptions on Thursday, February 21, and conclude on Sunday, February 24, with a service in St David's Cathedral, a luncheon and a bus tour.

Tasmania is a wonderful place to visit at any time of the year, but during February in particular we can expect long,

sunny days with daytime temperatures of around twenty-four degrees.

Hobart, with the River Derwent and Mount Wellington, is idyllic. The city abounds in historical interest, Tasmania being Australia's second oldest State.

Over the last three years, Ann and I, together with my Deputy, Norm Cooper, and his wife Cy, have thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and the company of Freemasons and their families from throughout Australia and New Zealand.

We hope that you will be able to join us in Hobart in February so that we might return that hospitality and renew friendships.



Grand Master-elect

Tasmania's Grand Master-elect, RW Bro Norm Cooper (pictured at left), now in semi-retirement, maintains his extensive interest in Craft freemasonry and many other Masonic Orders, as well as continuing his hobbies of gardening, fishing and boating.

Appointed Deputy Grand Master in 2005, RW Bro Cooper said he had three enjoyable years in that role, travelling to all parts of the State and getting to know the brethren.

"I am enthusiastic about the future of freemasonry in Tasmania and heartened by the number and calibre of candidates who have been joining our ranks lately," he said.

RW Bro Cooper continues his involvement with the Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania as a Director on the Board. He is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Howrah.

He said he and his wife Cyrene were now enjoying "the formative years" of their eight grandsons - the eldest having turned twenty!

Deputy Grand Master-designate

The Deputy Grand Master Designate, VW Bro Campbell (John) Wallace (pictured at right) has been in Tasmania for seven years, having moved to Wynyard from Northern Queensland.

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

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

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

For the next fourteen years he managed a fertiliser and chemical supply company.

His recreational interests included rugby league as a youth and he spent some time as a boat owner and recreational saltwater fisherman in Northern Queensland.

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

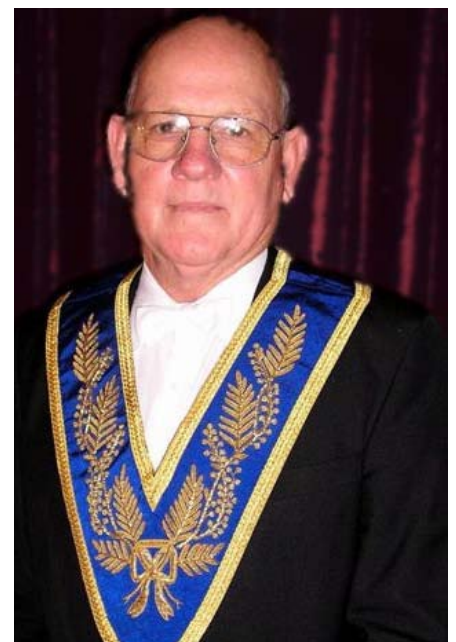
He served as a Steward in the District Grand Lodge of North Queensland in 1991-92 and held various other offices up to District Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1999-2000.

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

VW Bro Wallace joined Royal Arch freemasonry at Inkerman in Queensland.

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

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



In the Grand Lodge of Tasmania he served as Grand Standard Bearer in 2002 and various offices up to Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2006. He is currently Grand Inspector of Lodges/ North West.

High Queensland office for former Tasmanian



Former Lodge Esk member, RW Bro Brian Ling (pictured at left), has been appointed Assistant Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The appointment occasioned an interesting round of coincidences, recalled by Tasmania's Deputy Grand Master-designate, VW Bro John Wallace (see boxed item at right).

Six years ago I attended the Grand Installation in Queensland to support Brian when he was invested Junior Grand Warden. It was a proud occasion for me to again be there when he was invested Assistant Grand Master and, as one would expect with Brian, he was word-perfect in the performance of his duties.

At the banquet I was honoured to be seated with Brian and his wife Gayle, on their special occasion.

I am sure all Tasmanian masons will join me in wishing Brian all the very best, and I know he will be fully supported by Gayle.

The couple plan to attend the Tasmanian Grand Installation in February 2008, and Lodge Esk members hope Brian will be able to "return to his Mother" (Lodge) during that visit.

Brian was initiated into Lodge Esk in September 1967; he progressed through all the offices and was installed as Worshipful Master in October 1976. The lodge prospered under his leadership.

A builder by trade, Brian was continually assisting with maintenance and general cleaning-up around Launceston's Brisbane Street masonic building.

Often seeing that something needed to be done, he would quietly go ahead and do it; few people were aware of his efforts.

In 1981 he was appointed Grand Superintendent of Works of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

However, the following year he and Gayle decided to move to Queensland, settling on the Gold Coast in the Burleigh area - a loss to Tasmanian freemasonry and Lodge Esk but a big gain for Queensland.

Brian retained his membership with Lodge Esk for many years while at the same time establishing himself in the Burleigh Lodge, which is one of the most successful in Queensland, with as many as forty Master Masons in its membership.

Col Moore



Shared coincidences

During a recent trip to Queensland, Elva and I (pictured above) joined the Tasmanian delegation at the Grand Lodge Installation in Brisbane.

Although I had previously met quite a number of the Queensland team, including the previous three Grand Masters and the new Deputy Grand Master (Adrian Burton), I had never met the new Grand Master or his Assistant Grand Master, and didn't get the opportunity to do so on that occasion.

However, while we were visiting our son and daughter in Mount Isa, it was brought to our notice that Cloncurry Lodge was celebrating its Centenary, and the Grand Master of The United Grand Lodge of Queensland was travelling to the north-west to conduct the re-consecration ceremony.

As Cloncurry is the neighbouring town to Mount Isa, 120 kilometres away, we decided to attend.

I was introduced to both the Grand Master, MW Bro Graeme Ewin, and his Assistant Grand Master, former Lodge Esk member, RW Bro Brian Ling.

RW Bro Ling and I discovered an interesting coincidence: while he was born and raised in northern Tasmania, moving to Queensland to eventually become Assistant Grand Master, I was born and raised in northern Queensland and moved to Tasmania, where I became the Deputy Grand Master-designate, an almost-equivalent position in Tasmania.

Also by coincidence, these celebrations took place on the same day that Tasmania's Lodge of Peace celebrated its Sesquicentenary (Story, Page 9), and both the Cloncurry and Peace Lodges share an almost-identical foundation date.

John Wallace

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'Thank you' from Freemates scholar

The first scholarship recipient under the Freemasons Assisting Tertiary Education Students (Freemates) scheme - Ms Bonnie Marshall of Forth has written to the Grand Master expressing thanks for the support and encouragement she has received from the fraternity.

"So far my year has been a good one," she said. "I received great marks for my Science subjects in the first semester - Animal Evolution and Ecology (72 - Distinction) and Plants in Action (92 - High Distinction).

"My Law subjects are marked at the end of the year, as they are full-year subjects. However, they are both progressing well.

"It was an honour to be able to meet some of your members at the scholarship luncheon at the University.

"It is nice to receive a scholarship, and even better receiving it from an organisation which takes such an interest in my ongoing studies and life in general," Bonnie said.

Legacy of 'positives'

Sad as it is for a lodge to hand in its charter, the brethren of the former Lake Lodge No. 29 TC were able to arrange for some "positives" to come from the closure.

The Lodge had for many years supported the Longford Primary School with an annual award, and the former members decided to continue that support in a different form.

The former Secretary of Lake Lodge, VW Bro Wilf Johnston, said it was decided to make a fifteen-hundred dollar donation to the school.

The money had been deposited and interest payments would be used to fund an annual prize for a student chosen by the principal and staff.

The prize, to be known as "The Masonic Award", would be based on the criteria that the selected student selected follows masonic principles.

Each award will be accompanied by a certificate displaying the Lake Lodge Centenary logo (1905-2005).

Another "positive" coming from the closure of Lake Lodge is that the masonic

canopies formerly used in its building at Longford have been handed over to the Heather Hall Company in Newstead.

Pictured below is Longford Primary School Principal Peter Rasmussen (left) accepting "The Masonic Award" cheque from VW Bro Wilf Johnston.



Our wandering masons

It's not been so much a case of meeting "the wandering Jews", but rather "the wandering Masons" for the travelling Editor of *Freemasonry Tasmania*.

Just as W Bro Ian Cutler was "wrapping up" the August edition of the magazine in the Darwin lodge rooms, who should happen by but **W Bro Ian Hosan**, who many Tasmanian brethren will remember from his association with Hobart lodges and with Grand Lodge ceremonial teams.

Ian H and his better half, Maxeen have joined the thousands of "grey nomads" travelling around our great country.

At the Darwin lodge rooms, IanH and Maxeen met Martha Cain (on the left of our top-right **Back Page photo**), who lives in one of the adjacent home units provided by the Territory's freemasons.

Ian C eventually reached Port Hedland, where he attended the Installation of the De Grey Chapter of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia. There he met yet another Brother who started his masonic career in Hobart!

Tasmania's Bowen Lodge at Lindisfarne is the Mother Lodge of Very Eminent Companion **Stewart Stenhouse**, a former Hydro Electric Commission engineer who was also a member of the Archibald Park Royal Arch Chapter at Lindisfarne.

He's shown (right) the top-left **Back Page photo** with Dr Neil Jenson (centre), the First Principal of the De Grey Royal Arch Chapter, and the Grand Jesua of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia, Rt Em Comp Norm Taylor.



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Serving Homes in the North

The 'last original' retires

After 32 years on the Board of Management of the Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania, VW Bro Henry Harris - the "last of the originals" - has "hung up his badge" and retired.

Henry was elected a Lodge Representative in 1975 and subsequently served on the planning committee for the construction of the Masonic Peace Haven complex at Penquite Road, Norwood, and the Masonic Garden Village independent living units, which commenced operations in 1986.

Henry served continuously as a Director on the Peace Haven Board and until October 2006 was also a Director on the Board of the Fred French Home.

He was Chairman of Peace Haven for many of those years and latterly served as the Vice-Chairman.

At a special presentation during the Annual General Meeting of the Masonic Peace Haven Lodge Representatives on

October 3, W Bro Ian Green, Chairman of Peace Haven, paid tribute to Henry's long and distinguished career as a Director.

"He has seen this facility develop from a bare paddock to what it is today. During his tenure, this entire complex was built. What a magnificent achievement!" W Bro Green said.

"The fine Peace Haven and Fred French facilities throughout the Tamar Valley bear witness to Henry's dedication and leadership.

"He is a fine Mason and has done a grand job. Well done, Henry!"

MW Bro Paul Hodges, Chairman of the Fred French Board, said that during his time as Chairman of Peace Haven, VW Bro Harris and the Board faced some extremely trying times.

"However, he always managed to find solutions to those problems and I applaud him for the service he has given to the



Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania in particular, and generally to aged care throughout Tasmania".

A gold watch and a framed Certificate of Appreciation were presented to VW Bro Harris (see photo above), who said: "I've had a wonderful time! It is a vibrant organisation and I am sure that it will go a long way in the future."

The Board is not allowing Henry too much rest in his retirement, because it has asked him to help prepare a history of the Homes for the archives.

Gift from Lodge Phoenix

Masonic Peace Haven recently received a "two-part gift" from Lodge Phoenix - a richly illustrated book for the waiting room coffee table, plus a donation of \$150 raised during charity collections in the lodge's First Degree ceremonies.

The book, *Freemasonry - A Celebration of the Craft*, comprises more than one hundred pages detailing the origins, history and meaning of freemasonry.

Just one of the interesting facts to be found in it is that "on August 5, 1884, the then Grand Master of Masons in New York, William A. Brodie, laid the cornerstone of the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty with full Masonic ceremony".

The Worshipful Master of Lodge Phoenix, VW Bro Ian Blair, along with W Bro Greg Parkinson, presented the book to the Chairman of Masonic Peace Haven, W Bro Ian Green, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania, Mr Kerry Ollington. (See photo).



(The Chairman was especially pleased to receive this book as he also happens to be the Secretary of Lodge Phoenix!)

The lodge representatives said the book presentation highlighted the commitment of Lodge Phoenix to the masonic education of its members and the general public.

They hoped the book would entertain and inform visitors to Masonic Peace Haven about the long history and ideals of freemasonry which have spanned nations and cultures.

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Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania

Fun and farewell

Staff of The Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania recently farewelled two long-serving members following their retirement - Kaye Flakemore and Glenys Green.

Kaye hung up her apron after thirty-three years of service to the Home. She started in the Domestic area and then moved to Catering.

Her valuable contribution to the Homes and friendship to all will be greatly missed.



Following the farewell function, Kaye was spotted leaving the premises in a wheel chair escorted by a large group of staff members, amidst a plethora of streamers, balloons and confetti.

Glenys Green departed a little more quietly, following twenty-two years of service on night shift as a Registered Nurse. She has moved to Queensland to start a new venture with her husband.

Kaye and Glenys attended an afternoon tea hosted by members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman, MW Bro Alan Swinton, thanked them for their long and dedicated service and presented them with Certificates of Service and a gift of Tasmanian timbers.

Appointment assures quality in care and service

The quality of service delivered at the Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania has been further strengthened with the appointment of Paul Stevens as Quality Assurance Manager.

Paul brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the organisation in the area of continuous quality improvement.

Basically, he has assumed the role of an internal auditor and will closely scrutinise all care systems to ensure that practices and procedures are being maintained at the required standard.

For thirty years Paul worked in the education field, as a school teacher, principal and administrator before joining the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency in 2003.

When news of his intended departure from the Agency became known he

was immediately approached by the Homes, where he now works in a part-time capacity.

Apart from applying his expertise, Paul is quickly becoming known for the volume of work that he generates.

In his days off, Paul spends time at a small farm at Conningham, where he lives with his wife, Rose. They have four children and two grandchildren.

Paul enjoys fishing, gardening and renovating, follows most sports and is a keen Geelong supporter.

The experience Paul has gained in his previous roles will be immensely beneficial in supporting senior management and the Board of the Homes and ensuring that care systems are appropriately maintained.

Alan Swinton

Directors 'turn ninety'

Directors who have jointly given ninety years' service to the Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania were commended at the 2007 Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman, MW Bro Alan Swinton said that as well as attending the usual monthly Board meetings, the directors also took part in many committee meetings and performed other functions.

He said the directors run a multi-million dollar business, but unlike directors of other boards in the community, they receive no compensation whatsoever and their contribution can, at times, be taken for granted.

At the first Board meeting for the year the office bearers were re-elected.

They include MW Bro A. Swinton, Chairman (16 years service); MW Bro K. Graver, Deputy Chairman (nine years); W Bro J. Woods, treasurer (four years); RW Bro H. Hollick, Grand Lodge Representative (six years); and members MW Bro R. Clarke (six years), RW Bro N. Cooper (seven years), RW Bro R. Dick (11 years); RW Bro T. Dann (ten years) and W Bro H. James (21 years).

Wheelchair presented

The late W Bro E. (Burk) Clutterbuck has been acknowledged in a gift of a wheelchair to the Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania from members of St Pauls Lodge and his family (see photo at right).

The Worshipful Master of St Pauls, W Bro Brian Jessup, said W Bro Clutterbuck - a Past Master of the Lodge - was a likeable person held in high esteem by everyone.

The wheelchair has been inscribed in honour of his memory.

The presentation was made after the the Annual General Meeting of the Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania.



Around the World

Progress in Mauritius

The recently appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania near to the Grand Lodge of Mauritius (Grande Loge de Maurice) has advised of the progress of freemasonry in the island nation.

RW Bro Regis Finette says there are now nine lodges making up the Grand Lodge; the newest is Lodge Unity, the only one of the nine to work in English.

Mauritius is a bilingual country but many of the descendants of Indian and Chinese immigrants are more at ease with English than with French.

RW Bro Finette is the WM of Lodge Unity which will work a translation of a French Rectified Scottish Rite ritual.

It proved a real challenge to obtain a suitable English translation of this ritual.

Benefits for Irish children

In 1975 Irish freemasonry's Girls' School was sold and a Masonic Girls' Benefit Fund was established with the money raised. A similar Masonic Boys' Benefit Fund was also established.

The two funds now have assets in excess of thirty million pounds.

In 2005 they paid out a total of 560,000 pounds to assist with education up to and including Master's Degree level, and the welfare of the children of deceased and distressed brethren.

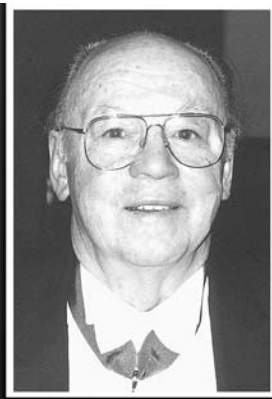
The Funds were at that time supporting 135 boys and 189 girls together with another 70 mature-age daughters of deceased brethren.

Henderson Lecture Tour

The following is reprinted from the September 2007 issue of *The Alberta Mason...*

"Kent Henderson, well known masonic author, teacher and speaker from Australia, is touring Canada, the United States, Britain and South Africa in September.

"Two of his nine Canadian stops will be in Alberta. His topic at Calgary will be *The First Degree Around The World.*"



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Prestonian Lectures

The Prestonian lectures are the only lectures held under the authority of The United Grand Lodge of England. Distinguished lecturers are appointed by Trustees of the Prestonian Fund.

In 2006 the title of the lecture by W Bro G. S. Angell was *The Victoria Cross - Freemasons Band of Brothers.*

The 2007 lecturer is RW Bro Dr R. B. F. Khambatta (Pakistan) and his topic is *Grand Secretaries 1813 - 1980.*

The appointee for 2008 (W Bro R. D. T. Sillett) has chosen to speak on *The Language of the Ritual.*

New UGLE position

At the annual Investiture of the United Grand Lodge of England on April 25, 2007, RW Bro Alan Englefield was invested as the first Grand Chancellor of the UGLE. His task is to coordinate activities concerning international relations.

The rebirth of freemasonry in Eastern Europe, the Baltic and the Balkans has greatly increased the workload.

The nature of modern communications and the ease of travel means that the leisurely style of former times is no longer appropriate.

The Grand Chancellor emblem and jewel show a terrestrial globe symbolising masonry universal, with clasped hands depicting fraternal relations and brotherly love.

Turmoil in Russia

Often we accentuate the positives and leave the negatives, hoping that they will wither and decay. Unfortunately, it must be admitted, freemasons sometimes create turmoil within their own ranks.

This has happened in Russia where two conflicting groups have failed to reconcile their differences.

Even after a specially-appointed international group of observers (intending to be peace makers) from England, America and France attended a joint meeting of interested parties in June 2007, the schism remains.

The executive secretary of the World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges, RW Bro Thomas Jackson, was a member of the international group.

He says the legitimate and regular Grand Lodge of Russia is led by MW Bro Andrey Bogdanov as Grand Master, with VW Bro Vladimir Nikitin as Grand Secretary.

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Around and About



Peace Lodge celebrations

On August 11, 2007, the Lodge of Peace celebrated its 150th year, with a regular meeting attended by the Grand Master and his team, followed by a gathering open to guests and ladies.

VW Bro Ken Knight outlined the history of the lodge from its consecration at Longford in 1857, the journeys to Stanley, then Hamilton-on-Forty (now known as Forth), and its present location in Penguin.

The celebrations then moved to the Penguin Surf Club rooms for a dinner and entertainment.

The Worshipful Master, W Bro Brian Jones, called on Mrs Tup Butler - the widow of W Bro Lance Butler, and Bro Rex Ling - the longest serving member (sixty years) - to cut a ceremonial cake.

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New leaders for OES in Tasmania

At the Eleventh Biannual Sessions of the Order of the Eastern Star in Adelaide in June 2007, Sister Helen Williams from Wynyard was installed as Deputy Grand Matron of Tasmania. She is a member of the OES Tasman Chapter.

Brother Barrie Bell from Huonville - a member of the Hobart Chapter - was installed as Tasmania's Deputy Grand Patron.

Sister Williams and Bro Bell (pictured at right) have two-year terms, which will end at the Twelve Biannual Sessions in Sydney in June 2009.

Along with the Deputy Grand Matrons Committee, Sister Williams and Bro Bell comprise the governing



body for the Order of the Eastern Star in Tasmania.

Both have embarked on what they feel will be an exciting and harmonious two years travelling around the State, renewing friendships with other masonic orders and charity organisations, and visiting OES Chapters in other States.

Thanks from former Diary Committee

The Diary Committee of the 1989 Masters' Association thanks all past and present advertisers and subscribers who have given us their support in the production and sale of the Masonic Homes diaries.

Your support and encouragement made it possible for substantial funds to be donated to masonic homes in the north and south of Tasmania.

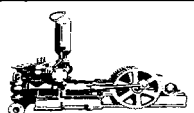
Now that the production of the 2008 Diary has been passed to a committee of The Pacific Lodge, we are confident you will give them the same support.

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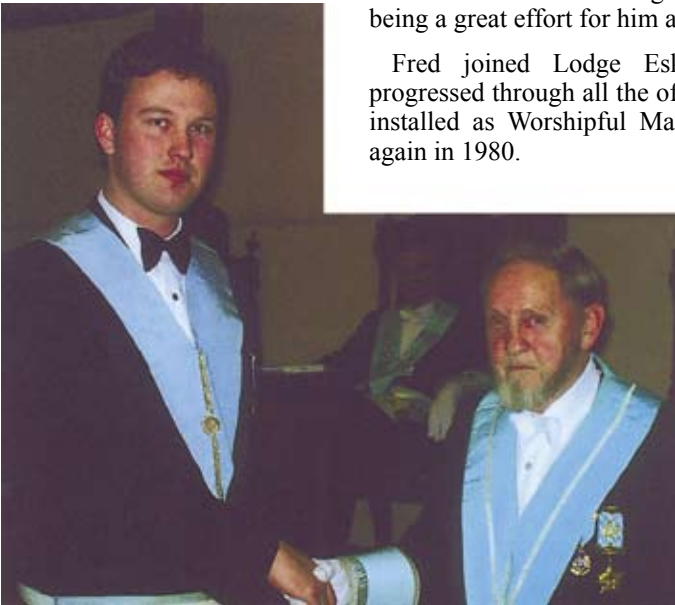
RW Bro Fred Gulliford PGW

RW Bro Fred Gulliford (pictured left), who passed to the Grand Lodge Above on June 28, 2007, was a tireless worker in the Craft. His death is a great loss to freemasonry in general and to Lodge Esk in particular.

Fred was presented with his Forty Year Certificate on March 29, 2007 by RW Bro Colin Moore representing the Grand Master, supported by several Lodge Esk Members.

The presentation was made at Fred's home, and he insisted on standing to receive it - this being a great effort for him at the time.

Fred joined Lodge Esk in 1965 and progressed through all the offices until he was installed as Worshipful Master in 1973 and again in 1980.



He was nominated Grand Steward in 1988, became Grand Pursuivant in 1991, Grand Deacon in 1992, Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1994 and was elected Grand Warden in 1995.

Fred also served on the Board of General Purposes for many years and was awarded the Grand Lodge Order of Distinguished Service.

At the Lodge Esk regular meeting on July 24 the lodge's traditional one-minute silence was observed and RW Bro Moore presented the eulogy, after which W Bro Don Simpson presented Fred's grandson, Bro Nathan Groves, with Fred's Lodge Esk Jewel (see photo at lower left).

Bro Groves thanked the brethren for their support and attendance at Fred's funeral, which was "Grand" indeed and Bro Nathan's presentation of the Masonic Oration and Eulogy very moving.

Many members of the family and non-masonic visitors were impressed with the masonic part of the ceremony, and the placing the sprig of acacia and the respect and friendship shown among the brethren present was very special.

A large number of masons were present to farewell a man who was loved and respected by all who knew him.

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The Acacia Symbol - a response

I read with interest the Letter to the Editor by Bro Gilbert in the August 2007 edition of Freemasonry Tasmania, but agree only in part with his views.

This reflects the time often taken by brethren to lay down pieces of acacia at funerals; this could be greatly reduced by them being seated together, thereby presenting in an orderly fashion.

With the greatest respect I believe Bro Gilbert has missed the point - the fact that the family of the deceased brother has thought it worthy to have the masonic participation for their loved one included in the ceremony, and can so witness the individual sincerity of brethren publicly showing their respect for a departed brother, which I suggest would bring warmth and pride to their sad hearts.

Many people at these ceremonies may be in awe of the number of masons in attendance, and are probably unaware of the strong bond of friendship within our organisation which they would not know unless brethren at a funeral have the opportunity to demonstrate their personal loss by active participation. May this last act of respect continue.

Geoffrey Starnes
PM No. 2 TC

Where was 'Mother'?

Recently at Macquarie Lodge in Hobart, the officer presenting a Sixty Year Bar described the recipient, W Bro J. D. Clarke, as "the only Mason I know whose mother Lodge performed none of his degrees".

In 1947, after W Bro Clarke was accepted as a candidate by St Andrew Lewis Lodge in Launceston.

His initiation coincided with an official visit by Victory Lewis Lodge from Hobart, whose officers carried out the ceremony.

When his second degree was scheduled, St Andrew Lewis brethren went to Hobart to reciprocate the visit and again Victory Lewis officers did the work.

By the time W Bro Clarke's third degree came around he had moved to Hobart and affiliated with Victory Lewis.

On the occasion of W Bro Clarke's last night as Worshipful Master of Victory Lewis, forty years ago, he officially welcomed an affiliate into the Lodge.

That affiliate was W Bro Gilbert - the very same presenting officer at W Bro Clarke's "Sixty Year presentation night" at Macquarie Lodge.

The presenting officer said W Bro Clarke embodied the principles of masonry - direct, honest and always willing to assist.

W Bro Clarke responded by saying he was "a Northerner" and had worked there. After five and a half years in the RAAF he applied for membership of St Andrew Lewis but before being officially accepted he had moved to Hobart to embark on an engineering course at the University of Tasmania.

W Bro Clarke referred to his year as Worshipful Master as "one which I anticipated with great pleasure" although after the installation in August his Secretary died suddenly, making the first few months rather busy while he acted in both positions.

Later in February, the Hobart bushfires severely affected a number of Victory Lewis members. Many of the unaffected members rallied and much time was spent in fence building, undertaking repairs, assisting house moves and other assistance.

W Bro Clarke still remembers the year with pride in his team.

'Six times Forty' at Lodge Heather

Forty Year Certificates were presented to five Lodge Heather members on September 18, 2007 by VW Bro C. A. Duncombe. A sixth recipient, W Bro B. W. Duncan, was unable to attend.

In our centre Back Page photo (from left) are W Bro Geoffrey Hellyer, W Bro R. A. Walley, VW Bro Duncombe, W Bro K. M. Jordan (Worshipful Master of Lodge Heather), W Bro F. R. Milbourne, W Bro E. B. De Jersey and Br S. R. Edwards.

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“wandering masons” -
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RIGHT: Six times Forty
- service certificates
presented to members of
Lodge Heather -
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BELOW: Foundation
Members medals were
presented to St Hellen’s
Lodge brethren in August
2007 by MW Bro Robert
Clarke (back row, left).



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