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From the Grand Master

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

Season's Greetings to all. The Production and distribution of this edition of our magazine highlights that I have but one year left of my term of office, and I once again express my gratitude and thanks for the support and assistance over the last five years.

As I put pen to paper for this article, my mind and heart goes out to those who have lost so much in the disaster which is still unfolding on the Tasman Peninsula, on the East Coast and the North West of the State.

An appeal has been established with the aim of assisting the Tasmanian community following these recent and ongoing devastating fires with an initial contribution from the Board of Benevolence of \$5,000.00.

- The appeal is to be known as the Grand Masters Tasmanian Bush Fire Appeal and is under the auspices of the Tasmania Masonic Benevolent Foundation Limited.
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At this time it is proposed the initial appeal will close as at the 31st March 2013, however, future events may decide an extension is appropriate.

I congratulate those Brethren who have accepted an invitation to participate in the Grand Lodge Ceremonial teams, and those who have accepted a role in the administrative side of the organisation for the next twelve months. I look forward to your company at the next Grand Lodge Communications at Devonport on 23rd February.

Both the Board of Benevolence and the Board of General Purposes have been active with the Board of Benevolence dispensing funds to needy applicants, and the Board of General Purposes negotiating with individual lodges for funds to upgrade our Masonic Centres as needed. Under the banner of the Board of General Purposes, our Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee pushed ahead with the Tasmania Open Day at one centre in each of the three Districts on 21st October, with mixed results.

The Southern District reported an excellent public attendance, while the Northern District organizers were quite happy with their number of visitors. However, the North-West achieved a limited attendance, the event clashing with the "Burnie 10", and the weather turning out to be both cold and wet.

Membership is never far from our minds, and I once again congratulate those Lodges who have been able to attract new members, and urge everyone to become pro-active in addressing membership recruitment and retention.

Our Superintendent of Masonic Education has begun his role by holding an educational meeting in the Launceston area which appeared to have hit the mark with the attendees. Other such meetings are planned for the future, the details of which will be made known in advance.

An additional role to that of Superintendent of Masonic Education held by M.W. Bro. Yaxley is the Grand Lodge Fraternal Relations Officer, and this has been allocated to W. Bro. Greg Parkinson. We wish Greg well in his retirement from the university and look forward to his participation in his new role.

May I take this opportunity to wish all a happy, prosperous, and safe New Year.

John Wallace
Grand Master

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Burnie Masonic Lodge - A Unique Occasion

It was something that may never happen again as on Saturday afternoon 27th October in Burnie Masonic Hall the current Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania Most Wor Bro C. J. (John) Wallace installed his son Very Wor Bro Kenneth J Wallace into the chair as Master of the Burnie Masonic Lodge, having previously installed him as a Master of Poulett Lodge Wynyard in 2011, a position in which he served for one year.

It is a very rare occasion for a Ruling Grand Master in any Australian Grand Lodge to have the opportunity to confer such an honour on his son and to do it twice in his term is even rarer still, remarked Rt Wor Bro John Windram as he proposed a toast to the new Wor Master.

Tribute was paid to the out going Master, Very Wor Bro R. M. (Mark) Stillman for his dedication to the lodge, having completed his third term as its leader with outstanding success.

The freemasons accompanied by their families and other guests from all parts of the state enjoyed a three course Banquet at the close of the ceremony.



Gerry Gunton

Admiral Byrd

Byrd's biographical entry in "10,000 Famous Freemasons" says that on Feb 5, 1935 he established First Antarctic Lodge #777 of New Zealand constitution.

The late V Wor Bro Captain Pugh-Williams succeeded in contacting Wor Bro J S Sissons who had acted as "Senior Warden" at the meeting held in Antarctic waters.

Sissons supplied a full written statement of the circumstances which he remembered very clearly. He was an elderly Chief Post Master, residing in New Zealand. He had been given leave of absence from the NZ Postal Service to enable him to go on two voyages to the Antarctic as radio officer on the "Jacob Ruppert" and had assisted in organising the meeting on board the ship on the second voyage.

The meeting was informal. There was no charter of any kind. Bro Mitchell who took charge of the meeting was not an Installed Master.

The number 777 was merely the invention of the brethren who did the organising. To give the meeting added Masonic flavour they gave the so-called lodge a number and appointed officers for the purpose of opening and closing as a lodge.

The officers for the meeting were limited to the ship's crew as rehearsals were held beforehand. Bro Byrd and others "on the ice" were invited to be present and attended the meeting. The lodge was actually opened in the first degree and Bro Mitchell gave a lecture on the First Tracing Board. The "lodge" was then closed and most of the evening was spent exchanging reminiscences.

Bro Mitchell afterwards lectured extensively about the meeting in USA and appears to have exaggerated it considerably, including his own part in the enterprise.

Bro Sissons spoke several times in Wellington after his return and always stressed that the meeting had no authority from any Masonic Constitution.

The role of Admiral Byrd has also been exaggerated, apart from the fact that his "blessing" was probably necessary and significant.



This information was gleaned from personal correspondence with the late W Bro Capt. Pugh-Williams.

The late Murray Yaxley

Murray sent me this article before he passed away. Please enjoy his final contribution to Freemasonry Tasmania



Rosemary

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Masonic Assistance to Ibis Aged Care Facility, Wynyard

Members of Poulett Lodge (Wynyard) earlier this year made a submission for funding assistance for the local aged care facility (IBIS CARE) to the Masonic Board of Benevolence.

The Lodge was successful in securing a grant of \$6,000.00 to purchase a specialised aged care bed & electric lift chair to assist aged & infirm residents and to enrich their quality of life in the Ibis Care Unit.

Wor Bro M.S. Burn (Wor Master—Poulett) together with members, Wor Bro C. G. Dixon, V. Wor. Bro R. L. Elphinstone, Wor. Bro. R. W. Walsh (Mayor of Wynyard), Rt. Wor Bro. D. J. Hyland and M. Wor Bro C. J. Wallace together with V. Wor Bro Knight (representing the Board of Benevolence) were hosted at Ibis by the CEO, Kaylene Sweeney and Director of Nursing, Karen at an afternoon tea recently where the cheque for \$6000 was presented.

CEO. Kaylene Sweeney thanked the Lodge for its assistance and spoke of the value of this specialised equipment in the care of the aged and infirm residents at Ibis Wynyard and the way residents daily lives were enriched by the benevolence of community organisations like Poulett Lodge and Tasmanian Freemasons.

Mick Burn

Worshipful Master, Lodge Poulett



Wor Bro Mick Burn (Wor Master - Poulett) Karen (Dir. Nursing) Kaylene Sweeney (CEO IBIS CARE) Wor Bro Cyril Dixon & Most Wor Bro John Wallace.



Wor Bro Mick Burn (Wor Master - Poulett), Wor Bro Cyril Dixon, V Wor Bro Ken Knight (Board of Benevolence), V Wor Bro Ross Elphinstone, Kaylene Sweeney (CEO - Ibis Care) Most Wor Bro John Wallace, Karen (Director of Nursing), Wor Bro Robby Walsh (Mayor of Wynyard) & Rt Wor Bro Des Hyland.

Lodge Macquarie 87 TC Installation

On Saturday 7 July, 2012 the Installation of Wor Bro David Johns as Worshipful Master of Lodge Macquarie No 87TC, was conducted by Most Wor Bro Norman Roy Cooper, Immediate Past Grand Master, accompanied by Right Wor Bro Allan Sangwell Deputy Grand Master, and assisted by the Southern Ceremonial Team.

The Installation was unique in that it was an open Installation for everyone including wives, girlfriends and children to attend the ceremony which was conducted under the direction of Very Wor Bro Rick Goninon, Grand Director of Ceremonies (South).

The Worshipful Master was thrilled to have his Son Andrew and his wife in attendance to add to the sense of occasion. The picture shows the Most Worshipful Installing Master and Worshipful Master in intense

discussions while David's wife Yvonne and son Andrew pay attention to the location of the camera.

Jack Clear



Picture - R Wor Bro Terry Dann



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Lodge Phoenix N°92 TC

Lodge Phoenix N° 92 TC was consecrated on Monday the 13th of March 2006; the first Lodge consecrated in Tasmania this century. Lodge Phoenix meets 6 times per year, on the second Tuesday of even months.

Lodge Phoenix N° 92 TC is the first European style Masonic lodge in Tasmania. Following conclusion of the formal masonic business at each meeting, we retire to a quality local restaurant. Our friends and partners usually join us as guests for dinner.

Following the Closing of the Regular June lodge meeting, our guests were invited into the Lodge Room where a short talk on Freemasonry was delivered followed by viewing of the NSW produced DVD titled "Masons Move with the Times". After this, a most delightful address by Wor Bro Peter Wise was given on the Stanley Dryden Scholarship, which concluded with his presentation of a cheque for \$1,000 to this year's scholarship winner Ms Samantha Slore, in the presence of her father, Rt Wor Bro John Slore.

Samantha is studying nursing at the University of Tasmania and is about to undertake a posting to the west coast as part of her studies. She told us that the money will be most useful, as she is required to meet her own expenses during her west coast posting.

Instead of dining at a local restaurant as is usual, Worshipful Master, Wor Bro Chris Pedersen and his brethren decided that on the night of Tuesday 12th June, 2012 the Lodge would work a form of a "Table Lodge Meeting" or as it is known in the UK, the "Ceremony of the Seven Toasts". The ritual was modified so our non-masonic friends could join us for the ceremony.

The Table Lodge was Opened in the Main Lodge Room then all proceeded to the South for the dining and toasting portions of the Ceremony.

Toasts were given following each dinner course and each of the seven toasts was followed by the traditional three times three "Vivats", FIRE and a suitable song, an example being the song "I Belong To Phoenix" (sung boisterously to the tune of "I Belong to Glasgow") following the toast to Lodge Phoenix.

*I belong to Phoenix
That fine Masonic Lodge
Yes, I belong to Phoenix
My duties I'll not dodge.
I'm just a Regular Tassie boy
As anyone here can see
And when I go out on that Tuesday night
Phoenix belongs to me!*



Rt Wor Bro John Slore, Ms Samantha Slore, V Wor Bro Peter Wise



WM Chris Pedersen and wife Toni



Brethren and visitors at the Table Lodge dinner meeting

Lodge Phoenix N^o92 TC



Speaker Rt Wor S R Zichy-Woinarski

Rt Wor Bro S R Zichy-Woinarski provided the dinner speech, on aspects of his recent UK visit to York Minster and the Operative Lodge that Works within the Minster.

The dinner of five courses was catered by Matson Catering and very much enjoyed by all 34 diners. The Senior Steward, Wor Bro John Wilson was kept busy making sure that his Stewards maintained the necessary "powder" in the Firing Glasses in preparation for the toasts!



Guests Helen and Wor Bro Charles Jones

The song after the visitors toast was heartily received and is sung to the tune "I Like Aeroplane Jelly", as follows:

*There's always a welcome at Phoenix
As soon as you step in the door
From the country, the city
The mountains and plains
In Phoenix you're welcome
Again and again
Have a plate, and a glass, and a laugh
and a song
You can give us a speech
Though it need not be long
There's always a welcome at Phoenix
Come back and see us again*



Visitors Tammy and Matthew Bowen



Visitors Wor Bros Alan Miller and Bill Morgan



Wor Bro John Wilson and guest V Wor Bro Reg Frost



Rt Wor Bro Alan Cohen and Helen Cohen



Bro Grant Carter and wife Alison

The ceremony was voted a great success by all the brethren and visitors and is looking to become an annual event.

At the conclusion of the Table Lodge ceremony, coffee, port and chocolates were served.

Ian Green, Lodge Phoenix Director of Ceremonies

United Grand Lodge of Queensland - Grand Installation



On Saturday 6th July 2013 it will be my great pleasure to install my successor who will be the 28th Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Regina, Carol, Gary and I will look forward to your company in Brisbane for the Grand Installation and associated functions from **Friday 5th July to Sunday 7th July 2013.**

This will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends we have made over many years and to welcome first time attendees to the spectacular of a Grand Installation.

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You can be assured of a warm welcome.

Adrian Burton
Grand Master

FREEMASONS Queensland



Regina and Adrian Burton



Carol and Gary Bacon

A Past Masters Night with a Difference

When offering W Bro Ian Muir the opportunity of conducting a Past Master's night at Roland Lodge, Sheffield, the Worshipful Master W Bro Kevin Chambers suggested that it would be appropriate to make it a ceremony presented by Brethren who had celebrated their 80th Birthday's. With only 3 Roland Brethren meeting that criteria, it became obvious that assistance from other North West and West Coast Lodges would be necessary for the idea to be a practical proposition. However, almost immediately after the mention of the proposed Octogenarian ceremony it became self-generating with offers from Brethren willing to take part coming from throughout the region.

The meeting was held at Roland Lodge on Thursday 19th July 2012 and apart from last minute alterations resulting from illness affecting Brethren or family members the overall concept for the evening was met.

An emulated 2nd Degree was presented to a standard in keeping with the calibre of the Brethren taking part and with a large number of visitors in attendance, the evening was generally considered to have been a great success. It served to indicate that with a little imagination coupled with initiative, it is possible to breathe new life into our routine activities.

I McK Muir Past Master

ROLAND MASONIC LODGE OCTOGENARIAN MEETING THURSDAY 19th JULY 2012

| ROLE | NAME | AGE | MASONIC AGE |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| Worshipful Master | W Bro I. M. Muir | 90 | 52 |
| I.P.M. | RW Bro J. Horton | 80 | 56 |
| Senior Warden | W Bro J. Armsby | 84 | 62 |
| Junior Warden | RW Bro. W. A. Bannon | 87 | 59 |
| Director | W Bro L. Crowden | 84 | 62 |
| Chaplain | RW Bro N. Kirchebner | 80 | 32 |
| Organist | W Bro K. G. Chambers | 58 | 18 |
| Senior Deacon | VW Bro R. E. Elphinstone | 83 | 59 |
| Junior Deacon | W Bro E. Stevens | 83 | 39 |
| Inner Guard | W Bro W. Smith | 83 | 52 |
| Tyler | RW Bro M. Roach | 77 | 24 |
| Candidate | W Bro R. Hales | 83 | 59 |
| CHARGES | | | |
| Obligation | RW Bro J. Horton | - | - |
| Secrets | W Bro B. Bradshaw | 84 | 50 |
| Investiture | W Bro J. Armsby | - | - |
| Additions to Apron | W Bro E Q Stevens | - | - |
| S. E. Charge | W Bro J. Armsby | - | - |
| Working Tools | W Bro C. Dixon | 84 | 11 |
| Tracing Board | W Bro I. M. Muir | - | - |
| Totals | | 1140 | 635 |
| Special Contributions | RW Bro M. R. Lawson - Prompter W Bro L. Tilley - Publicity | | |



Back Row:

R W Bro Lawson (Devonport)
W Bro W Smith (Leven)
R W Bro Horton (Burnie)
R W Bro Roach (Devonport)

Middle Row:

R W Bro Bannon (Roland)
W Bro Dixon (Poulett)
V W Bro Elphinstone (Burnie)
W Bro Stevens (Burnie)
W Bro Bradshaw (Mt Lyell)

Front:

V W Bro Wallace (Grand Inspector of Lodges)
W Bro K. Chambers (Roland)
W Bro Armsby (Concord)
W Bro Muir (Roland)
W Bro Hales (Mt Lyell);
R W Bro Kirchebner (Emu)
W Bro Crowden (Roland)

The Freemasons Homes of Northern Tasmania Inc.

Opening of Moonyah Teaching and Learning Centre

The 'Moonyah' (aboriginal for 'Welcome') Teaching and Learning Centre in Newstead, Launceston, was officially opened by the Hon. Senator Lisa Singh, representing the Hon. Mark Butler, Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, on Thursday 3rd October 2012.

Moonyah, owned by Masonic Peace Haven was used as an independent 4-bed Low Care unit before it's conversion into a state of the art teaching and learning facility to support the Teaching Aged Care Facility Project conducted by the University of Tasmania, School of Nursing and Midwifery; and the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre.

The Commonwealth Government provided grant funding for the conversion of Moonyah through Health Workforce Australia. Moonyah is an extension of the University campus and is used by nursing, medical and paramedical students during their placements with both Peace Haven and Fred French, providing them with the latest IT facilities, a fully equipped face-to-face teaching area, as well as kitchen, dining and lounge room amenities. Masonic Homes' staff also benefit, using the centre for meetings and educational purposes.

The Chief Executive Officer, Marlene Johnston, welcomed everyone to the opening and spoke on the exciting future of aged care education and research, along with the benefits of the joint project.

Professor Andrew Robinson, University of Tasmania (and Co-director of the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre), gave an overview of the project and the importance of Moonyah in this research/evidence based project.

Senator Singh declared the facility open and highlighted the importance of education and research in aged care and its place within the Government's health framework.

Marilyne Guy

Administration Secretary, Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania



The Chairman of Peace Haven (Ian Green); Senator Helen Polley; Prof. Andrew Robinson, UTAS; Marlene Johnston, Chief Executive Officer; Senator Lisa Singh; the Chairman of Fred French Home (Albert Kusnezow).

Half Century Milestone for Fred French

On Saturday 4th August 2012 the Fred French Masonic Nursing Home celebrated 50 years of providing aged care services to the Launceston community.

This historic milestone was marked with speeches by the Vice-Chairman of Fred French Home (on behalf of the Chairman who was unable to attend), a Trustee of the Estate of the late Fred French, the Chief Executive Officer, and Rt Wor Bro Zichy- Woinarski representing the Grand Master.

A sumptuous afternoon tea followed and was served by eight students from Queechy High School who volunteered to act as attendants for this special occasion. Their interaction with the guests was a highlight of the afternoon, as was an impromptu *cappella* performance by two of the students.

Guests included Boards members of Fred French and Peace Haven, members of the Fred French Auxiliary (a fundraising group which has been operating continuously for 44 years), a number of the Home's residents, as well as Masonic Homes management team members.

The original building was completed in 1962 to accommodate 18 residents, it has seen a number of metamorphoses over the years and the Home now provides 66 High Care and 20 Low Care beds.

Planning for the Home's redevelopment to utilise 16 new bed licenses (which were granted in the last Aged Care Approvals Round) and to update existing facilities is well under way and it is hoped to start the building work soon.

Rt Wor Bro Zichy- Woinarski summed up the sentiments of all the guests with these words, "Congratulations to the Fred French Home on reaching 50 years of age and may the next half century bring even more rewards and success as you continue to care for future generations."

Marilyne Guy

Administration Secretary, Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania

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Purchase of Additional Independent Living Units

Over the past 6 months the Home has purchased two additional two bed room units at 3/9 and 4/7 Beltana Street, Lindisfarne. The units are part of a complex of nine units that adjoin the Home's Bowditch Hostel property. Both units have been fully refurbished and bring to seven the number owned by the Home in this particular complex.

The Home owns a total of 49 quality independent living units across three sites in the Lindisfarne area. All units have been specifically designed / refurbished to cater for the needs of those over 65. Enquiries regarding any of the Homes units can be directed to Joanne Merrifield, Executive Support Officer, Freemasons Nursing Home, 7 Ballawinne Road Lindisfarne – Ph. 03 6282 5200.

New Strategic Plan - 2012 to 2015

During 2012 the Board, the Aged Care Foundation Advisory Board and Senior Management were involved in a review of the 2008-12 Strategic Plan and development of a new Strategic Plan for the organisation.

The new plan builds on the successes achieved through the 2008-12 plan with the addition of several important matters including:

- (a) *The preparation and resourcing of a Communication and Marketing Plan for the Organisation, and*
- (b) *a drive to recruit and optimise the use of volunteers through a more structured, coordinated and inclusive program.*

The new plan retains and builds upon the five core strategic goals of;

- *Maintain full accreditation status at both Freemasons Nursing Home & Bowditch Hostel*
- *Ensure the Home maintains financial viability*
- *That FMH be a "Provider of Choice" of aged care services*

- *That FMH be recognised as an "Employer of Choice" within the aged care industry*
- *To protect the organisation from risk*

The new Strategic Plan is available on the Homes web site. www.fmhtas.com.au

Consolidation of Operations

The new Strategic Plan outlines clearly the Boards direction on consolidating and growing the organisation's operations in the greater Lindisfarne area. In supporting that direction two significant milestones were recently achieved, namely:

• Sale of the Kingston property

The property which comprised eight single bedroom units and a large community hall with Masonic Lodge rooms was recently sold to a developer. The Home had undertaken a feasibility study to develop an independent 80 room nursing home facility and 10 independent living units on the site but the nursing home operations just didn't *stack up* financially.

Funds from the sale of Kingston have been used to clear debt – *the Home has now fully repaid the \$ 7 million redevelopment loan taken out in 2005/06* - and assist with property acquisition in the Lindisfarne area.

Purchase of the Lindisfarne Motor Inn

This property adjoins our principle nursing



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The Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania Inc.

home property at Ballawinne Road, Lindisfarne. The property was purchased during 2012 and is currently being leased back to the previous owners on a commercial arrangement for two years.

The Board is currently working with the Home's architects on development of a *Master Plan* for redevelopment of the motor inn property which should see a 40 room extension linked to the existing nursing home with administration relocated to a redeveloped *shop front* facility on East Derwent Highway where the current motor inn reception, dining and kitchen facilities are located.



Trainees Jo-Ellen Fejgl, Brittany Grice, Louise Pullen, with Kylie Petryk and Anne Briggs (seated) from Work & Training

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS

In the latter part of 2012 the Home was recognised for its outstanding work in several areas.

- National *Better Practice Award* presented by the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency for the Homes innovative program "Supporting the Dementia Community through Fun and Games"
- School Traineeship of the year award – Brittany Grice, a trainee care worker with the Home, won the Tasmanian state award, with Jo-Ellen Fejgl, another trainee care worker with the Home, being a finalist in the same category.
- Tasmanian Aged Care Awards – The Home won the Tasmanian Aged Care Award for 2012 in the Media, Marketing and Engagement category

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES RETURNED

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 28th November 2012.

The four Board members whose terms had expired were all returned unopposed –

- Keith Graver 3 years
- Terry Dann 3 years
- Barry Curtain 3 years
- David Macrow 2 years

The Committee structure and makeup remained unchanged with one exception.

Regina Vietz has taken on the role of Resident Liaison following the retirement of Horrie Hollick.

Greg Burgess
Chief Executive Officer

RW Bro Horrie Hollick Retires from Board

Horace (better known affectionately as Horrie) has served the Grand Lodge of Tas extremely well as their representative on the Freemasons Homes of Southern Tas Inc. Board for the past 11 years.

Not only has he been an active Director and liaison officer for both the Ballawinne and Bowditch Residents Committees (Ballawinne Chairman for the last year or so), but he has also been a consistent and invaluable volunteer during this time.

Additionally, his prowess and popularity as a volunteer bus driver for the Homes is almost legendary, but few would know that this quiet achiever has been helping many other community organisations as well with driving duties since 2002. Fortunately for Freemasons Homes and the appreciative residents, we will continue to see his smiling face as he intends to continue with his good work.

Horrie's years of service, along with the wonderful support of his wife Ann, were acknowledged by the Homes' Board at a farewell function recently.



Regina Vietz
Director, Freemasons Homes Board
(Public Relations & Marketing)

Aged Care Foundation

The Aged Care Foundation (ACF) advisory board of Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania was formed in 2009 to enhance the quality of life for residents of the associated nursing home, Bowditch hostel and independent living units in Lindisfarne.

Funds have been raised through bequests, donations from a variety of sources including other Masonic organisations and income-generating activities. Members are sought and valued and their membership contributions add to the Foundation income.

In April 2011 the Aged Care Foundation purchased a bus for residents' outings and in 2012 launched the DVD *Come Home to Freemasons*. The ACF employed Sam Shelley as cameraman; Robyn Moore generously offered her time as narrator and the resultant product is insightful and appealing. The DVD shows life in the nursing home, Bowditch hostel and independent living units. It has been most helpful for people contemplating moving to an aged care facility. If you have not seen this DVD and would like to, please ask for a copy at FMH reception in Ballawinnie Road, Lindisfarne by phoning 6282 5200 or visiting during office hours.

Potential projects for next year include a men's shed and development of FMH website. If you have any ideas for suitable projects, please contact the ACF's executive

officer, Christine Howard on 0408 101 449.

The advisory board of the ACF meets every month. An original board member, Susan McLeod, a Hobart nutritionist has resigned to make time for more study. We wish her well and will miss her energy and enthusiasm. Her place will be filled by Jill Morgan, Head of Mission and Education Services at the Catholic Education Office and Michelle Stephens, funeral director. Both these women live on the eastern shore and have family living at Freemasons' Homes. Their skills will be extremely useful and we are very grateful they are prepared to give their time and expertise to support the Foundation.

Volunteers make a positive difference to life at Freemasons' Homes. They provide leadership through membership of the FMH Board and the Aged Care Foundation advisory board, run the Chats café frequented by residents and visitors, offer companionship through visiting, provide entertainment and music and generally make life more interesting for residents. If you have some spare time, and would like to talk about becoming a volunteer, please contact Suzanne Jones at Freemasons' Homes by phoning 6282 5200. You'll be so glad you did!

Christine Howard

60 year Jewels to V Wor Bro Ross Lyon Elphinstone and Bro Murray Adam Elphinstone

On the 11th November 2012 at Poulett Lodge, Wynyard Rt Wor Bro Maurice Lawson had the greatest of pleasure to present, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, 60 year BARS to V Wor Bro Ross Lyon Elphinstone and Bro Murray Adam Elphinstone.

V Wor Bro Ross Elphinstone took the Masters Chair and conducted a simulation of the first degree along with Past Masters of his lodge, an interesting point is that when he received his 50 year Jewel, he also took the Chair and conducted a degree, the Lodge room was filled to capacity on both occasions.

Ross and Murray were Initiated in a double ceremony, at Poulett Lodge on the 6th November, 1952; and again in a double ceremony, they were Passed on the 4th June 1953. Ross was Raised at Waratah in what was then

Davies Lodge on the 26th September 1953, and Murray was Raised in Poulett Lodge on the 6th September, 1953.

Both were born at Myalla, which is west of Wynyard, Murray in 1922 and Ross in 1929, into a well-known farming family, and both have and are still involved in this activity.

Both have been heavily involved in Shows and Councils, and numerous other Community activities, throughout their entire life and still are.

Whilst Murray's personal and other commitments meant he has not been heavily involved in Masonic activities, he has nevertheless maintained his membership for 60 years.

Ross on the other hand, has been heavily involved in Masonic activities, and holds the rank of V Wor Past Grand Chaplain, and will take the Chair of Poulett Lodge again in 2013.

He is Grand Lodge Representative of Michigan, United States of America. An interesting point also is Ross and Murray's father was a member of Poulett Lodge for 49 years prior to his death or he also would have been the holder of a 50 year jewel.

There has been an Elphinstone in Poulett Lodge for a continuation of 88 years.

Maurice Lawson JP. PDGM



Nugara Lodge, King Island Installation 2012

On Saturday 21 April 2012 an outstanding, very memorable, unique and historical Installation Ceremony was held at Nugara Lodge, King Island .

The Installing Master was Right Wor Bro Kevin Grave, who was the first initiated member of Nugara Lodge to be conferred with the rank of Past Grand Warden, and therefore the first initiated Member of Nugara Lodge to conduct an Installation Ceremony. That he was to install his son-in-law Bro Phillip Hofmann into the Chair of King Solomon, added to the enjoyment of the occasion .

The Installation was an outstanding success, but before it took place there were the following both concerning and exciting adventures that took place.

The story started at about 5.30am on Friday the 20th, Rt Wor Bro Barrie Squibb, left his home, travelled to Devonport, picked up Rt Wor Bro Maurice Lawson, went on to Somerset and picked up V Wor Bro David Cheshire, then proceeded off to Wynyard Airport to travel to King Island, departure time 7.15 am. This was not to be the case, we were advised that because of bad weather at Wynyard and King Island, the plane was at Devonport, so we were transported to Devonport by bus, where we waited along with the pilot until about 11 am. Finally a decision was made to go back to Wynyard, but this time we flew, nice scenic flight along the NW Coast, landing at Wynyard at about 11:30. Around 1.15 pm the pilot advised that he was going to try for King Island, but the weather was still not very good, we took off at about 1.30 pm, and flew through what I have heard called CLAG (cloud low aircraft grounded) right to King Island. We landed with the aid of instruments, and it wasn't till almost on the ground that it could be seen, the plane was not permitted to leave the Island, which was a concern.

Later in the day we received notification that the early flight on Saturday, which was to bring the remaining team, was cancelled because of conditions, and would not be departing until about 10 am on Saturday morning. The plane eventually arrived about midday, with the rest of the Team.

Another problem arose concerning Rt Wor Bro Grave who was in Tasmania undergoing medical treatment. He was to fly from Wynyard to Melbourne and then on to King Island with Rex Airlines; but Melbourne was fog bound. Rt Wor Bro Grave called to advise that they had landed in Melbourne after circling for hours, but did not know what time they would be departing for King Island; he eventually arrived at about 1.30pm,

Lodge was due to Tyle at 3.30pm. At the Lodge Rt Wor Bro Grave received some wonderful surprises, his son Chris had arrived on the Island for this historical event, along with Bro George Cunningham a Member of Nugara Lodge, now a member of Devonport Masonic Lodge and his friend V Wor Bro Frost, present Grand Director for Northern District.

The Ceremony and Banquet went off with outstanding success, and although Kevin was in great pain throughout the entire evening, his medical treatment was to continue when he returned to Tasmania, he showed his usual outstanding dedication and determination and fought through the pain barrier for an outstanding result.

A very short summary of Rt Wor Bro Grave's Masonic activities:

- He was Initiated into Nugara Lodge at a double Initiation with his Brother Brian on the 10th April,1975;
- Passed on 11th September 1975
- Raised on the 11th December 1975
- He worked through the various offices:
 - Junior Warden 1980;
 - Senior Warden 1981;
 - Master in 1982;
 - Director from 1983 until stepping in as Junior Warden again in 1987;
 - Senior Warden 1988;
 - Master again 1989;
 - Director again in 1990;
 - Senior Warden again in 1991;
 - Master once again 1992;
 - then back again to Director 1993 until 1997;
 - Senior Warden in 1997;
 - Master again in 1998; and
 - Director since 1999.

In 1993 the Rank of Past Grand Director of Ceremonies was conferred on him because of outstanding service to Masonry in general and Nugara Lodge in particular. In 2001 he was awarded the Order of Distinguished Service and his wife, Shirley, was awarded a Certificate of Merit for her outstanding service also to Masonry.

On the 16th May 2009 Rt Wor Bro Grave had the Rank of Past Grand Warden conferred, hence the next outstanding achievement an installation in his own Lodge 2012.

Maurice Lawson



60th Year Jewel - Trevor Holton



Sixty years ago on 28th January 1952 Trevor Lionel Holton was initiated into St. John's Lodge. No. 2 TC, now a consolidated member of Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge No. 2 TC.

Rt. W. Bro. Alex Symonds, on behalf

of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania made the presentation of a 60-year Jewel to Trevor at the April Meeting, he expressed his pleasure to have the opportunity to pay tribute to Trevor for his services to both his lodge and the Craft in general. Trevor progressed through the ranks and was W.M. in 1967~68 and again in 1984~85 and served as a Warden at various times during the years.

During those early years the Masonic Home (Fred French) was being built, Trevor, as a busy young building contractor and together with many other Brethren was an enthusiastic volunteer, freely providing time and expertise. Trevor was also involved in many fund raising endeavours.

Time moved on, Trevor applied himself energetically to the upgrading and restoration of the Launceston Masonic Centre building, together with the purchase of the car park, now known as "The St Georges Car-park." He also served on the Committee of Management of the Hall Company and for several years was Chairman, again his knowledge and expertise was given freely.

On 22nd August 1998 Grand Lodge recognised his services by conferring on him the rank of Past Grand Inspector of Lodges.

V W Bro Holton responded with a recitation of his poem "Masonry".

Charles Jones.

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getting into strife,
Because its teachings, showed me how to act,
So what I have been taught has been a positive fact.

First I had to learn, the whole of the degree obligation,
While standing to speak, in full voice, with no hesitation,
The Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction,
helped me no end,
And I found the members,
were a lot to whom I could depend.

The next thing was an office! I felt I should take,
And as a Steward serving on the tables,
It made me humble, for the whole years to come,
When cleaning-up after everyone had done.

Outside the door as Tyler, was the next step up-in line,
It made me feel important, as security was mine,
To allow some to enter that was foreign to me,
To be respectful to the Inner Guard!
And answer his every plea.

The Inner Guard officer was inside the Temple
and that was swell,
Answerable to the Junior Warden
and the Worthy Master as well,
I had to speak loudly, so that all could hear every word,
And follow the ceremony as it moved ever forward.

The Junior then Senior Deacons followed
in the next two years,
The perambulation was learnt,
and not a step could I veer,
Two years of Warden was a learning curve for sure,
Inspiring in me to become Chairman
or Master to the core.

The year was full of joy, and the learning phase goes on,
To become the Past Master and watch the year long,
Followed by Director to control the whole night through,
So completed my training that started,
when I was oh so new.

Now as a Past Master, I am content to be sublime,
Watching others, and helping from time to time,
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Knowing that the Craft is a perfect Delight.

Trevor L. Holton Dec. 2011

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Order of the Eastern Star

Tasmanian to Head Order of the Eastern Star In Australia

Pam Sangwell, wife of Deputy Grand Master, R W Bro Allan Sangwell, will be installed as the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the United Grand Chapter of Australia, Order of the Eastern Star, in June this year. Pam will be the third Tasmanian to be installed into this exalted position since Australia was granted autonomy in 1985.

"I joined the Order in 1984 in Hobart Chapter" Pam relates. "I was so shy and timid and it took a lot of persuasion before I took office in my chapter."

"In those early days I couldn't imagine myself becoming Worthy Matron of my Chapter, let alone anything higher." "However, over the years I have accepted new challenges, which has enabled me to gain proficiency in ritual and meeting procedures and, here I am, about to embark on possibly the biggest challenge of my life" Pam says.

Pam has been Worthy Matron of Hobart Chapter on three occasions and was the chapter's delegate on the Deputy Grand Matron's Committee of Tasmania for nine years. She has also been the Tasmanian representative on three committees of the United Grand Chapter of Australia.

In 1998 she was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Quebec in Australia, a two year appointment. Later, in 2007, she was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Pam was elected an office bearer of the United Grand Chapter of Australia in 2003 and has travelled extensively during the past ten years fulfilling her role as an office bearer of the governing body in Australia. "I have travelled to each State of Australia on many occasions and I've even had the opportunity to visit chapters in Canada and New Zealand" said Pam.

Pam's installation as Most Worthy Grand Matron will be held at Wrest Point Casino on Saturday, 8 June. The installation will be the culmination of a week of committee meetings, social functions and the business meeting the previous day.

"This will be the first occasion the United Grand Chapter has opened its installation to members of the public" Pam says. "I am thrilled that my family, friends and members of the Masonic fraternity in Tasmania will have the opportunity to witness the installation ceremony."

Registration forms are available for non-members of the Order who wish to attend the installation. Guests are also invited to remain for the Installation Banquet following the installation proceedings.

Pam would be delighted to provide a registration form to anyone who would like to attend the installation, the banquet or both functions.

Please direct inquiries to Mrs Pam Sangwell, 3 Haven Court, Rosny, 7018. Telephone 62446552 or 0439634444.



Pam Sangwell

Order of the Eastern Star Gives Generously

During the past twelve months the Order of the Eastern Star chapters in Tasmania have donated \$13,275 to charity. The greatest beneficiary was the Royal Flying Doctor Service with \$6,500 being donated to the organisation from two chapters.

Other recipients were the Royal Guide Dogs Tasmania who received \$2,600, Spina Bifida \$1,375, Ibis Care Wynyard \$1,300 and Prostate Cancer research \$500. The Shepherd Family were grateful to receive a donation of \$1,000 to assist with medical and other expenses incurred in caring for their baby son.

There are 129 members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Tasmania. For such a small number of people to raise sufficient funds to be able to donate in excess of \$13,000 to charity in one year is a remarkable achievement.



Tamar Chapter's Worthy Matron, Anne Burrows, and Worthy Patron, Ian Burrows, presenting the charity donation to a representative of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Order of the Eastern Star

Helping Hands

2011 - 2012 was a busy but happy time for members of Derwent Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A big thank-you to Bunning's Warehouse Derwent Park for allowing us to raise funds with many Sausage Sizzles.

The members also raised funds by having a fun day with a Beetle afternoon, Christmas in Winter and a Sunday luncheon at which we were entertained by the German Choir who sang many traditional songs.

Derwent Chapter made a donation of \$1,000.00 to Brother Nathan Sheppard and his wife to help them financially with their very sick son who has to be flown to Melbourne Hospital every few weeks for treatment.

\$2,000.00 was donated to Royal Guide Dogs Tasmania, \$500.00 to The Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania and \$500.00 to Prostate Cancer.

Six members gave their time to raise \$600.00 for harnesses for training Guide Dog puppies.

The members are always ready to help others and did so with laughter and love, filling shoe boxes with toys, school items and clothes for underprivileged children in overseas countries.

Seventeen shoe boxes plus nine shopping bags were filled with all items donated by members.

Social days were held where plans for future projects were discussed.

If anyone is interested in joining our happy group inquiries can be made by contacting Mrs. Jennifer Helm on 03 6244 1680 — we would certainly make you welcome.

Doreen Round, Past Worthy Matron



This is Grady, a working guide dog who was raised by Doreen Round since he was an 8 week old puppy.

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Lord Carrington Lodge

120th Year Raffle

To mark 20 years since its inauguration in 1892 at Fingal, Lord Carrington Lodge announced the raffling of a United Grand Lodge of NSW centenary port crock and goblets in Freemasonry Tasmania's August edition.

The raffle was drawn at Lord Carrington's Christmas meeting, and the winning ticket holder was Wor. Bro. Ken Jordan of Lodge Heather.

Lord Carrington Lodge would like to extend its thanks all who supported the raffle.

Phil Corby



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Masonic Motor Cycle Association - Tasmania Chapter - Toy Run 2012 Ride

In extremely windy and gusty conditions, six riders and one pillion ventured to our first pick up point at Bridgewater, where one of our intrepid riders, John "Vossy" Voss complained that he got blown across the road going over the Bridgewater Bridge and that his bike, a V-Strom, got wet with salt water from the River Derwent.

Picking up Paul "Cha Ching" Goninon, Lou and Phillip Goninon (whose bike refused to start and needed some encouragement from Cha Ching, Craig "Deano" Deane and yours truly), we headed north along the Brooker Highway towards Oatlands; our progress hampered by high gusty winds. Deano as Road Captain stopped us at the Bagdad Servo and advised that as conditions were dangerous everyone should allow plenty of space and we would re-assess the conditions at Mood Food and again at the Servo, south of Melton Mowbray. This we did, and at Mood Food all unanimously decided that the conditions were too dangerous and that we would stay, have a coffee and chat.

A phone call was made to John "The Prof" Store, to say that we wouldn't be meeting the Northern Members at Oatlands as planned, and advised him of the treacherous conditions though the Midland and Brooker Highways, and to be extremely careful of strong wind gusts. We met them later at Montrose.

Chatting with other bikers at Mood Food, they too had decided not to ride any further but to turn round and head back to the DEC early. While at Mood Food, Vossy received a phone call from his dearly beloved to see if he was 'all right' as there had been a fatality at Conara where a female motorcyclist had an accident. Our thoughts and condolences go out to the family of Kim Dougan of Devonport.

In a sombre mood and more careful than before, we set off for New Norfolk to rendezvous with Rick (Burn Burn) Goninon. Travelling along the Brighton Bypass, Deano was partially lifted and blown across the road by a gust of wind. We headed along the Boyer Road towards Rick's shop. Without the offer of a coffee and with yours truly being relieved of some hard earned cash for purchases, we set off for the DEC.

It was here that we met out the windblown Northern members The Prof and David Olden who gallantly and graciously rode with Dot "Cookie" Foley and Tanya Trost as pillions respectively, therefore protecting them from the wrath of the oncoming high winds. Who said chivalry was dead?

The Prof relayed Cookie's comment that the "Latte Lads" (yours truly being a member of same) turned back at Mood Food, because the wind was blowing the froth of our coffee's. Having slept all the way down South, I'm surprised that Cookie even knew about the conditions!!!

At Montrose we were joined by a very excited and the youngest member of our group for the day, Harry Cornelius, who had only been waiting 364 days for this day to come. Harry, whose elder brother Sam rode as pillion to Grandad Deano last year, thought all his Christmases had come at once as he donned the helmet

for the short ride to the DEC, before joining the cavalcade of an estimated 8,000 bikes for the 2012 Toy Run to Salamanca. With presents, gifts and donations deposited with the Salvation Army, it was off to Joe's Garage (motorcyclist's bar) for a cold refreshment, before heading home.

Ride verdict: A day of terrible conditions for motorcycling compounded by the tragic death of a fellow rider. On a good note, a successful day for the organisers and the Salvation Army, who received generous donations for those less fortunate than ourselves, particular at this time of year.

Ride safe, stay safe.....Alan "AB" Burton,
President, Tasmania Chapter, MMAA



Christmas Dinner

19 members attended at Le Provencal for a very enjoyable evening with good food, good company, good humour and good spirits (the wine wasn't bad either).

The evening was made possible with the assistance and support of Le Provencal owners, Brother Jean-Claude Rival and his wife Julie, who allowed the MMAA Tasmania Chapter to book the whole restaurant for the evening. Great food, great service, great people; all in an enjoyable and relaxed atmosphere.

On behalf of those present and as President of the MMAA Tasmania Chapter, a sincere thank you to both Jean-Claude and Julie, for not only their support, but for the manner which they received us as their guests for the evening. A similar thank you is afforded to both Deano and Charmane for their generosity, in providing the table decorations and gifts for all attendees.

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50 year Certificate - Colin Alexander Campbell

On the 17th October 2012 R.W. Bro. Maurice Lawson, had the pleasure of presenting **V.W. Bro. Colin Alexander (Peter or Curly) Campbell** with his 50 year Certificate, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

Peter, as he is well known, was initiated into Davies Lodge No. 47 TC (which now has been amalgamated into Burnie Masonic Lodge No. 89 TC) on the 25th February, 1960, he was Passed on the 4th June in the same year and Raised on the 28th January, 1961.

Peter worked his way up to Junior Warden in 1965, Senior Warden in 1966 and Master in 1967. He was also a member of Launceston Lodge of Research up until 2007.

On moving to the Devonport area, he affiliated with Formby Lodge No 57 TC on the 2nd August 1978, and with the Amalgamation of Formby and Mersey Lodges, became a Foundation Member of the Devonport Masonic Lodge No.90TC.

Peter represented the N.W. Coast on the Board of General Purposes and Benevolence for many years, and to my knowledge hardly missed a meeting and in those days, it was necessary to travel to Hobart, with very late travels back to the Coast.

He represents the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Canada and holds the Rank of Past Grand Inspector of Lodges.

Maurice Lawson

Masons and Mates Social Group

V W Brother Geoffrey Stearnes reports that from the ashes of the Launceston Daytime Lodge which handed in its Charter on the 30th June 2012 has risen the Masons and Mates Social Group.

The group's inaugural, Get-together, at Olive's Restaurant Newstead was an outstanding success with 20 Masons, wives and widows attending, enjoying a 2 hour period of happy companionship. An excellent variety of meals being available satisfied the desires of all.

Those attending confirmed the wish that the group meet monthly at the venue on the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. other northern Masons and Mates are warmly welcomed and should read the group's monthly notice in "Club Corner" of the Examiner Newspaper.

Group Motto 'Enjoy it with others while you have it.'

Geoffrey C. Stearnes.



The Broken Column

The Symbol of the Passing of a Member of the Craft

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Masons and Mates enjoying each other 's company at Olive's Restaurant



Freemasons spreading goodwill and enjoying the festive season at the 2012 Toy Run and MMAA - Tasmania Chapter Christmas Dinner at Le Provençal (See story page 14)



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