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Grand Master Elect, R.W. Bro. Allan Sangwell

## From the Editor

As we start another year I would like to ask you all to make a New Years resolution, to send articles to Freemasonry Tasmania. There are so many functions that take place that I would love you to share with other readers. Each lodge has an installation every year - what better way to record that event than an article in the magazine with a couple of photos, especially for those masters new to the chair.

I would also like to thank the retiring Grand Master, John Wallace, and his family for their contributions during his term of office and wish him well for the future.

It is wonderful to see the traditions that foster the togetherness of families in the craft, Wallace, Goninon and Curtain are all family names that have an ongoing connection with Freemasonry.

I have had to create some information for pages to ensure that this issue reaches your mailbox in time - hopefully you will enjoy that content - I look forward to your articles next time.

Please feel free to fill up my inbox with all your contributions - editor@freemasonrytasmania.org.

*Best wishes*

*Rosemary Bruce-Mullins*

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# From the Grand Master

## MW Bro C J (John) Wallace

The production of this edition of our magazine marks the end of my term as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania and prompts me to reflect on the activities of the last six years, but more particularly the last three.

February 2008 saw my investiture as Deputy Grand Master and the beginning of a three year learning curve under the astute mastership of M.W. Bro. Norm Cooper, a time when both Elva and I became accustomed to the role required of a Grand Master and his partner.

February 2011 was the date of my installation as Grand Master and the beginning of the highlight of my Masonic life. During this term I have had the pleasure of introduction to all but one Lodge, and the added pleasure of the company of a majority of Masons throughout the state.

February 2014 will be when my term ends, and the beginning of the term of office for R. W. Bro. Allan Sangwell and his wife Pam. They both bring with them an enormous wealth of Masonic knowledge, and I'm sure that Freemasonry in Tasmania will surely benefit from their entry into their individual roles.

The past three years has been a period of relative stability with only minor changes to the way Freemasonry is conducted in Tasmania, the most recent being the changes allowing Master Masons to serve in Grand Lodge Ceremonial Teams as Grand Stewards. R. Wor. Bro. Zichy-Woinarsky was appointed Grand Superintendent of Masonic Education and after considerable discussion with his counterparts from the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, has formulated a new education programme, which will be launched soon after the Grand Installation, early next year. The direction in which his programme is moving is a change to what has been the accepted way and I'm sure the Craft will benefit from his efforts.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks to all those who have assisted me over the last six years. Without that assistance, my term as Grand Master would not have resulted in the enjoyment that both Elva and I have experienced. I'm sure that Allan and Pam will

experience the same support and assistance that we have received and with the added support of R. W. Bro. John Slore and his partner, Dot, in his role as Deputy Grand Master, will take Freemasonry in Tasmania into the future with confidence. We extend our best wishes to them, and feel sure that their time in their individual roles will be as enjoyable and rewarding as ours has been.

I also take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to the brethren of Tasmania, and hope that they have enjoyed my time as Grand Master, as much as I have. I trust that I leave Freemasonry in Tasmania in no worse condition than when I took office, and in some small way, that I may have made some contribution to our future.

*John Wallace, Grand Master*



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# Our Grand Master Elect R.W. Bro. Allan Sangwell



R.W. Bro. Sangwell affiliated with Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge, No. 85, and was elected Senior Warden in 1986 and installed as its Worshipful Master in 1987.

His progression through Grand Lodge office commenced in 1981 when he was appointed Grand Steward. He has been a Grand Tyler, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Deacon, Grand Director of Ceremonies and Junior Grand Warden in 1990. He has also served on the Board of General Purposes and sub-committees.

In 1991 he had conferred upon him the Order for Distinguished Service for his contribution as a member of the organising committee for the Grand Lodge Centenary celebrations.

R.W. Bro. Sangwell was appointed Grand Secretary in August 1994 and after 16 years service he retired from that office on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

In 2001 M.W. Bro. Alan Swinton conferred the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master upon R.W. Bro. Sangwell in recognition of his services to Freemasonry in Tasmania.

R.W. Bro. Sangwell is also active in a number of other Orders of Freemasonry.

R.W. Bro. Sangwell and his wife, Pam, have two children, Nerissa and Darren and four grandchildren. R.W. Bro. Sangwell is also a Justice of the Peace. He is a member of the Tasmanian Society of Justices of the Peace and for many years was its Registrar. His services were recognised by being granted Life Membership.

The Grand Master Elect, R.W. Bro. Sangwell has an extensive Masonic background having been a member for 43 years.

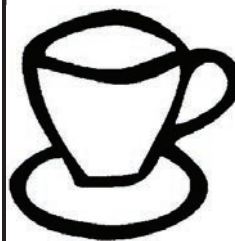
He was initiated into Tasmanian Naval and Military Lodge, No. 43, on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1970. He progressed through office, culminating in his installation as Worshipful Master on Anzac Day of 1979.

R.W. Bro. Sangwell is proud to relate that he undertook his three degrees as a double with his late father, Bro. Harold Sangwell.

In 1980, following the demise of the lodge secretary, R.W. Bro. Sangwell was elected Secretary and continued in that role until Tasmanian Naval and Military Lodge relinquished its Warrant in July 1985.

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## Deputy Grand Master - designate R.W. Bro. John Store



R.W. Bro. John Store is to become Tasmania's next Deputy Grand Master.

His appointment as Deputy Grand Master – designate, was announced at the August Communication by the Grand Master elect R.W. Bro. Allan Sangwell. Both men will be installed into their positions at the Grand Installation to be held at Hobart's Wrest Point on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2014.

R.W. Bro. Store has an extensive Masonic background having been a member for 31 years. He was initiated into Centenary Lodge No. 54 on November 12<sup>th</sup> 1982. He progressed through office, culminating in his Installation as Worshipful Master on his 38<sup>th</sup> Birthday April 14, 1989.

R.W. Bro. Store was again installed as Worshipful Master of Centenary Lodge in April 1990 until the Lodge amalgamation with St Georges and St Johns Lodges to form the new Lodge Launceston No. 2 in September 1990. R.W. Bro. Store was installed as Worshipful Master of Lodge Launceston on September 25<sup>th</sup> 1995.

His progression through Grand Lodge office commenced in 1994 when he was appointed as Grand Steward. He has been Grand Tyler, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Deacon, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Chaplain and Grand Warden 2003.

In 2010 M.W. Bro. Norm Cooper conferred the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master upon R.W. Bro. Store in recognition of his service to Freemasonry.

R.W. Bro. Store was a member of the Board of General Purposes for 6 years and a member of the Board of Benevolence for 4 years and Vice President in his last year. R.W. Bro. Store is also active in other Orders of Freemasonry.

He has two adult children Joshua and Samantha and his partner is Dorothy (Dot). R.W. Bro. Store is also National Secretary and Tasmanian Vice President of the Masonic Motorcycle Association of Australia.

## Athol Foster Bursary for 2013

The Athol Foster Bursary for 2013 was presented to Emma Johnstone at Campbell Town High School.

Very Worshipful Brother Athol Foster had a long and lasting association with the Campbell Town District High School serving as its 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Principal during the 1950's. Athol was the Worshipful Master of Lodge Merton in 1958-59 and gave his continued support to the Lodge until the time of his death endearing him to the Lodge as its elder statesman.

At the time of his death the Lodge committed to providing a Bursary in his name to be



presented to a student of the School, who without such assistance might not continue with his/her education.

The Presentation of the Bursary is made by the Master of the Lodge or his representative and if possible a member of the "Foster" family, preferably at the Annual Award Night of the School.

The value of the Bursary is \$250.00 per year or as determined by the Committee of Management of Lodge Merton and is accompanied by a certificate from the Lodge together with a letter of congratulations to the student.

*John Presser*

# Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania

## Redevelopment of the Lindisfarne Motor Inn Property

Planning for this project has progressed well. The Home received the formal planning permit from the Clarence City Council in late August 2013.

The Board is hopeful that demolition of the former Lindisfarne Motor Inn and construction of the new 40 bed extension, administration area and expanded community hub/activities area will commence in early March 2014.

During the construction period, estimated to be around 12 months, administration will be moved "off site" – possibly into one of the near by residential properties owned by the Home.

There will be some disruption to the usual activities within the Home whilst the community hub / activities area is redeveloped and expanded. The Board has agreed to the installation of a "terrapin style" modular structure during construction to allow some activities to continue.

This is a very exciting stage in the development of the Home and we look forward to its successful completion.

## Succession Planning - Board of Directors

The Board is keen to hear from any one who has an interest in standing for election to join the Board.

Board Directors are voluntary positions with the current term of office being three years. The Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4.30pm. Meetings are held at the main facility at 7 Ballawinne Road, Lindisfarne.

Further information can be obtained by contacting:

Chairman - Terry Dann on (03) 6243-5950

CEO - Greg Burgess on (03) 6282-5200

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held at the Ballawinne Road facility on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013. Despite publicly advertising the AGM and listing in the November 2013 newsletter, attendance was a little disappointing.

Annual reports were presented by the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Clinical Care Supervisor and the Secretary of the Aged Care Foundation.

The audited financial report for the 2012/13 financial year was also presented and showed the Home made and operating surplus of \$994,000. Copies of the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement are available from Administration.

At the AGM elections were held for the vacant positions of Directors on the Homes Board. Four positions were declared vacant and at the close of nominations three nominations had been received from the retiring Directors.

Robert Clarke, a Director on the Board for more than twelve years did not seek re-election.

This particular election was the last transition phase of moving Directors on to three year terms. Two Directors were to be elected for two year terms and one Director elected to serve a one year term.

Following the conduct of the ballot Regina Vietz and Robert Dick were elected for two year terms, Michael O'Farrell was elected for a one year term.

The Board will now exercise its authority under the Constitution and look to appoint a Director to fill the vacancy for a one year term.

*Greg Burgess  
Chief Executive Officer  
5<sup>th</sup> December 2013*

## Launceston Lodge of Research - Trevor Stewart



On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013, author Trevor Stewart spoke at a special meeting of the Launceston Lodge of Research. Some interesting information about him is detailed below.

Trevor Stewart, MLitt, PhD, will celebrate his seventieth birthday while on the ANZMRC tour of Australia and New Zealand this year. He was educated at Birmingham, Sheffield, Durham and Newcastle universities, UK. His academic work specialised in eighteenth-century English literature and his doctoral research focused on a coterie of Enlightened Gentlemen Freemasons who lived in the north of England.

Since his retirement as a lecturer, he has also taught in history seminars at Bordeaux, Cambridge and Oxford Universities. He has contributed papers on

Freemasonry to international university conferences in London and Bordeaux, and at the International Conferences on the History of Freemasonry.

Brother Stewart has been Master of two prestigious research lodges, Quatuor Coronati (2001) in London and Sir Robert Moray (2010, 2011) in Edinburgh. He was appointed a Prestonian Lecturer in 2004, and since then has travelled extensively in Europe (as far afield as Romania and Turkey) and frequently in the USA, lecturing on a variety of Masonic topics and gaining considerable recognition.

He is a Henry Wilson Coil Lecturer (California), a Truman Lecturer (Missouri), an Honorary Grand Lecturer (New Jersey) and an honorary member of at least four American lodges, including the Missouri Lodge of Research. He has edited two volumes of *The Canonbury Papers* and an anthology of AQC papers, *From across the waters* (2007), and his translation of Martinez de Pasqually's *Traite sur la reintegration des etres* (1771) has won world acclaim.

# Charity Jewel Presentation to Bro. Ken Hansen United Grand Lodge of Queensland

On Friday 8th November 2013, W. Bro. Alan Robertson ODS, CSM, RFD presented a Charity Jewel to Bro. Keith Hansen of Lodge Thespian No. 269 UGLQ.

Bro. Hansen joined Lodge Thespian on 8th November 1945 having just completed his wartime service with the RAAF in North Africa during the course of which he was a 'Rat of Tubrook'. Keith was an Air Traffic Controller and now he has moved into civilian life and pursued his profession in many centres around Australia with the Civil Aviation Authority.

With his itinerant working life, Keith was not able to get to Lodge as often as he would have liked. Keith settled in Tasmania on his terminal posting to Hobart Airport as the Senior Air Traffic Controller and retired from that position in the mid-1980s. Keith is now 94 years of age and in very good health.

When Keith's wife, Mildred, passed away, Keith gave money to the University of Tasmania Foundation to commemorate Mildred and one of his daughters. Mildred was heavily engaged in social work throughout the community. The interest from this investment allows an annual grant to be made to the Nursing Profession in Tasmania. Knowing of his generous philanthropy, Lodge Thespian decided to award him their Charity Jewel and make him a Life Governor of the Aged Masons, Widows



Greg Morgan, Ken Hanson, Alan Robertson, Len Garbett

and Orphans Fund.

Through the GM of the UGLQ, the GM of the GLOT was asked to have the Jewel presented to Bro. Keith. Knowing of his RAAF and ex-service connections, the Grand Secretary of the GLOT (V.W. Bro. David Macrow) asked W. Bro. (SQNLDR) Alan Robertson to make the presentation to Keith as they had been friends for a number of years through their RAAF and Ex-service connections.



Accordingly, W. Bro. Robertson made the presentation to Keith at his home in Lindisfarne on Friday 8th November 2013, 68 years to the day since he was initiated in Freemasonry. The small ceremony was attended by Bro. Greg Morgan from Lodge Thespian in Queensland and R.W. Bro. Len Garbett who had also known Keith. Keith's two daughters, Heather and Janet, attended and prepared and served lunch following the short ceremony.

*W. Bro. A W Robertson, ODS, CSM, RFD*

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While travelling interstate we regularly visit Lodge buildings at our destination. I am always amazed at the wonderful displays and the history that has been preserved. Here are some snippets of the treasures on display at the Grand Lodge of South Australia & Northern Territory in Adelaide.

*Rosemary Bruce-Mullins*



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# Master Plan for the Redevelopment of Masonic Peace Haven



Front of Peace Haven

The Masonic Peace Haven facility was built in 1986 and has served the community well over the past decades. However, the complex is in need of an upgrade to meet more contemporary and community standards and this is especially so in relation to the current dementia-specific Balfour Unit. For a number of years now the lack of en-suites and the out of date design of this unit have made it difficult to maintain occupancy and it has been very apparent that the unit needed an immediate upgrade in order to remain viable.



Lounge Room - Balfour Unit - Redevelopment

Stage 1 of the redevelopment programme for the Peace Haven complex, therefore, has begun with the northern section of the Balfour Unit and these building works are expected to be completed by mid-December 2013. This work is being funded from a generous bequest and a Zero



Corridor leading to resident's rooms - Balfour Unit

Real Interest Loan from the Commonwealth Government. This unit will comprise 16 places, accommodating nine (9) additional low care places and seven (7) high care residents relocated from within Peace Haven. The redeveloped facility will help remove the high operating costs of the current Balfour Unit.

The car park has also been extended as part of the Stage 1 redevelopment and we express sincere thanks to our kind neighbours, the Church of Latter Day Saints, who provided car parking facilities during the reconstruction phase.

Artas Architects has designed a building that meets the key design principle of flexibility in respect to multiple uses of all areas, rooms, and spaces to enable residents to age in place and to lead satisfying and self-directed lives to the maximum extent possible.

The construction contract was awarded to Premium Constructions, who have maintained the project timetable despite inclement weather.



Balfour Unit - Redevelopment Stage 1 -  
October 2013

We acknowledge the Federal Minister, the Member for Bass and Government Departments for their support in making a generous capital grant and loans available to Peace Haven. This followed submission of an application to the Commonwealth Government through the highly competitive Aged Care Approvals Funding Round for capital monies to reconstruct the existing Balfour Unit.

The official opening of this beautiful new Wing is planned for February 2014 and it is hoped that the Federal Minister will be able to attend.

The next phase of the redevelopment of the Peace Haven complex is due to begin early in 2014. This will comprise the upgrading of the current community centre, the relocation of Administration, and refurbishment of nine of the existing low care places under provisions of the Commonwealth Government's Significant Refurbishment Programme. This will be followed by the construction of 25 places in the area where the existing Administration is located and there will also be a second storey construction.

When the redevelopment is complete, Peace Haven will have 114 places on site and will accommodate a mix of high and low care residents, with a 16-bed specialist dementia care unit. All rooms will be able to allow residents to age in place.

*Marlene Johnston, Chief Executive Officer*

# News from Other Jurisdictions

## World Conference of Regular Masonic Lodges

The 13<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Regular Masonic Lodges will be hosted by the National Grand Lodge of Romania in Bucharest from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The Annual Communication of the National Grand Lodge of Romania follows the conference, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. In addition to the workshops there is an extensive social program including an opera show, a folkloric show, and a Grand Ball. Grand Masters of other jurisdictions will chair the workshop sessions.

Those interested in attending should contact the Grand Secretary or Greg Parkinson, Fraternal Relations Officer ([tas0946@bigpond.com](mailto:tas0946@bigpond.com)) for the program and registration form.

## Annual Communication and 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Estonia

The Annual Communication and 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Estonia will be held in Tallinn on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014. If you are thinking about attending the World Conference why not include this one as well. A sight seeing program and a Gala Dinner is included.

Those interested in attending should contact the Grand Secretary or Greg Parkinson, Fraternal Relations Officer ([tas0946@bigpond.com](mailto:tas0946@bigpond.com)) for details.

## Installation of the Grand Master Elect of the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium

If you are looking for something to do between the two activities above, you can attend the installation of the Grand Master Elect of the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium. This event will be held in Brussels on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Further details will be available in March 2014.

## Israeli Lodge has World Wide Membership

The Holy Land Lodge No 50 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Israel was formed specifically to allow non-residents of Israel to connect with the 'cradle of freemasonry and civilisation' in Israel, where 'all freemasons can meet in peace and harmony'. Over 300 brethren, not resident in Israel, are members of the Lodge. The Lodge meets infrequently, usually when deputations are visiting from overseas. A part of the net revenue of the Lodge is deposited in the Grand Lodge Charity Fund with the dual purpose of helping a needy brother and promoting the true philosophy of freemasonry to the 'outside' world of charity.

There are 51 active Craft lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of Israel; from Naharya in the north of the country to Eilat in the south and, as of January 2013, 1040 freemasons in good standing. Not all lodges conduct their work in Hebrew. There are lodges that work in Arabic, English, French, Spanish, Romanian, Turkish and Russian. One lodge, Lodge Gvill, is a research lodge while another, Lodge Gazit, specialises in teaching and training both in ritual and general workings.

Those interested in joining the Holy Land Lodge can contact the Worshipful Master, V.W. Bro Mike Salem, PO Box 33206, Tel Aviv 61331.

## Unification of Cuban Freemasonry

Now that relations between Cuba and the United States are much more relaxed the Grand Lodge of Cuba has

opened dialogue with the Grand Lodge of Florida and Cuban freemasons resident in the United States with a view to bringing together 'irregular' Cuban freemasons resident in the United States in a new Grand Lodge that doesn't have territorial jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge of Cuba is hoping to reach an agreement whereby a Grand Lodge of Cuba in Exile (based on existing Cuban Masonic organisations operating in Florida) can be set up to work in the Grand Lodge of Florida's territory, having a functional, but not a territorial jurisdiction. This Grand Lodge would then work in amity with both the Grand Lodge of Cuba and Masonic jurisdictions in the United States.

Those Cuban Masonic groups currently working in Florida are not recognised by the Grand Lodge of Florida (nor currently by the Grand Lodge of Cuba). The dialogue with the Grand Lodge of Florida was opened by the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Cuba, Illustrious and Powerful Brother Lázaro F. Cuesta Valdés. Talks between Cuban freemasons, resident in the United States, and the Grand Lodge of Cuba were held in Havana in October 2013 in the headquarters of the Supreme Council with a view to progressing the matter.

## Annual Meeting of the EU and European Freemasonry

The annual meeting of the leaders of the European Union with the leaders of freemasonry in Europe took place in Brussels on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The meeting was attended by José Manuel Barroso (European Commission President), Herman Van Rompuy (European Council President), László Surján (Vice-President of the European Parliament) and Grand Masters from Germany, Belgium, France, Hungary, Portugal and Greece. It would be nice to think that we could have the same level of recognition in this part of the world!

## The Grand Lodge of Gabon Celebrates Three Decades

Celebrations to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Gabon were held in Libreville from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The event was attended by Grand Masters and representatives from Grand Lodges in Africa, Europe, North America and Latin America.

## District Grand Lodge of Nigeria Celebrates Centenary

The District Grand Lodge of Nigeria, led by Brother Olorogun Moses Taiga, celebrated its centenary from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Lagos, Nigeria. The Grand Lodge works within the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. The event was attended by the UGLE's Pro Grand Master Peter Lowndes.

## Royal Arch Celebrations

A special ceremony was held in London on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 to mark two centuries of formal recognition of the Holy Royal Arch as part of pure Ancient Masonry. The ceremony took place in the Great Temple in London, and an official dinner was held at the Savoy Hotel.

The Golden Jubilee of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India was celebrated in Mumbai from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The annual meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge of India was held in conjunction with the celebrations.

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Secretary Burnie Masonic Lodge.  
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# From the Past to the Future - Ancient Powder Horn

A cannon priming horn was displayed at the installation of Brother John Presser at Lodge Merton on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

Inside the powder horn a paper details the horn's provenance:

This powder horn is part of a collection put together by an army major when he first was stationed at Port Arthur, Tasmania. In 1927, it was part of a lot of old guns and parts that he was told to throw away. So he packed them up and stored them until a Sydney collector bought the collection around 1972. The collection appears to have been the remains of the Tasmanian Colonial Armoury.

In the Mercury published Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 1914 there is an article that describes an ancient powder horn:

## **Window of War Souvenirs at Brownells, Relics of the Stirring Historic Days, When our Fore-Fathers Fought for our Empire**

We have arranged a special window of historic war souvenirs that will draw crowds of visitors to Brownells. They include British, Spanish, and Japanese Swords, Revolvers, and Guns, Busts of Wellington and Napoleon, and an Ancient Powder Horn, formerly belonging to the 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment "The Excellers", which was first used in the Battle of Monte Video (1807), and carried through the Peninsular and Napoleonic Campaigns, ending in the great Battle of Waterloo in 1815. Come and see these war relics of our doughty ancestors.

Moving forward to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1931 the Mercury published a story on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Government in Tasmania, the article included a reference to "**The Old 40<sup>th</sup> Interesting Relic**".

What a romance of history attaches to the exploits of some of the famous British Regiments whose officers and men saw service abroad, not only in foreign fields, but in the young lands which Great Britain was busy in colonising in the latter part of the eighteenth and the early years of the nineteenth centuries. One of the most noted of these regiments was the famous 40<sup>th</sup>, affectionately known as the "Excellers", a play on the Roman Characters "XL".

There are probably descendants in Tasmania of men who took their discharge from the 40<sup>th</sup> and settled in the State as their adopted home. An interesting relic will be

displayed at the projected Art, Antique, and Historical Exhibition, to be held in the City Hall, Hobart, shortly, in aid of unemployment, and will be on show in the Historical and Military section. This relic is one of the old powder horns used for priming the guns by pouring the powder into the vent and flash pan before the modern breech-loaders were used. It has seen service in North and South America, during the Peninsula Campaign, and was also employed at Waterloo.

Tasmania's connection with the 40<sup>th</sup> dates to the twenties of last century. In 1824 a detachment arrived with one of the transport ships, and was afterwards drafted to New South Wales, the headquarters of the regiment then being in Sydney. Subsequent detachments arrived at later dates, and were sent to New South Wales, but in 1826 the headquarters were fixed at Hobart. Major Turton bringing the establishment over, and this was the first regiment which had headquarters in the State. Although the 40<sup>th</sup> was nominally under the command of Colonel Kirkwood, Lieut-Colonel Balfour, after whom Balfour Street in Launceston was named, was the senior officer. It is worthy of note that Major Turton instituted the system of flag signals at the Mulgrave Battery, Hobart, in 1827-8.

This famous regiment had wide and varied service, having been in engagements in North and South America, and worked through the Peninsula Campaign under Wellington. They saw service at Monte Video, Vimeria, Salamanca, Badajos, Vittoria, Pampeluna, Fuentes d'honore, Pyrenees, Toulouse, Bayonne, finishing up with Waterloo. In 1828 the regiment was ordered from Tasmania to India, and later was transferred to Ireland, remaining there for a lengthy period. They made a second acquaintance with Australia when they were ordered to the Colonies in 1855. Several companies were detailed for service during the Maori War, in New Zealand, and some of them were used as escorts, following upon the gold discovery at Ballarat, and other centres on the mainland. In addition to their military duties these men were frequently employed as flying squadrons for the capture of bushrangers, who often terrorised the country districts in Tasmania. At one time the full strength of the regiment in Tasmania totalled 400 officers and men, a number of them subsequently settling here and on the mainland. The regiment was ordered home about 1869, and thus passed out in an official way one of the military Imperial links with the Mother Country.

**Note 1.** At the time the 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot in Hobart, the method of firing muzzle loading cannons by the vent was changed to the use of friction tubes. The powder horn became redundant and it seems remained in Hobart when the 40<sup>th</sup> left for India.



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*Brother John Presser*

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# District Commander - Bass Installed

The new District Commander, Bass, for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia was officially installed in office at a meeting of the Ernest Clark Sovereign Chapter held on 17 August 2013. V. Ill. Bro. Ray Chell will hold office as District Commander for five years from 1 July 2013.

The ceremony, conducted by the Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council 33<sup>rd</sup> for Australia, M. Ill. Bro. Bill Morgan, was held in Ray's own Chapter as is customary. V. Ill. Bro. Jeff Cripps from Victoria, who has had a long association with the AASR in Tasmania, attended the ceremony and acted as Director of Ceremonies.

The District Commander for the southern part of Tasmania, the District of Derwent, is V. Ill. Bro. Rob Clarke. Rob's term of office will end on 30 June 1015.



V. Ill. Bro. Chell and the Installation team – left to right: Bill Morgan, Jeff Cripps, Ray Chell, Kerry Bowerman, Greg Parkinson (outgoing District Commander) and Rob Clarke

V. Ill. Bro Greg Parkinson



Golfers at the Tee off

# Lodge Pembroke Christmas Fun Golf Day

Lodge Pembroke's Golf Fun day was held on the 8th of December 2013 at the old paddock 38 Pawleena Rd, Sorell.

The day was held to raise funds for works and services needed to maintain and upgrade lodge facilities.

The day was attended by approximately 40 people during the course of the day, mostly made up of lodge members from Pembroke, Clarence, Dulverton, Loyalty and Darcy Wills; the day was considered successful raising much needed funds for the lodge.

The true success of the day was displayed by all those involved enjoying the activities and the friendship of others.

Member activities included closest to the pin, hit the goat for an instant prizes, longest drive, opposite handed longest drive and ladies longest drive, we also had a relaxing bbq lunch and ginger bread hamper raffle, donated by Tasmanian Gingerbread.

Prizes awarded on the day were bottles of wine, beer and gift vouchers from various business like Bunnings, JB-HiFi, BWS and many more.

A special mention and congratulations to W Bro Geoff Reynolds, winning the booby prize for funniest golf shot for the day, with his exploding golf ball shot.



Joe Curtain WM  
Lodge Pembroke

See back page  
for a close up  
of the target

Golf Course - Rough



Greg Cleeland, Barry Curtain, Peter Leech, Jeremy McGuire,  
with Barry organising the catering

# Masonic Motorcycle Assn of Australia - Tasmania Chapter

MMAA Tasmania Chapter has been busy over the past few months with regular rides, where members from around the state get together for riding and dining.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August saw today's group (Paul Goninon, Rick Goninon, Phillip Goninon, Craig Deane, Damien Bramich, Peter Shacklady and Alan Burton) take to the road along the Derwent River and head to Westerway for the scoffing of scones, cream and jam at a great little restaurant in the Possum Shed. Feeling fully refreshed the group ventured further into the middle of the state, up through Ellendale to the Meadow Bank Dam. After a disagreement with a wet patch, a bike let it's rider go – thankfully there was no damage to the bike or the rider (maybe just a little embarrassment) so the group then headed to Hamilton on the next leg of the Masonic journey, destination Bothwell for lunch before heading home via Melton Mowbray.



September 8th, 2013 started with spatters of rain, but with the sun peeking out of the clouds, the riding group (Craig Dean, Rob Erskine, David Macrow, Alan Burton and Peter Shacklady) headed to Orford, for coffee, via Grass Tree Hill. Arriving at Orford while partaking of coffee and pies for some, discussions with other riding groups changed our mind about travelling further north – we did not need the blustery conditions. A decision was made to return to Richmond for lunch. Selections included fish and chips and huge bowls of wedges, but Alan decided a pie was for him, so he was found sitting outside the hotel "with all his friends". We all headed home from Richmond.




November saw Damian Bramich, Craig Deane, Richard Heiermann, Rick Goninon and Alan Burton, as Ride Captain, head off to New Norfolk, *The Valley of Love*.

The destination was once again The Possum Shed, for scones, cream and jam, after which, fuelled up, we dressed and headed off to the North, through little hamlets, on to Ellendale, where it was trying to rain, and then on to Hamilton, at Bothwell again for lunch, before heading home via the Brighton By-pass; the weather started to set in and the rain became steady, so I feel we were all glad to be heading home...



December 7<sup>th</sup> was Toy run day, meeting in Mornington at the early time of 8:45am Southern members headed on up to Oatlands to meet up with our Northern members, from there a short trip over to Bothwell and then a sharp run to New Norfolk for a hearty lunch at the New Norfolk Hotel. With 20 riders and pillions we headed down to the DEC for the Annual Toy run, in its 36<sup>th</sup> year.

We mixed and mingled with over 8000 other riders. At 2:30pm we joined them all for the short run down to the Waterfront, soaking up the ambiance of the crowd-filled Brooker Highway as we gave out lollies and high 5's to the kiddies. We deposited our toys and vouchers to the Salvos, then headed off for a well earned beer. Later some other members enjoyed our annual dinner at Le Provencal.

MMAA rides are on the 2nd Sunday of each month. For more information contact Craig Deane 0408 129 643 or  Masonic Motorcycle Association of Australia Tasmanian Chapter

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/283920805053401/>

Peter Shacklady



# Newspaper Extracts

## Freemasonry in Times Gone By

### HOBART TOWN

In this Colony, as well as in Sydney, there have been established a Benevolent Fund for distressed Masons, their widows, and orphans, which if not realising all the expectations of the promoters, is effecting some good. The Tasmanian Lodges took the lead, and have succeeded better than those in Sydney.

The Lodges in both Colonies are in want of Masonic instruction; they evince great desire to work correctly. Any Brother, whose pursuits may lead him in their direction, that would thoroughly qualify himself, would be welcomed with the most grateful hospitality by all. A Correspondent, who has just returned home, is desirous that we should notify his arrival here by an acknowledgment of the Masonic kindness he received from all but one Brother, whose name is, for obvious reasons, suppressed. Our Correspondent left London for Hobart Town, full of hope, but fortune was unpropitious; he became unfortunate, and was compelled to apply to the Committee of Management, to assist him to return to England; they complied with his request, repurchased his Masonic jewels which he had reluctantly parted with, and added a small sum of money.

He went to Sydney as a steerage passenger, that port offering more frequent opportunities of transit; his wife had left Hobart Town as companion to a lady. The Sydney captain declined steerage passengers, cargo paying better, and it was three months before he could be accommodated. Again he sought aid from the Craft; a Lodge under the Irish Registry entertained his petition, on the recommendation of a member, an English Brother, who knew him in England, and the entire collection was placed in the hands of an agent, who however, delayed to perform his promise for two months, and even reproached the applicant's character, who appealed to the Lodge for protection. Their reply was in deeds, a further subscription, with other tokens of regard were readily entered into, and he passed a few days in the enjoyment of unrestrained hospitality. He returned home penniless to renewed labour in the land of his birth.

Fortune in his pilgrimage has not favoured him; but he is desirous to return to his kind Brethren in Tasmania and Sydney, his most grateful acknowledgments for their generosity and hospitality in the hour of need, which not only restored his slandered reputation, but enabled him to rejoin his wife in England — Brethren, we also thank you; it is thus Freemasons should act. — Ibid.

From:  
*HOBART TOWN. (June 17, 1846). The Cornwall Chronicle (Launceston, Tas. : 1835 - 1880), p. 459. Retrieved December 28, 2013, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article65943678>*

### CONSECRATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL, ADELAIDE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of North Adelaide met on Tuesday to celebrate the feast of St. John, and to consecrate the new Masonic Hall, North Terrace. Mr. Kingston, Provincial Grand Master, presided, and the Lodge having been duly constituted, the usual ceremony

of consecration proceeded, by Dr. Nash, senior, G. W., scattering wheat, Mr. Anderson, the Secretary, pouring wine, and Mr. Wickstead, J. G. W., oil upon the floor of the apartment.

Mr. Kingston then addressed the Brethren, and said, "In compliance with your request, I have now the honour, in the capacity of Provincial Grand Master of South Australia, to lend my aid in consecrating and dedicating the Masonic Hall. I must ever consider it as one of the fortunate events in my life that the craft of Free and Accepted Masons should be called forth to assist at an undertaking so laudable and so glorious during the time that, from their affection, I have the honour of sitting in the chair of the Grand Lodge. The business of this day, ever to lie remembered in the annals of Freemasonry, will transmit your names, with honour, to posterity. Thousands yet unborn, learning to admire your virtues, will thereby be stimulated to follow the great example you have set them—love of Freemasonry, and an anxious desire to advance the welfare and increase the fame of the craft in South Australia.

Freemasonry is an ancient institution, embracing individuals of every nation, of every religion, of every condition in life. Wealth, power, and talent are not necessary to the person of a Freemason. An unblemished character and virtuous conduct are the only qualifications, which are requisite for admission into the Order. In the name of the craft of Free and Accepted Masons, and in my own, I sincerely implore the protection of the Supreme Architect of the Universe upon this our solemn dedication." Mr. Lazar, as Master of the Ceremonies, following Mr. Kingston with the usual address, and the ceremony having been completed, the Lodge adjourned till the evening, when a large party met at dinner, and spent the evening in true Masonic harmony and conviviality.

From:  
*The Courier (Hobart, Tas. : 1840 - 1859) 14 Jan 1854: 2. Web. 28 Dec 2013, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2240197>*

### COLONIAL TIMES FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1827

The natal day of St. John the Baptist (the 24th ult.) having fallen on a Sunday, the Lodge of Freemasons, under the warrant held by the Officers of the 40th Regt, assembled at the Derwent Hotel; on the following evening, for the purpose of installing Officers for the ensuing six months. Many of our fellow townsmen who have been inducted into the masonic mysteries in our Colonial Lodge, were present; and the usual ceremonies over, the evening passed with the utmost conviviality and harmony.

From:  
*"Colonial Times." Colonial Times and Tasmanian Advertiser (Hobart, Tas. : 1825 - 1827) 27 Jul 1827: 2. Web. 28 Dec 2013 <<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2450611>*

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# Order of the Eastern Star

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest Fraternal Organisation in the world to which both women and men may belong, and offers opportunities to meet new people, make new friends and to enjoy the special fellowship a Fraternal Order provides. Members and their families enjoy harmonious interaction with those who share the same beliefs, principles and moral values.

In addition to fulfilling the aims and objects for which the Order was established, the members support local, state, national and international charitable appeals, members enjoy this interaction with each other in the social and fundraising activities of the Order.

Members of the Order throughout Australia are proud of the aged care facilities they have established and continue to operate. Support is also given to Masonic and other Aged Care facilities.

There are four Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in Tasmania. Tasman Chapter No 156, in the north-west of the State, which meets at Penguin was, in April 1960, the first Chapter to be instituted in Tasmania. In September 1961, Hobart Chapter No 162 was instituted. Five years later, in October 1967, Tamar Chapter No. 178 was established in Launceston. In August 1987, a second Chapter was established in Hobart, Derwent Chapter No. 209.

Details for the monthly Chapter meetings are:

- Tasman Chapter No. 156, 7.30 pm at Lodge of Peace Premises, Ironcliffe Road, Penguin, on the 3rd Monday.
- Hobart Chapter No. 162, 7.30 pm at Lindisfarne Masonic Centre, Gordons Hill Road on the 1st Monday.
- Tamar Chapter No. 178, 7.30 pm at Heather Masonic Hall, Penquite Road, Newstead on the 4th Monday.
- Derwent Chapter No. 209, 7.45 pm at Glenorchy Masonic Centre, Peltro Street on the 2nd Wednesday.

The Order's vision is to encourage all Members to:

- Work for the benefit of the community, extending generous support for charitable purposes.
- Respond to the needs of others - members of the Order as well as non members - giving assistance in adversity, comfort in sorrow, and support in the practicalities of day to day living when required
- Participate in activities that promote the ideals of the Order - to live their lives enhanced by Fidelity, Constancy, Purity, Hope and Love
- Enjoy the social activities of the Order and interact with each other in the pleasures of cheerful companionship
- Extend fraternal regard, charity and friendship to, and be honest and truthful in their dealings with each other.
- So live, that their lives are a reflection of the principles taught in the lessons of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Photo:

*Seated* Sis. Irene Ellston, Worthy Matron, Derwent Chapter; Sis. Pamela Sangwell, Most Worthy Grand Matron, United Grand Chapter of Australia; Sis. Robyn Thomas, Deputy Grand Matron of Tasmania; Sis. Janice Cartwright, Worthy Matron, Tamar Chapter  
*Standing* Bro. Neil Bugg, Worthy Patron, Tasman Chapter; Sis. Carol Harper, Worthy Matron, Hobart Chapter; Bro. Ian Burrows, Deputy Grand Patron of Tasmania; Sis. Lynette Elphinstone, Worthy Matron, Tasman Chapter; Bro. Andrew Thollar, Worthy Patron, Tamar Chapter

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<b>Bro.</b>	
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G R Bowman	Tasmania Holding Lodge
G M Bridge	Lodge Beltana-Bowen
R G H Green AM	Lodge Dulverton
Colin A Raspin	Lodge Pembroke



Incoming (Ray Chell) and outgoing (Greg Parkinson) District Commanders with the Regional Commander, Bill Morgan  
- see article page 12



Pembroke Golf Day - Target



Raising Ceremony Celebrations for Dave Olden

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