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From the Editor

Thank you for your confidence in appointing me the editor of Tasmanian Freemasonry.

I look forward to continuing the great work that Ian Cutler brought to the role over the past 10 years. Please remember this is your magazine and I want to share with everyone what is happening in your lodge. Special thanks to "Roving Reporter" Jack Clear for his magnificent contribution to this issue - very much appreciated. Look forward to hearing from you all.

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Launceston Daytime Lodge

Launceston Daytime Lodge meets at Heather Hall, Newstead on the 3rd Thursday of every month excepting January at 1.30 pm for its normal meeting upstairs. The wives and widows of the lodge join them for afternoon tea along with guest speakers or entertainment.

The meetings usually last one hour with the business transacted and a lecture with a masonic flavour.

Our current master is W Bro William (Bill) Smith who comes from Ulverstone, the secretary V W Bro Geoffrey Stearnes.

Launceston Daytime fills an important role for Freemasonry in the Launceston area allowing older masons who don't or can't go out at night to still attend masonic meetings and keep in contact with fellow masons.

Members in the main come from out of town as far away as Deloraine, Meander and Chudleigh, the lodge is always looking for new members and would welcome any unattached mason or member who does not wish to go out at night to lodge.

Alan Cameron

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From the Grand Master

M.W. Bro. C J (John) Wallace

As my first year as Grand Master draws to a close, I pause to reflect on what has occurred during the year, and look forward with anticipation to the Masonic year ahead,

I offer thanks to the brethren throughout the state for their support during this year and congratulate all who have given of their time and energy to carry masonry into the future. It never ceases to amaze me how generous and helpful the brethren of Tasmania are in their efforts to keep masonry a vibrant, useful, and enjoyable organisation in the community.

In particular, I should mention the efforts of the three Grand Lodge ceremonial teams, as they strive to keep our Installations and Special Events the spectacle they are meant to be. Many of these brethren will continue as Grand Lodge officers, although in most instances in a different role and I congratulate these brethren on their various appointments.

The moment can't be allowed to pass without also expressing the gratitude I extend to the members of the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Benevolence in their tireless, "Behind the Scenes" efforts in the administration of Masonry throughout the State. Their work is not always evident to the broader Masonic community, but one can always be assured that they place Masonry high on their priority list and give of their time and energy in the prosecution of their roles.

Our Grand Secretary has also nearly completed his first year of what can be an onerous task, but I'm sure he has the job well in hand and I thank him also for his support and advice as I've needed on many occasions.

Two items mentioned at the Grand Installation and which are long term goals, were the upgrade of our Masonic Centres, membership retention and recruitment. The upgrades are progressing well

with some approved work still to be completed and with some still under negotiation between the Board of General Purposes and the respective Centre Managements. It isn't necessary that all centres need to undertake large scale renovations, but it is important that our buildings and surrounds are kept in presentable condition, as this is in many cases our window to the broader public.

Membership is a topic which is shared with most if not all jurisdictions and is probably the most important task on our agenda. It is interesting to note that there are Lodges which currently enjoy an influx of new members while others cannot attract candidates at all. To those Lodges which are attracting new members, I offer congratulations. However, it is just as important to implement plans, not only for the retention of these newer members, but also for the retention of those existing members who may be losing interest for one reason or another. To those Lodges which cannot attract candidates, I urge investigation of their operations to establish probable reasons.

The Masonic Education Programme as introduced by M.W. Bro. Yaxley has run its course, and we are awaiting the introduction of further material to continue this valuable initiative. I urge all brethren to get on board with the programme, either by way of participation, or by the planning of the participation of those deemed desirable of such involvement.

The establishment of the "Tasmania Open Day" sub-committee of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee is nearing completion and I commend this initiative to all brethren and trust it will be well supported.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year, and I trust the year 2012 brings with it everything one can reasonably expect.

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International Visitors - Granville & Janet Angell



2006 Prestonian Lecturer Wor Bro Granville Angell (GP) UGLE and
Worshipful Master of the Hobart Lodge of Research
Wor Bro Alan A Church

The Hobart Lodge of Research was thrilled to host Wor Bro Granville Angell (Lord Cannock) Grand Pursuivant of the United Grand Lodge of England, 2006 Prestonian Lecturer and his wife Janet on their recent visit to South East Asia. For 10 weeks Granville and Janet have been touring, mixing business with pleasure, travelling down-under to attend a family wedding and visit friends and family as well as a number of lectures.

During their stay in Hobart the couple were very graciously hosted by Wor Bro Peter Ford and his wife Glen on behalf of Hobart Lodge of Research. They enjoyed visiting local points of interest and Granville attended a number of Lodge meetings during his stay being impressed with what he saw.

On Sunday evening Glen and Peter hosted a dinner party for the couple which was attended by a number of members of Lodge Macquarie and Hobart Lodge of Research.

Monday morning found Janet talking to a group of around 60 at Lodge Macquarie on antiques, restoration and valuations. Members were invited to bring along small items which she then spoke about briefly on their origin, age, history and value. Following the talk members enjoyed the normal Monday lunch of the Lodge before the pair rested up for the night visit to Lodge Esperance.

On Tuesday Granville was driven to the property of Wor Bro Paul Goninon to look at his collection of vintage and veteran cars, a long passion of

Granville's who has restored a number of cars of his own including a mini Rolls Royce. On Tuesday evening the Hobart Lodge of Research held a Friends night and Granville was the guest speaker to over 100 guests whom he held captivated for over an hour and a half talking on his other love Victoria Cross - Band of Brothers. He commenced with the history of the medal from its inception, the number of times it has been awarded – a work in progress because he is still locating long forgotten recipients. He then spoke about Masonic VC recipients roughly by country and then he expanded on the first Masonic VC recipient. He included anecdotes of good humour, a little romance for the ladies and a few odds and ends on research which he threw in for interest.



The WM Hobart Lodge of Research welcomes the guests

Wednesday the group travelled to New Norfolk to visit a number of Antique shops to satiate Janet's passion, enjoyed a rustic lunch at a local pub and attended Hutchins Old Boy's Lodge that evening. On Thursday the couple joined members of the Hobart Lodge of Research at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania for lunch before departing back to Melbourne late that afternoon.

Janet and Granville made quite a lot of new friends in their short but whirlwind visit to our beautiful State, were very appreciative and gracious for the efforts of those members who took the time to make their visit enjoyable and memorable.

Jack Clear



The Worshipful Master and Officers of the
Hobart Lodge of Research gather around Wor Bro Angell



Granville responds

Pacific Lodge

Grand Lodge Certificate Presentations

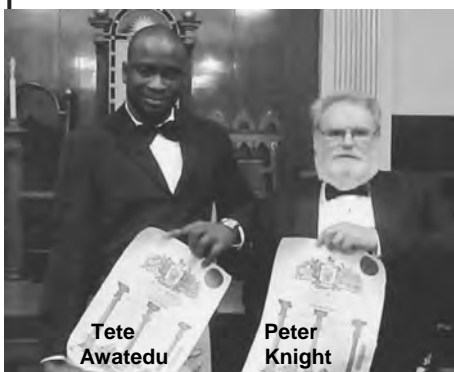
The joy of observing the presentation of Grand Lodge Certificates to two members of Pacific Lodge recently, was tinged with sadness when the Lodge said 'Au Revoir' to one of the pair.

Olatetede (Tete) Awatedu was an applicant who knocked on the door of 3 Sandy Bay Road in 2007 declaring an interest in the Craft. Luckily for the Pacific Lodge he was ushered their way and after a lengthy association with members of the Lodge was Initiated, Passed and Raised in the Lodge.

Having difficulty in finding employment following the completion of his tertiary education he sought greener pastures in the North of the State for the last couple of years. Regular visits by him, his wife Abbie and son Tete ensured that the friendship continued. In August he was able to return to Hobart for the presentation of his Master Mason Certificate, with the news that he had finally secured employment in his chosen profession, unfortunately for the Lodge it is in Queensland.

Tasmania's loss will be Queensland's gain and we wish Tete, Abbie and little Tete all the best in their

new life. We are aware that Abbie still has family in Tasmania and we will, of course, welcome them back home whenever the opportunity arises.



The other, Bro Peter Knight, has been a regular and committed attender whom the Lodge is pleased to count among its number and look forward to a long and fruitful association with him and his family.

Jack Clear

Initiation

Pacific was delighted recently to initiate Brother Peter (Harry) Dale seen here between Wor Bro Ron McCarthy (WM) – proposer and Bro Ben Edwards (left) – seconder. Jack Clear



Bro Ben Edwards Bro Harry Dale W Bro Ron McCarthy

Past Masters night every year at Pacific Lodge has become the traditional night of recognition for all newly created Grandfathers over the past year.



Wor Bro Jim Wilkinson Bro Peter Knight M Wor Bro Rob Clarke V Wor Bro Peter Page

The October meeting of the Lodge was chaired by Wor Bro Laurie Hulcombe and following the initiation of Bro Kurt Fuller, four new Grandfathers were acknowledged and all presented with a silver cup suitably engraved.

Of course the night rightly belonged to Bro Fuller on his initiation who is pictured with the Wor Master Wor Bro Ron McCarthy.



Wor Master Wor Bro Ron McCarthy Bro Fuller

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A Path to Light

by MW Bro. Murray Yaxley GMOH, P. Pro G.M., Superintendent of Masonic Education

Freemasonry is different. It is not the same as a bowls club, a church congregation or a trade union. In the first place it relies on the shared experience of a series of ceremonies to bind its members together. It uses drama, metaphor and symbolism to impress the principles and teachings of the Order on the mind of each individual joining member. Simply passing each one a handbook, in matter-of-fact modern language would not be as meaningful.

The second point of difference is that freemasonry is not only the most extensive fraternal and charitable organisation but it is genuinely interested in the personal development and education of its members. Every initiate is counselled to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

Now look back over your Masonic journey. Do you remember the initial excitement when you joined?

Do you recall the satisfaction that you enjoyed when you were first clothed in your very own master mason's apron?

The fact that you are reading this now confirms that you have stayed the course. You have remained faithful to yourself and to the craft by making steady progress in your understanding of all that freemasonry has to offer and no doubt you have developed a special affinity for one of its facets – ceremony, charity, fellowship, history, research etc.

But what of those other brethren who knocked at the door, entered and stayed only for a short while, the ones who had the experience but missed the meaning. Perhaps they needed encouragement and coaching. Did we not notice that they became bored with the repetition of ceremonies with no additional explanation of the symbolism? Did we not make them aware of the history of freemasonry itself, the stories of freemasons who preceded us in our own country and on the world stage. Why didn't we take more interest in those members, didn't we miss them when they were absent? Extensive interviewing of past members in Victoria revealed that many left because they felt "lost".

Structured Masonic education programs are being used worldwide. Effective education programs enable members to become more involved in the work of the lodge and the fellowship becomes more enjoyable. In addition it enables each brother to competently explain to friends and relatives what freemasonry is, and what it has to offer to the individual and to the community. The reason why the general public is not aware of our role in

providing care for the aged, in encouraging young people to further their education and in facilitating medical research, is that we have been too modest for our own good.

The path to improvement hinges on having an effective mentoring system. When mentoring is informal and Masonic education is an afterthought there can be no long term benefits. The United Grand Lodge of England has been very favourably impressed with the way that the mentoring scheme has developed since it was first proposed in 2008. In order to give further impetus to the scheme it has recommended (December 2011) that the Master of a lodge appoint a brother as Mentor, to rank immediately before the Senior Deacon to co-ordinate mentoring within the lodge. The recommendation is as follows: "The mentor should ensure that every new member, and any other Brother within the lodge requiring mentoring, is allocated a personal mentor and that the work of the personal mentor so allocated is co-ordinated and organised. He should be able to provide guidance to the personal mentors on their responsibilities. While he would not be precluded in an appropriate case, from acting as a personal mentor himself, that should emphatically not be his primary function, which is to act in a co-ordinating role."

The proposal for Masonic Education in Tasmania is a simple one.

- The Grand Master will appoint a Superintendent of Masonic Education.
- The Grand Master will appoint three District Supervisors of Masonic Education.
- Each lodge, regardless of the presence or absence of new members, will appoint a Senior Lodge Mentor and inform the Grand Secretary of the appointment.

The Senior Lodge Mentor will have two principal tasks. He will ensure that a mentor is assigned to each new member. He himself can be that mentor or he can select an Assistant Mentor who is well qualified to guide the new member. Mentoring is more than greeting the new member with a friendly handshake and a question to see if he is learning the answers required for advancement.

The Senior Lodge Mentor will also ensure that the lodge provides Masonic education on a regular basis in the form of talks and discussions.

Initially, the District Supervisors of Masonic Education will liaise with the Senior Lodge Mentors and provide them with such advice, publications

and short items of Masonic education as required. But in the long term there must be more to it than that. Our clientele will be mostly from Generation Y, brethren who are familiar with the digital media. We will need to use tools with which they are familiar. We urge brethren who are able and interested in developing appropriate materials to come forward and make themselves known.

The Superintendent of Masonic Education will co-ordinate the supply of educational materials and will supervise the preparation of new materials that are needed.

These proposals provide pathways to Masonic light for each and every member, not only the newly initiated. Our ritual is a slim-line version of what freemasons have come to regard as essential learning but it is far from being sufficient, by itself, to sustain the interest of a person with an active mind. In the past, some lodges have provided satisfactory mentoring. They will be the first to embrace this proposal.

The manual "Freemasonry Tasmania – Mentor Program" which was issued in February 2001 is an underused resource which should be consulted.

The first action in this program will be for each lodge, in March 2012, to advise the Grand Secretary of the name of the Senior Lodge Mentor for the lodge.

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Ceremony of the Vacant Chair

St Pauls Lodge once again remembered those brethren who have made the supreme sacrifice at their November meeting by again conducting the "Ceremony of the Vacant Chair" which has been synonymous with the Lodge for many years. V Wor Bro Alan A'church WM of Hobart Lodge of Research was invited to present a memoir of his life during the second world war in the power



houses of the RAN in those days, the "Corvettes". His story was well received by all those who attended which included as always, wives, partners and other guests.

Following the presentation, the Wor Master Wor Bro Don

Ronald made the customary presentation to Hobart Legacy, a donation which has continued annually since the 1950's. On



this occasion the donation was received and acknowledged by Legatee Stephen Miller, the President of Hobart Legacy who graciously recognised the continuing support of the Lodge.

Pictures show V Wor Bro A'Church delivering the Remembrance Memorial address and the Worshipful Master presenting a cheque to advance the work of Hobart Legacy to Legatee Stephen Miller.

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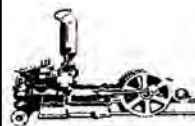
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Presentation of 50 & 60 Year Jewels

Terry Stafford



The Masonic service of Wor Bro Terry Stafford was recognised by the presentation of a 50 year Jewel and Certificate from the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. MWBro Campbell John Wallace, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand

Lodge of Tasmania, received the request from UGL Vic to make the presentation on their behalf and MWor Bro Wallace obliged by making the presentation at the Lodge Merton Installation on Sat 10 Dec. Wor Bro Stafford was presented with a Jewel and a certificate commemorating his 50 years of service to Craft Masonry in Victoria.

Jack Clear

Alan Smith



At the November meeting of Lodge Clarence, Bro Alan Smith was presented with a 60 year bar to his jewel by Most W Bro Norm Cooper the Immediate Past Grand Master. In a further surprise for Alan, the Worshipful Master Wor Bro Barry Hyland presented him with a life membership jewel for his services to the Lodge.

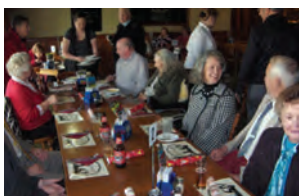
Photos show M Wor Bro Cooper making his presentation; Wor Bro Hyland presenting the Life Membership Jewel and Bro Smith all smiles following the presentations

Jack Clear

Merton celebrates Christmas in July

Merton Lodge held its annual Ozmas celebrations at the Huntington Tavern, Kempton to enjoy a Christmas in July. The function has evolved over many years and most of the Lodge members try and attend. The group of 16 enjoyed hearty

Christmas fare of Soup, Main Course and Christmas Pudd. No doubt they'll be back again next year.



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Presentation of 50 Year Jewels

Tim Fogarty

Fifty years ago, on the 11th September 1961, Wor. Bro. David Gordon Fogarty was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Hope, which later incorporated with Army & Navy Lodge.

On Friday the 30th of September 2011 Rt. Wor. Bro. J.E. Skeggs presented Tim, as he was better known, with a 50 year jewel on behalf of Grand Lodge.

Tim is an avid painter using photographs he has taken, and some of his work is in the background of this photograph.

Malcolm Smith



Wor. Bro. S.E. Merry, Wor. Bro. D.G. (Tim) Fogarty, Rt. Wor. Bro. J.E. Skeggs, Wor. Bro. M. Smith

Horst Maass

Very Worshipful Brother Horst Maass joined Freemasonry in Tasmania on 23 Mar 1960 in Tas Operative Lodge No 1 TC; he became Worshipful Master in 1973.

Horst has delivered lectures in every Lodge in Tasmania except Rosebery and Queenstown.

In 1997 he affiliated with Lodge Macquarie and has supported the Lodge since that time as Deacon, Warden and Chaplain. He joined Hobart Lodge of Research in 1974 and was elected as Master of the Lodge in 1977.

Horst was a member of the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team, serving as Grand Steward, Grand Tyler, Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Chaplain in 1997.

V Wor Bro Maass was belatedly presented with his 50 year jewel in June by V Wor Bro Harry Gilbert also from Lodge Macquarie.



V Wor Bro Horst Maass, V Wor Bro Harry Gilbert

Jack Clear

Les Rabe



Wor. Bro. Les Rabe was presented with his 50 year jewel by V.W. Bro. L J (John) Roberts at the October 2011 meeting of St. Paul's Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Rabe is pictured cutting a cake presented to him in the South to mark the occasion.

Ross Mitchelmore

David Johns



V Wor Bro Harry Gilbert, Wor Bro David Johns

At the October meeting of Macquarie Lodge, Wor Bro David Johns was presented with his 50 year jewel by V Wor Bro Harry Gilbert.

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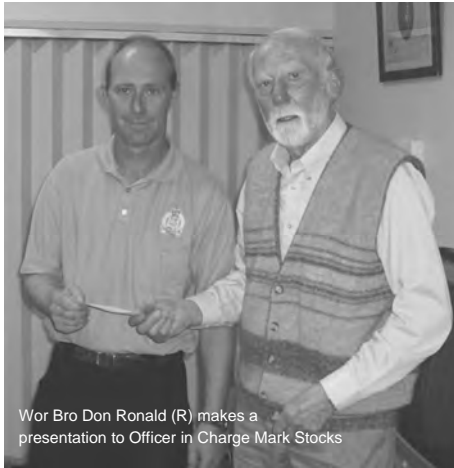
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Southern Masters support Pups in Prison

The Southern Masters' Association is continuing to support an initiative they learnt of 18 months ago. The provision of support dogs to people with special needs. Trained under the watchful eye of Assistance Dogs Australia, puppies are allocated to Prisoners in Risdon Prison to be trained as assistance dogs. The second generation of dogs is now being trained and at the November meeting of the Association members welcomed Mark Stocks,



Wor Bro Don Ronald (R) makes a presentation to Officer in Charge Mark Stocks

Officer in charge of the program, handler Brent and "Piper" along to the meeting. Following a display of skills learnt- suitably rewarded with doggy treats,

Brent showed and explained what Piper was learning and continuing to learn. A number of measurable benefits can be identified; the dogs have a good home and plenty of love; the prisoners regain a feeling of worth and are much more disciplined during their sentence; the end product matches dog and master to provide assistance where it is much needed. Following the presentation, the President of the Southern Master's Association W Bro Don Ronald made a donation on behalf of the members in support of the program.



Jack Clear

Lodges Heather and Scotch College Christmas Festivities

The joint Christmas meeting of Lodge Scotch College and Lodge Heather was held at the Heather Masonic Hall on Tuesday 6th Dec 2011. Following a brief meeting of the Lodge, the evening continued with a Christmas Party in the supper room.

Members, their wives and partners and visitors filled the hall. Entertainment was provided by the Sing Elon Choir. The Choir is raising money to fund a tour of Europe. Donations from the evening amounted to \$800.

Also during the evening the Lodge Heather Social group made a donation to the Fred French Masonic Nursing Home. The group also provided a School prize to Brooks High school.

Jim Powell



W Bro Geoff Lyons MHR presenting a cheque to the Choir Director

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Royal Ark Mariners



March-out Procession led by the Most Worshipful Grand Commander

Ark Mariners of the VC 274 Tasmania Ark Mariners Lodge welcomed members from Victoria's Grand Ark Ceremonial Team to Hobart recently to conduct a re-dedication of the Lodge celebrating its 100th year.

Local members were outnumbered by the visitors but hopefully made the North Island team most welcome. Arriving on Friday the first evening was spent in good company at a local restaurant where all renewed acquaintances and enjoyed lots of comradeship with their wives and friends.

Saturday afternoon was the dedication ceremony followed by a celebratory Banquet and a great night was had by all. Those who were able attended a Barbecue as guests of Norm and Cyrene Cooper before flying out to return home at various times during the day.

Jack Clear



A section of the gallery watching the dedication ceremony



The visiting delegations



GDC R Wor Bro Gilbert presenting corn to the Deputy Grand Commander

At the recent visit to Tasmania for the re-dedication of the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge No 274 VC in Hobart, a special presentation was made to Mr Warrick Young of Heritage Stone Pty Ltd Cambridge, Tasmania. The United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria Grand Master's award for excellence was presented to Mr Young.

The award consists of three components:

1. A Mark – all Mark Master Masons are given a "Mark" when they are advanced to the degree. This mark is used in all correspondence with fellow Mark Master Masons; the winner is presented with their "Mark".
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3. A Cheque – for \$500 dollars.

The Board of General purposes in 1994 established the following guidelines for the Award:

"The name of the award is 'The Grand Master's Award for Excellence' and is made to the best student over the entire course at the Stone Masons College, Holmesglen TAFE. The award is to be made annually and in perpetuity to demonstrate the commitment of this Grand Lodge to the continuing practice of the stone masons' art."

The Award is normally made at the first available opportunity. As Mr. Young had returned to Tasmania with his employment, Tasmania was privileged to be the first available opportunity in this case.

Picture shows The Most Worshipful Commander presenting the Mark, Maul and cheque to the worthy recipient.



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Around the Masonic World

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Freemasons and Communities

The Library and Museum of Freemasonry at Freemasons' Hall, London recently conducted a special workshop in Manchester. The title was "Lodge, Locality and Livelihood: Exploring Masonic Lodges and their Local Links". The objective was to encourage present day freemasons to look at what roles their predecessors played in shaping their communities and to show how to investigate the relationship between freemasons and society. Participants were able to examine two case studies after hearing the presentation of a paper entitled "To see the roots, look in the branches – understanding freemasonry through lodge history". No doubt the workshop showed how current members can make it easier for future historians by preserving information about local events.

Providing Light in India

Usually, when freemasons refer to light, they are using it as a metaphor for knowledge and learning. The Grand Lodge of India, as part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations, is bringing light into hamlets which are not connected to any electrical grid by installing solar panels. The first such project was completed in 2010 in a remote area of Andhra Pradesh. A school building, thirty two homes and some street lighting were connected. The Grand Master reported that "the joy that we saw in the faces of the villagers who had never seen an electric light bulb in their lives, having their homes lit up was soul filling and extremely gratifying."

Wheels and Charity

Scotland's Falkirk wheel, the only rotating boat lift of its kind in the world, was commissioned for use in 2002 and it is now a major tourist attraction.



<http://comp.ist.utl.pt/rgc/UoStpictures.html>

Some members of Lodge St John at Midcalder (www.stjohnmidcalder272.co.uk) decided to use their own wheels to conduct a charity ride to the Falkirk Wheel and return, a gentle fifty mile exercise.

The sponsored event raised twelve hundred pounds for a local school for handicapped children. The report refers to the good fellowship experienced but there is no mention of any sore muscles.

A Challenging Program in the Philippines

In his inaugural speech as Grand Master, M W Bro Avelino I Razon, challenged his brethren to participate in a number of programs that would strengthen the pillars of the Masonic brotherhood by precept and example.

To assist in tree planting in an area where reforestation would help prevent flooding. To come together with people of different faiths in "Interfaith Worship for Peace and Prosperity" and show the true essence of being freemasons.

To sustain the development of new members through the mentoring program which has been designed to make new members cognisant of Masonic principles and create in them a genuine interest in, and love of, the craft.

"Hence we can stop the transformation of a number of our lodges into ordinary social clubs that seem to have strayed from the Masonic virtue of making good men better."

Being Serious about Freemasonry

The Grand Lodge of Virginia has expanded its approach to Masonic education by developing courses in four core areas under the umbrella of the Virginia Masonic University.

Education for Life is designed to develop leadership skills, increase proficiency in time and project management and to improve communication and interpersonal skills.

Education of Master Masons comes in three modules based on the three craft degrees.

The Officer Training segment focuses on lodge responsibilities ranging from budgeting and membership development to designing projects that will engage and motivate Brethren and have a positive effect on public profile.

Scholarly Studies provides Brethren with opportunities to explore Masonic history, philosophy and symbolism – the things that make Freemasonry different from other social groups.

Grand Lodge of Albania

In October 2011 the new Grand Lodge of Albania was consecrated by the Grand Orient of Italy in Tirana in the presence of representatives of other European Grand Lodges. This follows the founding of Italian craft lodges in Albania in 2008.

The Petition of Franz von Liszt

The renowned pianist and composer, Franz von Liszt was born in Austria of a Hungarian father and German-Austrian mother in October 1811. He joined a lodge in Frankfurt on Main, Germany in 1841.



His petition for membership is preserved in Lodge Zur Einigkeit (Unity) as is his handwritten reply to the customary three questions to be answered prior to initiation.

1. What is a human's destiny?

A human's destiny is to strive for perfection, as may be feasible, in what is true, good and beautiful, and thereby to endeavour to achieve resemblance with his creator – as far as his weak limitations permit.

2. What do you expect (to gain) from freemasonry for your spirit, your heart and your temporal happiness?

I believe and hope to enter into a society of good and lawful humans who unite to work for wise and time honoured purposes. I believe and hope that I will obtain spiritual nourishment and that in cases of need and dangers I will see brotherly hands extended to me.

3. What can freemasonry expect of you?

The Order will always find me ready to assist in word and deed, and I will take part in whatever serves good purposes thus participating in its honourable labours. The Order, in whose profound wisdom I believe, will find in me a studious neophyte and obedient member regarding all matters that do not run contrary to my religious and political convictions, my honour and my conscience.

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Freemasonry in Israel

Freemasonry is one of the few institutions that actively promotes better understanding between the different ethnic and cultural segments of Israeli society, particularly between Jewish and Arab brethren.

Currently a Greek Orthodox Palestinian Arab, Nadim Mansour is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel. The Grand Lodge has some 56 lodges with some 1200 members. They work in 10 languages - Hebrew, Arabic, English, French, Hungarian, Romanian, Turkish, Russian, German and Spanish. Five different religions are recognised.

This makes it clear to all that freemasonry is an organisation which strives to define a man more by his character than by societal labels.

North Carolina, USA



At the recent meeting of the Pacific Lodge, R. Wor Bro Greg Jackson PGW, acting on behalf of M Wor Bro Murray Yaxley, Past Pro Grand Master, presented a commission appointing R Wor Bro Bill Hawkes PGW, as the Representative member to North Carolina.

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San Francisco, USA



At the November meeting of Pacific Lodge, the Worshipful Master Wor Bro Ron McCarthy was pleased to welcome Bro Gary Shweid, a visiting Brother from San Francisco.

The Worshipful Master Ron McCarthy (R) presents him with a certificate as a memento of the evening he has spent with the Lodge.

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50th Anniversary - Hobart Chapter Order of the Eastern Star



There was barely a vacant seat in the Lindisfarne Masonic Centre on Saturday, 1st October, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star assembled to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Hobart Chapter.

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star from throughout Tasmania and all States of Australia joined Hobart Chapter members to celebrate the milestone.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron (Sister Janet Beck, Queensland) and Most Worthy Grand Patron (Brother Stuart Lang, Victoria) were in attendance and were accompanied by several office bearers of the United Grand Chapter of Australia.

The meeting was formally opened at 2pm by the Worthy Matron, Sister Michelle Montgomery. Following the reception of distinguished visitors, the chapter commemorated its 50 years.

Two Foundation Members have maintained their membership of the chapter, Sisters Nancy Potter and Merle Park. Sister Potter was able to attend the meeting and the Most Worthy Grand Matron presented Sister Potter with her 50 Year Diploma and an arrangement of flowers.

Guests of Hobart Chapter joined members of the Order for afternoon tea, following which an open installation was conducted.

Melbourne District Grand Chapter, the governing body of the Order in Victoria, instituted Hobart Chapter on September 1961. It was felt appropriate that the District Grand Chapter should conduct the ceremony of installation 50 years later.

The office bearers of Melbourne District Grand Chapter installed Sister Dot Bell as Worthy Matron, Bro. Allan Sangwell, as Worthy Patron and the 2011-12 office bearers of Hobart Chapter.

Members and guests then travelled to the Sunshine Centre in Howrah for the installation banquet. A delightful meal and warm fellowship ensured that the 50th anniversary of Hobart Chapter will remain a fond memory.

Pam Sangwell



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The Freemasons Tasmania Open Day Sub-Committee

The Freemasons Tasmania Open Day Sub-committee, will hold its inaugural meeting in the Board Room of the Launceston Masonic Centre from 9.30am to 11.30am on Saturday 25th February 2012. The sub-committee was created by the Board of General Purposes to plan, organise and conduct Masonic Centre Open Days at selected Centre's for public inspection.

From the large number of members of the Craft who graciously volunteered their services, the Grand Master (M.W. Bro C. John Wallace) following the recommendation of the Grand Lodge Public Relations (GLPR) Committee has invited the following to serve on this Sub-committee

- W. Bro. David Baldwin – Tasmanian Union
- W. Bro. David Cheshire – Emu
- W. Bro. Robert (Lee) Clark - Peace
- V.W. Bro. Bradley Emmerton - Lauriston
- W. Bro. Graeme Evans – Clarence
- W. Bro. Vincent Johns – Lauriston
- W. Bro. Albert Kusnezow – Heather
- W. Bro. David Louez – Loyalty
- W. Bro. Ross Mitchelmore – St. Pauls
- R.W. Bro. John Windram – Burnie Masonic

The Freemasons Tasmania Open Day Sub-Committee is to be under the sponsorship of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee. The GLPR Committee has appointed W. Bro. Baldwin as its ex-officio member on the Sub-Committee and W. Bros. Evans and Cheshire as Chairman and Secretary respectively.

The holding of Masonic Centre Open Days is one of the many areas where the GLPR Fund may be used to show Tasmanian families that Freemasons Tasmania is an organisation of men who strive to live by the fundamental principles of integrity, goodwill and charity and therefore a fraternity worthy of serious consideration of those families.

The Board of General Purposes intends that a day of this significance be recognized as "The Freemasons Tasmania Open Day".

The Board wholeheartedly affirms its support for this project and wishes the Sub-committee every success in its realisation.

V.W.Bro. Alan A'Church
Convenor
Grand Lodge Public Relations
Committee



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B R Connor	The Pacific Lodge
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E J (Manny) Kean	Lodge Pembroke
O H Latimer	Poulett Lodge
F J G Merry	Esperance Lodge
W E Paine	The Pacific Lodge
D H Pearce	Lodge Macquarie
J L Roberts	Devonport Masonic Lodge
C J Skirving	Lodge Esk
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O J Warren	Lodge Esk
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Grand Lodge Southern Ceremonial Team November Lunch

Members of the Southern Ceremonial Team of Grand Lodge took time to spend with each other recently at a lunch hosted by the Balmoral Motor Inn. The luncheon has traditionally been in the form of a barbecue but this year Brethren who were organising the function decided to take some time off and let someone else do the cooking and washing up. (Photos on back cover)

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