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The future and Freemasonry



It's a troubled world we live in. There are conflicts overseas, problems everywhere, no country seems to be safe from trouble.

Even in Australia, reading newspapers or listening to the news on radio or television doesn't cause us to break into smiles but rather makes us wonder where and when it will all end.

It is appalling the number of confrontations that seem to face us each day – government problems, transport difficulties, financial woe, schools and hospitals in need – the list just goes on and on.

Our jails were built to protect us from criminals with bars to keep them in. Now we have bars on our homes to keep them out.

Add to that list the gutter language which is so prevalent, pornography, the greed for the dollar, the abuse of other people and the decline in morality – this is the world we live in today.

So where does Freemasonry fit into this picture? The situation is not peculiar to NSW, it is happening all over the world and other jurisdictions are having to cope in whatever way they can.

Maybe it's time for brethren to stand up and be counted, to show the way to achieving a better world. Freemasonry has had its share of criticism in the past and still does in today's society.

Our answer should be to go out into the community and tell them what we stand for, to speak with dignity and confidence about the Craft and the principles we are taught to uphold.

Maintaining these principles in the current society is not easy but it is a challenge we must be prepared to face and accept. The Ancient Charges and Regulations which are indicated to every new member should be highlighted regularly so that they are constantly with us.

This road clearly directs Freemasons

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along the pathway to a better life and along that pathway there must be brotherly love, obedience to the law, honour and interest in the community and country.

It is a broad canvas on which to paint the objects of Freemasonry but on this canvas we must include friendship, smiles, the ordinary courtesies which represent strength of character and are fundamental to the growth of a better world. This will benefit ourselves, our children and grandchildren and all those who are privileged to live on this earth.

But in an era where there is so much conflict it is sad to think that the Craft has to be called upon to show that its words are not hollow words.

Do you remember the Vision of Freemasonry? 'Our vision is to have Freemasonry recognised within the community as an organisation of high moral and social standards that benefits its members and the community.'

Or to repeat a past theme: 'Freemasonry is good, let's talk about it.'


It is essential that we have to give leadership by example or as the Grand Master says: 'Freemasonry at the heart of life.' Priority should be given to health, again paying heed to the Grand Master's campaign to improve Men's Health, to your family, work and commitments to faith.

Lip service to these principles and teachings is not good enough; we must strive for that excellence of character which will show leadership to others. In that way, worthy men will apply to join us because of the example we have set.

Emphasis should also be placed on the charitable works carried out by Freemasons, not only in donations to the different causes but also the fine example of the various homes and courses established to help the aged and the young. Freemasonry makes an important contribution to the community and this information should not be hidden but made freely available to the media, councils and the Government.

By promoting harmony and brotherly love and by caring for those who are in need of assistance, a Freemason can stand tall and show that he is giving leadership by example.

The quiet and dignified efforts of Freemasons over the centuries have made the world a better place for so many people and we must ensure that our high principles, commitments and efforts are maintained and continue into the future.

This is the role of Freemasonry. 



Being and Giving

A call for Social Responsibility



This Grand Chaplain's Message rises out of the reading of the books *The Lost Symbol* and *It's No Secret, Real Men Wear Aprons*.

Masons can demonstrate an understanding of **Social Responsibility** by liberating God's powers within themselves. My challenge to my brethren is to achieve this understanding within the practice of **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth** as a free response of gratitude to God, and that seeks the well-being of others.

An unplanned ten day hospital stay in October 2009 allowed me to read Dan Brown's book, *The Lost Symbol*. I made numerous notes questioning, as a mason of over 60 years standing, whether the situations in the book represented a different understanding of corporate and individual Social Responsibility to what might be experienced in present day life situations, both in Masonry and in the community.

I had in mind the definition: 'Social Responsibility is an ethical or ideological theory that an entity whether it is a government, corporation, organization or individual has a responsibility to society at large.'

Of the many notes I made in reading *The Lost Symbol*, two relating to the presence of the 'miraculous' challenged me in the preparation of this submission:

P. 211: Statement by Warren Bellamy, claimed to be a 33° Mason, and Architect of the Washington Complex illustrated on the cover of the book: *'The Craft of Freemasonry has given me a deep respect for that which transcends human understanding. I've learned never to close my mind to an idea simply because it seems miraculous.'*

P. 314: Statement by The Reverend Dr Colin Galloway, Cathedral Dean, claimed to be a 33° Mason, and commenting on truly miraculous results: *'The question was not whether God had imbued man with great powers ... but rather how we liberate those powers.'*

The thrust behind Dean Galloway's statement (as evidenced in Dan Brown's book) is that 'The Kingdom of God is within us.'

As one who believes this thrust statement, I raise the question: 'How can we, as masons, liberate God's powers, possibly miraculous powers, within us, particularly in the practice of those Masonic Virtues: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth?' Within this context how do we, as masons, relate to the previous definition of Social Responsibility?

**Being and Giving
'What we are in
ourselves, and what
we owe to others
makes us a complete
whole'**

German theologian and Christian martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in his book *Letters and Papers from Prison*, offers the above statement on Being and Giving and the following contribution on 'True Life', (I suggest as a Social Responsibility statement) and presented in the publication *Seize the Day with Dietrich Bonhoeffer*:

'True life means that we should not be selfish or self-effacing. We cannot just live for ourselves, and we cannot live for others in such a way that we lose our identity and direction. True life has to express itself in a self-assertion that is a free response of gratitude to God and which seeks the well-being of others.'

Have we from Bonhoeffer, the scope for a masonic definition of Social Responsibility with masons capable of liberating God's powers within themselves?

Peter Lazar AM, editor of *It's No Secret, Real Men Wear Aprons*, on page 55 issues a simple and clearly defined statement: *'It (Freemasonry) is a fraternal organization that simply seeks to improve men so that they may, in turn, improve society around them'* – surely a challenging response to the 'Being and Giving' approach to Social Responsibility? Jan Lee Martin, one of Australia's leading Futurists, on page 226 of *It's No Secret*, indicates how Futurists, among their many skills, help to identify trends, assess probabilities, speculate about possibilities and, most of all, help others understand the implications of their own choices.

Having read the scenarios of Jan Lee Martin, I hear again *The Lost Symbol* voice of Bellamy: 'I've learned never to close my mind to an idea simply because it seems miraculous.'

As a Grand Chaplain I commit myself to also hear the voice of the 'Futurist'. I challenge Masonry to be involved with me in a proactive stance in how we, together, can develop and demonstrate a creative understanding of 'Social Responsibility' by liberating God's (miraculous!) powers within us in the practice of those Masonic Virtues: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

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The Gavel

The Amen has just been sung. I retire to my chair behind the pulpit out of sight of the expectant congregation as they await the sermon for the day. I listen expectantly for the text but as the sermon proceeds my mind wanders. I gaze at the 150-year-old locally cut stone walls and marvel at the efforts that must have gone into quarrying and shaping each individual stone from its local bedrock. One of the tools that may well have been in the toolkit of many of the participating masons would have been the Common Gavel.

Before we go any further it must be made quite clear that the Common Gavel is the least 'common' gavel used in our lodges. In the Installation Ceremony the first presentation to the newly installed Worshipful Master is the Gavel – 'an implement of power to enable him to keep order within the lodge...' Later, in the Investiture of Officers, similar presentations are made to the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden, the only difference being, in some lodges, the emblem is carved on the implement as representative of the office.

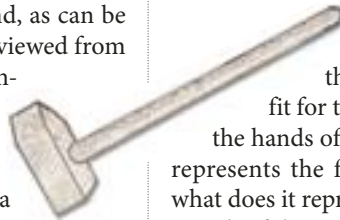
The Worshipful Master uses this gavel to call the lodge to order, to indicate that the brethren should stand, and to confirm and reinforce various serious points of the several ceremonies over which he presides. On many of these occasions the wardens respond with their gavels. Thus we have three gavels in use to maintain discipline and order in the lodge.


At a later stage in the Installation Ceremony, the Worshipful Master is presented with the Working Tools of the three recognised degrees of Freemasonry. Amongst these and in the First Degree is presented the Common Gavel. Thus the Gavel the Worshipful Master uses to maintain order and discipline in the lodge is a different implement from the tool with which he is presented in this latter case.

Let us remind ourselves of the purpose and function of the Common Gavel both practically and also speculatively. First, we must consider the shape of this implement. The derivation of the word gives us

a clue. I was very disappointed in the Shorter Oxford Dictionary in that there was no etymology given so I had to go to The Macquarie and then to Webster's. Both these august volumes claimed 'origin unknown.' However I am fortunate in having a copy of *A Lexicon of Freemasonry*, an edition from 1883 by Albert G Mackey and, as can be seen from the illustration, if viewed from the end the gavel could be compared with the 'gable' end of a building, the square wall and the triangular section above. The German 'gipfel' a summit, top or peak, is the root for the word gable or gavel end of the house.

This brings us to the true function of this fundamentally important masonic tool. In the hands of the Entered Appren-



tice it is used to remove superfluous material so that the stone is rendered fit for the intended structure. In the hands of the speculative mason it represents the force of conscience. But what does it represent in the hands of the Worshipful Master? It represents his duty and responsibility as Master to continue to work with, and on, the officers and members of his lodge, educating, encouraging and stimulating them so that each may realise his maximum potential. 

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Excerpts from the December Communication

It was **Christmas time** at the December Communication of Grand Lodge with the Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston extending **good wishes to all** for the annual break.

He began with a Letter of Acknowledgment to V Ill Bro Ron Duckworth as the representative of the Supreme Council for Scotland of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

The Grand Master also reminded brethren that in the coming years they must re-visit their principles, there was no 'us and them' and time was critical. Six new lodges are in the pipeline, a membership kit CD was being prepared, Caring Officers are to be aligned with masoniCare, news on the GIRTH program, building rationalisation and proposed overseas tours to New Caledonia and Israel.

With the interest shown in the new Dan Brown book *The Lost Symbol*, the Grand Master introduced RW Bro Peter Lazar AM to speak about the UGL book titled *It's No Secret – Real Men Wear Aprons*.

RW Bro Lazar told the meeting that

the misinformation about Masonry needed to be changed because people were not aware of the wonderful work of the Craft. There was a need to market the organisation and its members, secrecy has not helped. He said there was a need to explain to brethren that secrecy only related to a few areas and there was much to talk about.

Plenty of information on Freemasonry can be obtained from libraries and websites and it was hoped the book would encourage members to speak about their lodge, wear a masonic badge as a conversation opener and have a speech to follow. Bro Lazar added that the information in the book and a better approach by members could bring about a change in public attitude.

RW Bro Paul Fletcher, PDGM, gave a progress report on the Buildings Task Force and the need to impress brethren with the concerns about building safety.

He stressed that the comfort and safety of some buildings over time had dropped below accepted standards and a certification handbook on safety standards was being prepared for lodges. He said they plan to address this major challenge and hope to submit the first draft to the Board of Management in February.

The Board of Management report included re-distribution of lodges to districts and to regions, two new lodges have been recommended, there were no surrenders in the quarter and Lodge Wahroonga No 674 has been awarded 'Lodge of Excellence' status. An appeal is being made for applicants for DGIW for 2010-12 to have names ready for District Education Officer and District Membership Officer to improve communications. A meeting was also held with representatives of Associated Orders to discuss common membership database issues.

In its report, the Grand Charity Board gave details of numerous media coverage in respect of grants by masoniCare and association matters, ranging from personal grants, trivia nights and donations of up to \$20,000 to community organisations.

A cheque for \$3,250 for sales of its DVD was presented by VW Bro Ian Cox on behalf of the NSW Masonic Ensemble to the Grand Master for the NSW Freemasons' Disaster Relief Fund.

In other matters before the meeting, the Grand Treasurer presented the Annual Financial report and the Grand Lodge approved the appointments of Representatives of Sister Constitutions.

Two musical items brightened the evening when Bro Victor Valdes performed a harp solo of the Llianura Concerto and then returned to play and sing the classic Christmas pop song Feliz Navidad, originally recorded by Jose Feliciano which, the Grand Master said, brought a smile to so many faces at the Communication.

The meeting concluded with a stirring message of Christmas and its meaning by the Grand Chaplain, RW Bro Rev Peter Kilkeary, PJGW.

A Preview of the March Communication Program

Grand Lodge will hold its Quarterly Communication on Wednesday, 10 March at the Sydney Masonic Centre, starting at 7.30pm.

Agenda

- › Election of the Grand Master for 2010-2011
At the close of nominations there were two applicants: The Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston and the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Derek Robson AM.
- › Fixing of fees and dues for 2010-2011
- › Constitutional changes (if any)
- › Conferral of Grand Rank (if any)
- › General Business

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The Singing Jelly

'I like **Aeroplane Jelly**, **Aeroplane Jelly** for me ...'

This melody, so familiar to millions of Australians, was better known than the current 'hit paraders' of the day and became **one of Australia's best known songs**.

It was the brainchild of Adolphus Herbert Appleroth, better known as Bert, who was born in Melbourne in December 1886.

The family moved to Sydney where Bert began work as a messenger boy and then as a tram conductor while experimenting at their Paddington home with mixtures of gelatine and sugar which he began selling as jelly crystals, using the trams as a means of transport.

With so many successful sales, he left the trams in 1917 and commenced full-scale production under the brand name 'De-Luxe' until 1927 when he formed Traders Ltd. It operated from Sussex Street, Sydney and then moved to Newtown, Chippendale and West Ryde.

On 15 March 1928 Bert Appleroth was initiated into Lodge Vacluse No 266. He affiliated with Lodge Malvern No 609 in January 1929 and became WM in 1936. He also affiliated with Lodge Blue Mountains, Lodge Thespian and Lodge Mackay.

Bert was an aviation enthusiast and chose as his slogan 'Above All'. The inspiration came when he was driving in the country and a biplane passed overhead. He stopped the car, began jumping up and down yelling 'That's it, that's it'. And so the name of Aeroplane Jelly was born leading to the company's modern logo of a Boeing 747 within a circle with the 'Above All' slogan.

Tiger Moths were chartered for deliveries to country areas and for dropping packs of jelly crystals on to Sydney beaches.

The pilot for many of these flights was Bro Ernest Collibee, who was initiated into Lodge Anima in 1937. Aeroplane Jelly also sponsored an air race to commemorate the company's 50th anniversary and Bro Kingsford Smith's epic trans-Pacific flight.

After Bert Appleroth's death in July 1952, Traders was successfully carried on by his son Bert II and grandson Bert III



who in 1981 arranged for 35 people to jump into a pool in Brisbane which was filled with 35,000 litres of watermelon-flavoured jelly.

While Bert Appleroth is credited with the success of the product, the jingle had a number of claimants with pianist Les Wood recognised as the 1930 composer of what was often called Australia's second national anthem.

Wood was also initiated into Freemasonry in August 1938 in Lodge Lilyfield No 402, affiliated with Lodge Thespian and Thespian Lewis and was organist for 22 lodges.

Another contentious area was the name of the singer of the jingle.

In 1938 Appleroth held a talent quest which was won by Joy King and her voice was mostly heard on radio, cinema advertising and in the early years of television.

The Australian Dictionary of Biography states it was originally recorded in 1930 by Amy Rochelle, an adult vaudeville star famous for child imitations, Clair Lennon said that Appleroth took her out of the 1938 competition and signed her for three years to sing the jingle on the Capitol Theatre stage and on radio stations 2UE and 2SM, while Jennifer Simons said she sang the jingle on Goody Reeves' radio 2GB program for a year from about the end of 1931.

Irrespective of the arguments, Aeroplane Jelly, despite now being owned by an American multi-national, still remains one of Australia's best known commercials and a tribute to a famous Australian Freemason.

Research by RW Bro G Cumming, Masonic Historical Society

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The MV *Krait* remembered

Krait was the centrepiece at the Remembrance Day Service held in 2009 at the Australian National Maritime Museum, where the vessel is preserved and displayed.



Veterans at the Krait Memorial Service

The name MV *Krait*, formerly known as the *Kofuku Maru*, is enough to stir the heart of Australians who are old enough to remember the dark years of World War II. However, to the men of the elite Z Special Unit, it is a rallying point. It was the MV *Krait* that carried men of Z Force on Operation 'Jaywick', considered to be one of the most successful raids on Japanese shipping by the Royal Australian Navy in World War II.

Such was the case when on Remembrance Day 2009, members of Z Force gathered on the wharf of the National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, Sydney along with former Commandos of Australia's Special Forces Units for 'The Krait Memorial Service' and to remember those who died and suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Moored adjacent to the location of the Service was the MV *Krait* along with Z Force memorabilia including one of the snake boats used in Operation 'Jaywick'.

The Service was conducted by the Principal Chaplain, Royal Australian Naval Reserve, Monsignor Brian Raynor, OAM EV, and featured an address by the Chairman of the Krait Committee, Mr Ray Irish. The scripture reading was presented by Mary-Louise Williams, Director of the National Maritime Museum. Music was provided by the Royal Australian Navy Band and the service was also attended by RW Bro Commander Derek Robson, AM RAN (Ret'd) Deputy Grand Master and National Secretary of the Returned and Services League of Australia. At the appropriate time in the service, wreaths were thrown into the waters of Darling Harbour in memory of lost comrades.

Of special significance on this memorable day was the return and dedication of the *Krait's* Bell which had been traced and authenticated by members of 'Operation Pilgrimage Group' led by its Chief Planner Allan Miles. The Ship's Bell is a prize possession. It is usually made of brass and has the name of the ship engraved and the date the vessel was launched. It is customary for the original ship's bell to remain with the vessel if there is a change to the ship's name.

The MV *Krait* was used in Operation 'Jaywick' which was possibly the most successful sea raid of World War II. Her crew overcame adversity and showed the spirit of comradeship, ingenuity and true grit for which Australians have become renowned.

Fourteen operatives, twelve Australian, sailed *Krait* from Exmouth Gulf, Western

The MV *Krait* in Darwin Harbour during World War II


Australia, north into enemy waters for 47 days, 5,000 miles in all, and were responsible for sinking more ships than any other Australian vessel – seven ships and 40,000 tonnes of shipping.

'Jaywick' was one of the many operations of 'Z Special Unit'. This unusual Unit was composed of volunteers from the three services, Navy, Army and Air Force. Nationalities included Australian, British, New Zealand, Canadian, American, Dutch, Malay, Chinese, Filipinos, Timorese and others. The unit carried out 264 operations during which 164 servicemen were killed, 75 captured and 178 were reported missing.

Krait's early history is difficult to confirm but it is generally considered she was built at the turn of the century somewhere on the Malayan Archipelago. She is 70ft in length, has a 12ft beam and grosses about 70 tonnes dead weight. She is of an old-fashioned design with a counter stern.

Her construction is of Burmese teak. She was fitted with a German 3 cylinder Deutz. Originally build as a fish carrier, her forward holds were lined with cork. Her original name was *Kofuku Maru*.

On 6 December 1941, *Kofuku Maru* left Singapore, towing two fish barges with 17 officers and crew aboard, presumably bound for Japan. Five days later on 11 December, HMAS *Goulburn* intercepted the *Kofuku Maru* and an armed party was placed aboard with instructions to return the vessel to Singapore where she was handed over to the Naval Authorities and impounded in the holding area along with a number of small pleasure craft.

The *Kofuku Maru* thus became the first ship captured by the Australian Navy in World War II in the Pacific area.

Three weeks before the fall of Singapore Commander Reynolds, along with a Malayan crew, were on board and began evacuation operations with women and children to Sumatra, carrying approximately 120 each trip.

The last of these dramatic journeys turned into a nightmare when, on arrival at Sumatra, it was found that the Japanese had occupied the island and Commander Reynolds made the decision to proceed to Trincomalee, Ceylon. Three weeks and 1,700 kilometres later, no water and only 12 hours of fuel remaining, the exhausted crew arrived at its destination.

After five weeks in Trincomalee, the *Kofuku Maru* made for Bombay, India. In Bombay was a Captain Ivan Lyon of the Gordon Highlanders. He had escaped from Singapore and volunteered to join SRD. He eventually came forward with the idea of the raid for which the ship later became famous.

Unable to sail back to Australia under her own power, the vessel was loaded aboard a P & O ship, the SS *Ballarat* and delivered to a Sydney shipyard for extensive and essential repairs.

Captain Lyon's proposition for the Singapore raid was approved by the authorities involved, using the *Kofuku Maru*. The vessel, coming under the umbrella of 'Z Special Unit', was then renamed *Krait* after a deadly venomous Indian snake of the cobra family.

Two highly regarded masonic ex-Servicemen were present at the Service: RW Bro Henry Fawkes, PAGM JP, a member of Z Force and Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the Z Special Unit Association (NSW) Inc and RW Bro Reg Davis, PJGW, a former member of the 2nd 9th Com-

mando Unit of Australian Special Forces.

RW Bro Fawkes was born in Clermont, Queensland on 24 October 1921 and after leaving school worked as a kangaroo shooter's cook, a drover, a dam sinker as well as a miner in the local mines.

He had a distinguished career in the Army and received the Commander-in-Chief's Citation from Sir Thomas Blamey. The citation reads: 'In recognition of your distinguished conduct in action in the Celebes during the period 11–21 June 1945.'

In 1949, he again enlisted in the Army and served a further 18 years during which time he was involved with National Training, the School of Infantry, and the School of Military Engineering.

RW Bro Fawkes joined Freemasonry in 1954 and applied the same organising skills and dedication to the organisation as in all other interests.

RW Bro Reg Davis JP was born in Newtown, Sydney in 1923 and went to Gardeners Road Public School, Mascot, before joining Sydney booksellers Gordon and Gotch in Barrack Street in the city.

He joined the army in April 1942 and was sent to New Guinea five months later. In his time at the war zone, he crossed the Owen Stanley Ranges and the Kokoda Trail with the army until February 1943 when he joined the Commandos.

As a scout and patrolman, he was active with the 6th Division in Wewak and in October 1944 took part in the landing at Aitape in northern New Guinea. He stayed with the Commandos until 1946.

After the war, Reg worked a market garden for five years at Herne Bay, became a greenkeeper at a bowling club, joined the Federal Court as a tipstaff and then joined the Sheriff's office.

He was initiated in 1943 in Lodge Kilwinning No 13 at Redfern, was WM in 1967 and is currently back in the chair at Lodge Kilwinning, which now meets at Otley, for his seventh term as a WM.

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Strike and Return

Australian airmen had an important role to play during the Battle for Britain in World War II and **460 Squadron RAAF** was one of many to take part.

The Squadron was one of several Australian Squadrons formed under the terms of the Empire Air Training Scheme, which saw aircrew recruited from British dominions Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Rhodesia and South Africa and sent overseas to serve with the RAF.

Originally formed at Molesworth in the United Kingdom on 15 November 1941, the 460 Squadron became part of Bomber Command. Initially it was equipped with Vickers Wellington bombers and its first raid was against the German port of Emden on 12 March 1942.

An article in the newsletter by the NSW branch of the Pathfinder Force Association in Australia said that for the remainder of the war, 460 Squadron was heavily committed to operations over Germany, Italy and German-occupied Europe with Lancasters replacing Wellingtons in October 1942.

The Squadron, whose motto is 'Strike and Return', is thought to have been the most efficient of the Australian bombing squadrons. It maintained consistently higher serviceability rates among its aircraft, set numerous operational records within Bomber Command, flew the most bombing raids of any Australian squadron and was credited with the greatest tonnage of bombs dropped (24,856 tons).

The famous 'G for George' in the Australian War Museum in Canberra was a 460 Squadron aircraft. But the Squadron suffered heavily during the War, losing 181 aircraft on operations and



Photo: RAAF

1,018 fatalities of which 589 were Australians.

Binbrook, about an hour's drive north east of the city of Lincoln, was home to the squadron. Binbrook's only pub at the time was the Marquis of Granby where those lucky enough to have survived a tour of 30 missions celebrated by writing their names on the ceiling.

Past the pub is St Mary's churchyard where seven Australians, average age 24, are buried. They were in a Halifax which crashed on landing on 29 September

1942. Dr Garth Pratten, an Australian War Memorial historian, considers that too few remember the sacrifice of Australians in Bomber Command.

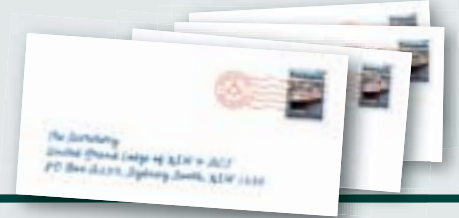
In an article, he states: 'While a visit to Gallipoli becomes a defining experience for a new generation of Australians, the experience, courage and sacrifice of those who fought in the Second World War is at risk of being forgotten.' Dr Pratten hopes that more Australians may make a detour to Lincolnshire in England to pause for a moment before the 460 Squadron Memorial.



Photo: RAAF



Have your say



All aprons should be worn

Right from the time they heard that phrase: 'Consider yourself called upon to make some daily progress in the acquisition of masonic knowledge', countless numbers of brethren have done that.

After becoming Past Masters, many have been rewarded for their service to the Craft by being awarded Past Grand Honours and wear the regalia of that rank.

Is it not time that we in NSW/ACT alter our rule to allow these brethren, with honour and pride, to wear their regalia at all meetings, as do our fellow brethren in Victoria?

BRO F C DOWNEY

Lodge Wagga Wagga No 22

The role of women

I enjoyed the article by Yvonne MacIntyre regarding women in Freemasonry. I have been challenged by some people that our style of regular Freemasonry is misogynist and anti-feminist by virtue of the exclusion of women from lodge meetings.

I have countered the charge by pointing to all female clubs and associations, saying there is an obvious identifiable need for such female only organisations; surely then there is no harm, indeed a positive benefit to men involved in the male only tradition of our regular Freemasonry. Indeed while at university the 'Women's Room' was a subject of much debate among students, some males objecting to its existence. A good female and feminist friend pointed out to me after a brief discussion, the women's room was a place where women, if they wished, could go and be women without pressure, talk amongst themselves especially about female issues without male scrutiny. This sounded perfectly reasonable to me. Later I learned of Australian Aboriginal traditions of 'Men's Business' and 'Women's Business' each gender respecting the other's rites and traditions.

What concerns me is that Freemasonry is valuable, it teaches men good morality and ethics, and a certain way of looking at the

world through a lens of education and reasonableness. As an educator, it concerns me that girls need education as well as boys, women as well as men. Perhaps organisations like the Order of the Eastern Star educate women in this way.

The thousands of wives and girlfriends who have helped their husbands and partners go to lodge, often serving in the south or doing a lot of work, really need to be mentioned in our history. We as Freemasons need to recognize and respect the women in our lives.

S MAWBAY

Congratulations

I have been most impressed by the evolution of the magazine from an 'interesting enough, if not exactly boring' publication that promised much but only confirmed (in the minds of non-masonic readers) the problems we have with public perceptions.

Now it is a punchy, easy to read, well laid out, stimulating source of information for masons and non-masons alike. A magazine that encourages the reader to pick it up again and again rather than just skim it and return it to the pile of things to read if time allows. At last we have a magazine that can be left in areas such as doctor's surgeries etc. that presents a modern image and could well stimulate enquiries. A magazine that can be passed on with confidence. Bravo. Bravo. Bravissimo. Even my wife and daughters have read it, and have commented that it places Masonry in a modern perspective..

The editorial team should be praised for their professionalism and initiative from every quarter.

DAVID EDWARDS

Secretary, Lodge Woolgoolga No 705

Seeking information

I am currently researching historical information on Lodge Kensington UGL No 270 in preparation for our Centenary in

February 2011. I am searching for information that might have been published from 1910 to 1919 in the 'The Keystone' (the forerunner of the 'Freemason') that is missing from the UGL Library. If any member has access to any of this early published information on Lodge Kensington, I would be most grateful to receive a copy. Please contact the undersigned at: 3 Nyan Street CHIFLEY NSW 2036 mjnacons@yahoo.com.au

MICHAEL J NOAKES, PM

Lodge Historian

Support fundraising for Special Olympics Australia

On 15 May, Campbelltown Royal Arch Chapter No 85, in partnership with the Special Olympics Committee, will conduct a Charity Dinner at Ingleburn RSL, Ingleburn, starting at 7pm.

The main object of the evening will be to raise funds for Special Olympics Australia, an organisation which assists persons requiring special needs to participate in sporting events at local, State and International level. The night is not restricted to masons. Family and friends are encouraged to attend and enjoy the night.

Discussions have been held with the Special Olympics Committee and they have been very helpful in the provision of entertainment for the evening, as well as participating in several other activities such as selling raffle tickets and providing a major prize.

Masonic leaders, including the Grand Master of the UGL of NSW/ACT have been invited and tickets are available on an individual basis or tables can be reserved for eight people.

For further information, contact Ken Patterson, PO Box 91 Glenfield 2167, phone (02) 9829 4801 or 0408 227 298 or email ken.charge@hotmail.com



It's no secret - Grannies wear aprons too!

Remember making an apron in Home Economics? I don't think our kids today know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.



A splendid 18th century apron from a painting by Jean-Étienne Liotard



It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids and when the weather was cold grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables and after the peas had been

shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the winter, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

Remember: Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the windowsill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the windowsill to thaw. They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I never caught anything from an apron.

Copies of the book *It's No Secret - Real Men Wear Aprons* are still available from Grand Lodge, lodge secretaries and bookstores.



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In the footsteps of Freemasonry

No doubt you have all read the information that has been distributed throughout the jurisdiction (and Australia for that matter) on this wonderful event to take place later this year.

The tour to Israel starts on 31 October and follows in the footsteps of Jesus' life and ministry: travel around the Lake of Tiberias, Nazareth, the Templars strongholds of Acre, Safed the site of the Sanhedrin and the Cabbalists, Caesarea, Tel Aviv-Jaffa and Jerusalem of Solomon's Temple fame. See also the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Nativity in Bethlehem and visit the sites of the Dead Sea, Kumran of the Esseenes, Beersheba and Eilath on the Red Sea with its famous King Solomon Mines, cruise in the gulf of Akkaba and dine under sea level.

A supplementary module (four days) is available to visit Egypt with its pyramids and ancient tombs, Alexandria and Cairo with the remains of King Tutankhamun and a cruise on the Nile.

The original deadline for registration and payment of deposit was 15 February, however, we have obtained an extension of the deadline for Registration which is now **15 March** and therefore registrations **with payments in full** will be accepted until this date.

To obtain a copy of the itinerary and registration form, please visit the 'Members Area' of our website: www.freemasonsnswact.org.au or email RW Bro Joe Haffner at cosimex@bigpond.net.au.

The Tour is all inclusive and offers a range of high quality hotels, all meals, luxurious coaches and highly skilled guides to take us through the discovery of the traditional cradle of Freemasonry.

Museum of Freemasonry


If you feel you may be able to assist in the Museum, Library or Archives as a volunteer on a regular basis, please provide your details and preferred type of activity in writing to RW Bro Chris Craven (PO Box A259, SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1235) to arrange an interview.

Grand Installations

This year, the Grand Master and Judith will be attending three Grand Installations

for other jurisdictions. These are Melbourne in March, Brisbane early July and Auckland (NZ) in November.

These are spectacular and fun filled events and details are available at each

Grand Lodge's website as soon as arrangements have been finalised. The Grand Master greatly appreciates any support you can offer. 



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



This column is intended to answer the most **frequently asked questions** about Freemasonry. If you have any questions, send them to the Editor.

I have heard that some of the ceremonies are embarrassing to candidates. Is that true?

No, the ceremonies are not embarrassing to candidates in any way. In fact, they have given to all members who have participated in them over the years, lasting and positive memories of a special and moving event.

What happens if I become a mason and find out it doesn't suit me?

This is unlikely since much will be explained to you before you join. You will be able to ask additional questions which will be answered frankly. Since we work for good in the community and encourage your personal, cultural and religious freedoms, the possibility of you not liking the masons is extremely slim.

If however you later decide it is not what you want, you can simply resign.

Why do you mostly wear dinner suits and carry little black bags?

We wear dinner suits because our meetings are conducted in a semi-formal and dignified manner in keeping with our principles. Our members come from all walks of life and social and financial levels. Because clothes can show distinction of rank, we keep our attire uniform to place every member on the same level, irrespective of his public position. In lodge, a Prime Minister is equal to an ordinary labourer. The small black bag is simply to carry items such as meeting notices and agendas, the masonic apron and anything else needed for the meeting.



The Doctor really flies

Australia is unique in that it has a flying medical service which provides treatment and help to areas as big as overseas countries. It is the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

To help raise funds, for the past 20 years the Service has conducted a June Outback Trek of 5,000 kilometres from New South Wales to the Northern Territory, following largely off-road tracks through some of the most remote country in Australia.

Since the inaugural Trek in 1990, the event has raised \$16 million for the RFDS – growing from \$250,000 in the first year to a record \$1.6 million in 2008. The RFDS needs to raise over \$20 million each year to support its work in Outback Australia.

The Trek also helps raise awareness of the needs of people living in remote and rural areas. Trek organiser Bill Patrick says, ‘The Trek gives us an opportunity to unite people from bush communities and cities in a common cause – to support the work of the Flying Doctor.’

‘The Flying Doctor is there for anyone who lives, works or travels through remote parts of Australia, including tourists. You never know when you might need the Flying Doctor, and you can be sure that if you do, they’ll be there.’

The Trek is a motoring challenge for the vehicles of yesteryear. Entries include Holdens, Mustangs, Pontiacs, Dodges and Chevrolet Impalas, all built before July 1971, when a new Chevrolet Impala cost around \$5,000 and a Dodge Coronet cost less than \$4,000.

With drivers, back-up crew and supervisors making up a team of about 300 people, the Trek brings a surge of activity to outback towns, large and small. Trekkers, Australian and overseas, abide by rigorous standards of safe driving and the three tenets which were laid down in



1990: to have fun, see Australia and raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

But it costs money to operate the service. It costs over \$6,000,000 to buy a single Beechcraft King Air aircraft. It costs an additional \$2,000,000+ to make the aircraft suitable to use in the harsh conditions of the outback, and convert it into a flying intensive care unit. The RFDS has a fleet of more than 50 aircraft, flying from 21 bases across the country.





It also costs around \$180 million to run the Service each year. Funds are received from Federal, State/Territory Governments, commercial contracts, private donations, philanthropic grants, private trusts and events with the amount required each year from fundraising at over \$20 million.

Imagine getting sick in Paris, and your nearest emergency room is in Rome. That gives an idea of the distances the RFDS has to travel to reach some of its patients. Pilots fly the equivalent of the moon and back every fortnight.

In its last working year, the RFDS attended 261,801 patients, average 717 patients a day, made 35,983 aerial evacuations, average 99 a day, conducted 14,314 healthcare clinics, average 39 a day, flew 23,180,438 kilometres, average 63,508 km a day, made 69,024 landings, average 189 a day and conducted 86,927 remote telehealth consultations.

The Service was started by the Rev John Flynn in 1928 and in its first year made 50 flights to 26 destinations and treated 225 patients. Pilots often have to do dummy runs before they come in to land on remote strips. These are called Roo Runs, to clear the airstrip of wandering kangaroos. There are nearly 3,000 RFDS medical chests in use throughout Australia. Patients in remote areas are prescribed medication over the phone. One early pioneer was told to take two pills from bottle number 9. He radioed in later to say that bottle number 9 had been empty, so he'd taken two from number 7 and two from bottle number 2 and was now 'feeling pretty good'. Before Flying Dentists arrived, patients in remote areas used to have their teeth extracted with pliers, or pour battery acid on an abscess.

As well as emergency evacuations, the RFDS, which employs 700 staff across



Australia, now provides regular clinics in remote areas, an extensive female GP service, dental services, counselling, immunisation, child welfare, specialist aboriginal health support, men's health services and transport to take specialist consultants out into the bush.



A pampering break

Our Editor shares some of the highlights of his recent short visit to Ireland.

The tour guide did it! What was listed as a five days CIE Tours 'Taste of Ireland' was transformed into a superb and entertaining main course by Dermot, the talkative and always cheerful tour leader with five days of glorious sunshine as the dessert.

Irish hospitality and humour was at its best on arrival in Dublin where the small group of tourists from various parts of the world quickly became family with name tags to easily identify each member.

As the brochure said: 'Looking for a city that truly captivates your imagination, want a memorable weekend or looking for a deeply pampering break?'

Dublin presents elegant and stunning Georgian squares, fascinating cobbled streets, a wealth of arts and culture, history and heritage as well as exhilarating sporting events – it was hard to know where to start. Merrion Square, with its gaily-coloured house doors, St Stephen's Green with its artistic displays or shopping in Grafton Street were a good beginning.

Dermot cajoled, joked and relaxed the group on his introductory drive around the city, pointing out highlights from Parliament to ancient buildings and the street statue of Molly Malone before a quick tour of Dublin Castle and the beautiful State Apartments. He also pointed out that

author Jonathan Swift, who wrote *Gulliver's Travels*, became Dean of the local St Patrick's Cathedral and was buried there.

The first day was completed with a visit to the Merry Ploughboy pub for a night of traditional Irish food, music and dance. It is a rare Irish pub, one where the owners are experts in fine food, drink and hospitality and are also accomplished musicians who involve the audience in their show.

Departing Dublin at a reasonable hour in the morning, we drove south and stopped a few miles outside Cork for the double attraction of the Blarney Woollen Mills and Blarney Castle. The winding, narrow steps to the top of the Castle never seemed to end but the long queue of tourists, aided by rails and ropes, finally got there before staggering to the opposite side to plant a kiss on the well-worn Blarney Stone, admire the view and begin the trek down.

Driving into County Kerry, where the scenery was more mountainous, our stopover was Killarney, set alongside the lakes with Ireland's highest mountain, the Macgillycuddy Reeks forming the background. It was another musical night at one of the city's famous pubs.

Ireland's most popular scenic drive took up most of Day Three as we travelled



Above: Sweet Molly Malone

Below left: A graphic representation of the Famines that ravaged Ireland.

Right: Blarney Castle, home to the famed Blarney Stone.

the 100km around the Ring of Kerry on narrow, twisting, winding roads which made the old Sydney to Newcastle drive look good. But there was the reward of postcard scenes of green hills, flowering yellow gorse, lakes, mountains and ancient walls up to 2,000 years old.

The coach, with Dermot entertaining with a constant flow of trivia and local items, landed the group at Sneem with its brightly painted houses, home-made ice cream and a standout hair salon named 'Curl Up and Dye' before returning late afternoon to Killarney.

Day Four started with a 20 minutes ferry ride across the River Shannon to the Cliffs of Moher, taking a short spell on deck to brave the gusty winds before seeking shelter. The Cliffs are a spectacular wall of limestone reaching more than 200 metres above the Atlantic Ocean where the gale force wind made the ferry experience seem like a gentle breeze. It tested even the strongest on the walk to the look-outs, many times pushing you off balance and it was good to get back in the coach for the drive to Bunratty.

This was to be another fabulous night as we walked to the 15th century Bunratty





Castle, climbed some more old steps to a welcoming glass of mead and were escorted to the Great Hall for a medieval banquet in candlelight at long oak tables, in a wonderful setting with good food and entertainment.

Three Lords and six Ladies served the meal but a deliberate absence of cutlery meant soup was drunk from the bowl and prime ribs, chicken and dessert were eaten medieval-style by fingers. From the tourists, a Lord and Lady for the night were selected (appropriately a couple celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary), and they tasted and approved the different courses. However, one unlucky tourist was accused of a misdemeanour and was sentenced to the dungeons before singing a song to gain his release.

The Lords and Ladies also presented various musical items, assisted by a violin and harp, as every person in the room joined the singing in true tourist harmony.

Suddenly the tour was almost over. Only a visit to the National Stud and the Japanese gardens at Kildare remained but even these left an imprint on the memory. At the Stud, the 1993 Melbourne Cup winner Vintage Crop welcomed the Australians as staff explained the workings of the establishment.

The Japanese Gardens, considered the best in Europe, were laid out in 1908 and represent the 'life of man' through the selection and placement of trees, shrubs and rocks in classical Japanese manner.

Dermot had the last word with his farewell when he reminded us we had

Tip Card #2 Generation X and Y

AIM – This tip is to help your lodge sell itself and Freemasonry to the younger generations.

Target

You may not be aware of this fact yet but it will be the Gen X and Gen Y members who will take over from us and become the Freemasons of the future! So, we need to accept these young men into our lifestyle but to do that we need to improve or modify our method of dealing with them.

Reasoning

The young men of Generation X, born roughly between 1965 and 1980, which makes them about 30 to 45 years old, and Generation Y born from 1980 and onwards, now aged up to 30 years old, are considered by many to be different to us.

Not true! Sure they might be more switched on to modern technology, like different music, probably drink more wine and spirits than beer and have a university education with double degrees. They love computer games, text messaging by mobile phones for which they have their own language. They now 'twitter' as well. Underneath though they are still your average Aussie blokes.

They are a product of their generation just as we are a product of ours. Guess what generation your grandchildren and great grandchildren come from? Yes, Gen X and/or Gen Y. Do you love them any less because of this? You might find your motor mechanic, dentist, chemist and lots of other people you deal with on a daily basis are from Gen X or Gen Y too. We interact with these people all the time. Why then should we have a problem taking Gen X and Gen Y into Freemasonry?

Methodology

All we have to do is tweak up our presentation a bit to make it more appealing to these younger people. These young

men and their wives, brought up in a fast-paced, ever-changing environment, have an ability to absorb information much faster than we do. What we find acceptable is probably boring to them, meaning that we may put a lot of effort in for no result.

We also have to 'woo' them. They will be more impressed by canapés and modern, well-presented meals with fine wines. We can provide that for them with little additional effort instead of our traditional sandwiches, cake and tea or coffee. Make a nice change?

We shouldn't use letterbox drops to invite them to visit us, we should use the web or Facebook or Twitter. We shouldn't use pamphlets with a history lesson written on them; we should give them our website details and let them conduct their own research. They find this to be fulfilling and they are more likely to accept the results of their efforts than our sales pitch.

Conclusion

Basically we need to forget all that we learnt about how to set up an open night as we did when we were younger and instead adopt today's technology and thinking to suit our needs in growing our lodges.

We can do it. Our generations have been through more change than these youngsters have, even though they think they invented everything – we know we did!

We have proved we can adapt to most everything and that we are not scared to use whatever the world throws at us. Look upon this as just another challenge in life.

Let's adapt one more time to attract the new members that we need to carry our great fraternity in the future.

experienced the magic of traditional Irish music, song and dance accompanied by genuine warmth and friendship.

'Make sure you return again soon,' he requested with his inimitable smile.

To be sure Dermot, we will, we will.



Have you been to the Museum yet?

The Museum of Freemasonry (MoF) was created in 2004 to help promote an understanding of Freemasonry and to dispel the public perception that Masonry is secretive.

The Museum has an astonishing range of exhibits that are certain to impress masons as well as members of the general community.

There are many misconceptions about Freemasonry and the museum is there to clear the mist and shed light into those rumours. From the general public's perspective it becomes easy to see that Masonry is a system of morality and that its members join in order to better themselves in some way.

The museum shows us that there is more to Freemasonry than secret handshakes and passwords. In fact, if you take a guided tour of the MoF you will learn that Freemasonry is one of the largest charitable organisations in NSW and ACT.

You may be surprised to see throughout the museum information about



Above: The Grand Masters' Gallery



Left: Grand Lodge Working Tools

Below: Lodge Working Tools



One of the boards painted by Richard Reid in 1827.

'famous Masons.' Names like Sir Donald Bradman, boxer Vic Patrick, Bert Appleroth who created Aeroplane Jelly, explorer Matthew Flinders, actor Chips Rafferty, Joseph Banks, John Gowing (Gone to Gowings), William Charles Wentworth and many others can be found in the museum.

One of the rules of Freemasonry forbids members to discuss religion or politics in their meetings, but you'll also find a large number of politicians who are or were masons. Of 26 Australian prime ministers, 10 have been Freemasons, including Edmund Barton, Robert Menzies, John McEwen and William McMahon. The list also includes Lord Carrington, former governor of NSW and first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW, and Governor Lachlan Macquarie.



Visitors will be amazed by the vast collection of ancient and modern regalia and jewels from all corners of the globe. Amongst the items are a pair of caribou hide mittens made by an Eskimo woman in Alaska in 1955 in honour of her son joining the organisation, and 1930s tea trays from Brazil with iridescent blue butterfly wings arranged in the shape of the square and compasses.

The museum also boasts an impressive collection of Tracing Boards and portraits that showcase masonic art in its best form. Tracing boards are paintings which tell

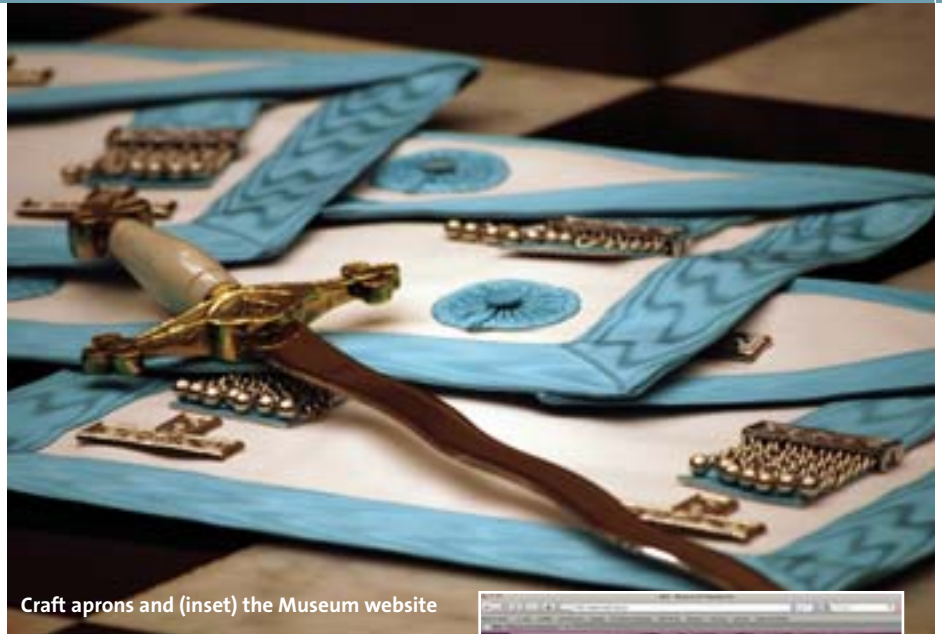


stories and depict emblems and symbols of Freemasonry and are used to teach its moral lessons in the several degrees of the order. Among others you will find a set of three boards painted by Richard Reid in 1827 and another set by John Harris, one of the most popular creators of tracing boards, painted in 1845.

The Grand Masters' gallery displays large oil on canvas portraits of every past leader of the Order. One of the finest is the portrait of William Thompson founder of the William Thompson Masonic School for orphan children. It was painted by George F Harris, father of Australian painter, Rolf Harris CBE, AM.

The Museum of Freemasonry has recently launched a new website which has items displayed in online galleries, a number of booklets and pamphlets about various facets of Freemasonry. It also has information about future and past events and exhibitions of the museum.

The MoF is open to the public Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:40 pm, public holidays excluded. Entry is free of charge. It is located on the third floor of the Sydney Masonic Centre (SMC)



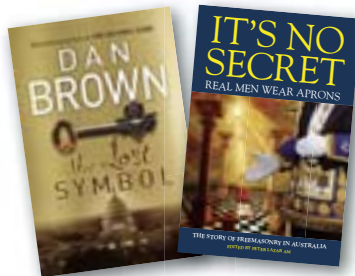
Craft aprons and (inset) the Museum website

where the lodge rooms are located. Independent visits are welcome, but if you want to learn the ins and outs of Freemasonry it is recommend that you book a guided tour.

Sydney Masonic Centre
279 Castlereagh Street, Sydney
Bookings: phone 02 9284 2872



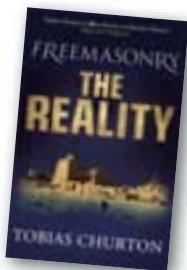
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Governor Macquarie

The actions of a man can sometimes live longer than his memory and Lachlan Macquarie made certain that **his stay in Sydney** would always be remembered.

A part from the streets, parks and suburbs which carry his name, Macquarie was almost solely responsible for turning New South Wales from a penal colony into a free State throughout his humanitarian and visionary 12 year tenure.

With his wife, Elizabeth (Elizabeth Street, Elizabeth Bay, Mrs Macquarie's Chair etc) he was one of our most important colonial governors and left lasting legacies, many of which can be seen today eg. Hyde Park, Hyde Park Barracks, the Female Orphan School at Rydalmere, now part of UWS Campus, many churches in the Macquarie Towns (Windsor, Richmond, Liverpool), the first road over the Blue Mountains to Bathurst (Cox's Road which can still be found and walked from Mt York near Mt Victoria) which opened the frontier of Australia from its confines on the coast.

Governor Macquarie was also a prominent Freemason but sometimes found his dual role provided unexpected challenges.

When laying the Foundation stone of St Mary's Cathedral, Governor Macquarie is recorded as saying: 'You must



Governor Lachlan Macquarie 1761–1824

know, Father Therry, that, although I have never laid the first stone of a Catholic church before, I am a very old mason; and I shall keep this trowel as long as I live, in remembrance of this day, and I wish you and your flock every success in your pious undertaking.'

This year 2010 is the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Macquarie into Sydney to take up the post of Governor of New South Wales and it didn't take long for him to realise there was a big task ahead to change and shape Australian society.

Lachlan Macquarie was born on Scotland's Isle of Mull on 31 January 1761 and was only 63 when he passed away in London. But he packed into those years enough travel, work and success to leave a permanent imprint in the history books.

When he was aged 16, he joined the army and was commissioned as an ensign in Nova Scotia during the American War of Independence. By 1879, he was a captain and based in Bombay, India where he was highly regarded as an officer and for his social skills.

In his journal for 16 January 1793, Macquarie wrote: 'Wednesday I had the honour to be initiated a Freemason in Lodge No 1 where the Worshipful John D Penthiw is Master.' He also wrote about attending another meeting on 20 February where the Worshipful Master read a lecture.

The lodge in which he was made a mason, Lodge No 1 Bombay has not been positively identified. The number was used as a substitute by lodges immediately after their formation until the warrant with a regular number arrived from the parent Grand Lodge in England, Scotland or Ireland. Also in Bombay during Macquarie's time was the Lodge of Amity. There is no mention of him being made a Fellow Craft or Master Mason, although this could have occurred at either of the first two meetings he attended.

The only other masonic references to Macquarie occurred on 2 November 1816 in Sydney at the setting of the foundation stone for Captain John Piper's villa at Point Elizabeth where 32 masons participated and the toast was to 'Our respected Brothers, the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony', as well as the appearance at St Mary's Cathedral.

In Bombay, he married Jane Jarvis in 1793 but the marriage did not last long with his wife dying from tuberculosis. Macquarie returned to London where he heard of the Rum Rebellion and the problems faced by Governor Bligh.

A friend, Brigadier General Nightingall had been appointed NSW Governor but his health forced him to decline the posting and recommended Macquarie take his place. Macquarie accepted, left London in 1809 and visited South Africa to see how a colony was organised before arriving in Sydney on New Year's Day 1810.

With a raft of problems facing him, Macquarie used his powers as Governor to introduce a tax on liquor to fund development and instituted a colonial bank



Hyde Park and St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
Photo: Frank Hurley, 1940s



Young overseas tourists take in the view from Mrs Macquarie's Chair.

similar to one he had seen at work in Cape Town.

It was also clear that Sydney was growing beyond its initial convict penal status and many citizens were now earning a respectable living through independence and business activities.

Macquarie became known as an 'enlightened despot' because of his beliefs and actions. He closed disreputable public houses, founded schools for disadvantaged children, renamed and rebuilt Sydney's maze of streets, reformed the treatment of women convicts, banned swimming or washing clothing in the Tank Stream and made town planning a priority.

He offered an exclusive three-year monopoly of the liquor business to merchants Blaxcell, Lord and Wentworth in exchange for their assistance to build the hospital which is still standing in Macquarie Street.

Newly arrived convict architect Francis Greenway (initiated in Australian Social Lodge No 260 on 3 June 1822) became an ally in helping to rebuild the colony by designing churches, roads and hospitals while Macquarie tried to stabilise trade and credit.

His humane attitude to people was noticeable in his treatment of convicts and their admission into the colony after serving their sentence. He was also concerned about the treatment of the Aboriginal

people and founded a Native Institute to educate orphaned and abused children.

Macquarie is also credited with the adoption of the name Australia. He took it from explorer Matthew Flinders and recommended it become official in correspondence with the Colonial Secretary in London.

However, settlers in Sydney who had monopolised business and farming until Macquarie's arrival joined ranks to force his resignation. Suffering from a serious kidney complaint, he returned to London to fight for his position in court but died suddenly while presenting his case.

Lachlan Macquarie, the longest serving Governor of NSW, is buried on the Isle of Mull and his grave is maintained by the National Trust of Australia.



Among the many tributes to his work can be found Macquarie Street in Sydney city, Macquarie University, Macquarie River, Lake Macquarie, Port Macquarie, Macquarie Fields.

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Christmas cheer

The sound of merriment and the traditional 'Ho, Ho, Ho' greeted Masonic Widows who attended the **inaugural Christmas lunch** on 16 November 2009, organised by the Masonic Widows Advisory Committee.




The lunch was held at the Sydney Masonic Centre and provided an opportunity for ladies who have given so much to Freemasonry by way of support for their late husbands to come together and share the enjoyment of the festive season.

The President of the Committee, Mrs Dot Whitford welcomed the Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Greg Levenston, the Grand Secretary, RW Bro Kevin McGlenn, the Patron of the Association, RW Bro Alan Farrell and the ladies, some of whom had travelled long distances to be present. In her welcome, the President thanked the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and the SMC for their support and those whose financial donations had made the Christmas lunch possible.

VW Bro Graham Beaton provided the traditional 'Ho, Ho, Ho' and handed out gifts to the ladies. Graham may not have the stomach for the position but he won the hearts of those present.

The aim of the Masonic Widows Advisory Committee is to provide a link between Masonic Widows Associations and Grand Lodge and at the same time encourage lodges to include the widows of their former members in lodge social functions. Whilst women cannot become members of a Regular masonic lodge, the support they give to Freemasonry is paramount to its success and we should remember that masonic widows are members of the family of Freemasonry.

For further information concerning the Masonic Widows Advisory Committee, contact Dr Yvonne McIntyre, United Grand Lodge, on (02) 9284 2844. 

Masonic Book Club

Further discussion of *The Lost Symbol*

The second meeting of the Masonic Book Club was held in the newly refurbished Lodge Room No 3, Sydney Masonic Centre, on 4 November 2009 and was attended by more than 30 ladies and brethren. The panel on this occasion was Miss Alison Martyr, Chair, and RW Bro Alan Farrell, PDGM CMH.

The meeting continued its review of the Dan Brown book *The Lost Symbol* initially discussed at the inaugural meeting of the Club in September 2009. The consensus of the meeting was that whilst the book is supportive of Freemasonry and highlights its ability to unite men of all faiths and ethnic and social backgrounds, there are inaccuracies and half truths which could be seen as supporting previous criticisms of the Craft.

The meeting also came to the conclusion that Entered Apprentice Freemasons and Fellow Craft Freemasons are able to read the book without adversely affecting the exhilaration of their progress in Freemasonry.

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held in the Egyptian Room of the Petersham Royal Arch Temple (23-25 New Canterbury Rd, Petersham) on Friday 19 March 2010 commencing at 7.00 pm. The book to be reviewed is *It's no Secret - Real Men Wear Aprons* edited

by RW Bro Peter Lazar, AM PJGW and published by the United Grand Lodge NSW and ACT.

The book was released to Freemasons in December 2009. It will go on sale to the public in 2010 and is available from the Museum of Freemasonry, Sydney Masonic Centre.

Unlike the Dan Brown book, *It's no Secret - Real Men Wear Aprons* is a factual account of Freemasonry, its purpose, its symbolism and its mystique. In his Foreword to the book, the Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Greg Levenston, states: *It's no Secret* tells of some great and famous masons of the past and the present. It provides glimpses into the lives of our leaders, artists, scientists, explorers, entrepreneurs, heroes, sportsmen. What becoming a Freemason means to both new and long serving members is presented in a number of snapshots by contributors. Women get a say in these pages also. Increasingly women have become involved in the work of the Craft and we welcome this.

A highlight of the evening will be a talk on the frieze of the Egyptian Room.

The cost of admission to Book Club Meetings is a gold coin. Please contact W Bro Chris Williams, Grand Librarian, Tel: (02) 9284 2825 or Dr Yvonne McIntyre, Co-ordinator, Tel: (02) 9284 2844. RSVP for attendance is Monday 15 March 2010.



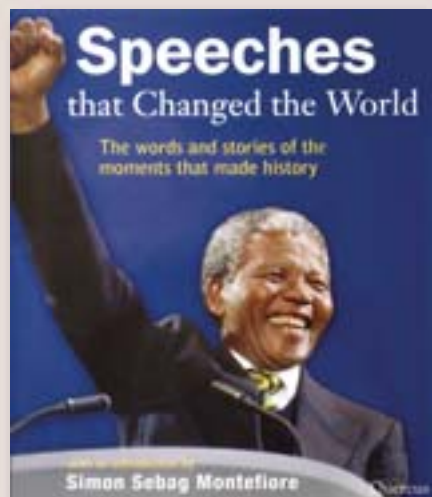
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Women in Freemasonry

– Other Orders

Initially, my intention was to confine my research of 'Women in Freemasonry' to the role played by women in the development of Freemasonry in NSW and the ACT; however, a number of readers of the first article, published in the December 2009 issue of the *Freemason*, have expressed interest in the part women have played internationally and I have included a brief background of the development of Masonic Orders for women since the formation of Speculative Freemasonry, or Freemasonry as we know it, in the late 1600s.

Women have been active in Freemasonry as far back as the early 1700s and I mentioned the initiation of The Honourable Miss St Leger into a masonic lodge in the previous article. These were times when women had very few rights. In the United Kingdom for example, women did not gain the right to vote until 1918.

Despite the embargo on women at the time Speculative Freemasonry was formed, there were brethren who wished to share their masonic experience with their wives. There were also women who saw the organisation as an opportunity to improve conditions for women and at the same time serve the community. As a result a number of Masonic Orders were formed some of which were mixed genders and others which admitted women only. The most popular of these appear to have been the Order of the Eastern Star, the Order of the Amaranth, the Order of International Co-Freemasonry, the Order of Women Freemasons and the Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons.

The Order of the Eastern Star

The Order of the Eastern Star was created in the USA in about 1849 and is based on characters from the Old and New Testaments. The Order is essentially Christian; however, other faiths are welcome with the only requirement being a belief in a Supreme Being.

The officers of the Chapter are women, the most senior being the Worthy Matron. The Rules of the Order require that a



mason of at least Master Mason rank is present at all meetings. The mason is known as the Worthy Patron and his position is near equal to the Worthy Matron. Meetings cannot proceed unless a mason is present.

The requirement arose as an attempt to overcome public criticism of unescorted women meeting socially. The presence of a mason was also seen as overcoming objections to the use of a masonic lodge room.

Whilst the Order was accepted by masonic lodges in the United States, it received little support from the United Grand Lodge of England which as late as March 1999 issued a statement that membership of the Order, attendance at its meetings or participation in its ceremonies was considered incompatible with membership of that Grand Lodge.

The Australian Masonic Conference held in Sydney in 1928 adopted a resolution which prevented Australian Freemasons from attending meetings or being a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. The motion also prevented the Order from holding its meetings in a masonic lodge room. These restrictions have now been lifted by Australian Grand Lodges.

The Order has Chapters in most countries aligned with Freemasonry and is stated to be the largest fraternal masonic organisation for men and women.

The Order of the Amaranth

A second organisation admitting male and female members and known as the Order of the Amaranth was created in the United States in 1873 as part of an Adoptive Rite. It featured the Order of the Eastern Star as the First Degree, the Queen of the South as the Second Degree and the Order of the Amaranth as the Third and final Degree.

In similar fashion to the Order of the Eastern Star, the organisation is composed of Master Masons and properly qualified female members. During the period 1873 to 1921, it was mandatory for members of the Order of the Amaranth to be mem-



bers of the Order of the Eastern Star. The requirement was dispensed with in 1921.

The Order is open to all faiths and as with the Order of the Eastern Star, a belief in a Supreme Being is required. The Grand Lodges of Australia do not impose restrictions on their members in relation to the Order of the Amaranth.

The Order is represented in Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and the Phillipines.

The Order of International Co-Freemasonry

Co-Masonry, as it is called, was consecrated in Great Britain in 1902. The Order is open to men and women of all races and religions. Members actively supported the movement to gain the right to vote for women and were later active in establishing support agencies during World War I. The Order was established in Australia in 1911.

Membership of the Order is not permitted by masons of mainstream Grand Lodges throughout the World; however, its history provides a wonderful example of masonic men and women working for humanity. For this reason and because it is not well known, I intend expanding on the background of the Order, its principles and in particular, its history in Australia in the June issue of the *Freemason*.

The Order of Women Freemasons

The Order of Women Freemasons began as the Honourable Fraternity of Antient Masonry and was formed in 1908 as a 'breakaway' movement from Co-Masonry.

The Order was initially open to men and women and the first Grand Master was MW Bro Rev Dr William Frederick Cobb. Since 1912, the Grand Masters have been women and in the early 1920s, the decision was taken to restrict membership to women only.

In 1958, the Order became known as the Order of Women Freemasons and is said to be the oldest and largest masonic organisation for women.

It operates similarly to a regular masonic



lodge and members are able to progress through the first three Degrees of Craft Masonry. They are then able to join the following Orders operating under its jurisdiction: Order of the Secret Monitor; Degree of Mark Master Mason and Royal Ark Mariner; Holy Royal Arch (Chapter); Cryptic Degrees; Allied Masonic Degrees; Red Cross of Constantine (Conclave); Holy Sepulchre and St John the Evangelist; Knights Templar and Knights of Malta; Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest; Ancient and Accepted Rite – 18th to 33rd Degree; Royal Order of Scotland.

Whilst not formerly recognising the Order of Women Freemasons, the United Grand Lodge of England in 1999 acknowledged the regularity and sincerity of the Order.

The Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons

As with Co-Masonry, I will elaborate on The Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons in the June issue of the *Freemason*.

Australian women have their say

In the recently released book *It's no Secret – Real Men Wear Aprons* by RW Bro Peter Lazar AM PJGW, published by Grand Lodge, the NSW Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston in the Foreword states: 'Women get a say in these pages also. Increasingly, women have become involved in the work of the Craft and we welcome this.'

The Grand Master's comment relates to two articles written by women, namely *Noha's Story* by Noha Sayed, wife of RW Bro Garry Sayed and *Crafting the Future* by Jan Lee Martin, wife of RW Bro Peter Lazar.

Noha's Story tells of how Freemasonry began as a thorn in her life as the wife of a Freemason and how this has changed so that she now shares the masonic experience with her husband.

In *Crafting the Future* Jan Lee Martin draws on her years of experience as a professional futurist to challenge Freemasonry to '... create the future we want, by making our choices consciously'.

Jan Lee Martin, author of *Crafting the Future*



Whilst the articles only take up a small part of the 276 page book, it is a sign that the involvement of women in mainstream Masonry in this jurisdiction is being included in Grand Lodge publications.

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Invitation

On 3 July 2010, it will be my honour to install my successor, RW Bro. Adrian Burton DGM as the 27th Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

It is my pleasure on behalf of Regina, Adrian, Pam and myself to extend to all members of our Masonic family the warmest fraternal invitation to join us in Brisbane for the Grand Installation and associated events from Friday 2 July to Sunday 4 July 2010. A Sunday coach and steam train excursion will take us through the Mary Valley, birthplace of the Grand Master elect.

We look forward to the privilege of welcoming you to Brisbane to join us in celebrating this auspicious occasion.

Graeme A. Ewin
Grand Master



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Freemasons and the Sheffield Shield

Australian cricket has produced **many great athletes** in all aspects of the game who went on to **Test and Sheffield Shield** fame. Many of these cricket stars were also Freemasons.

Donald George Bradman was born at Cootamundra, NSW in 1908 and moved to Bowral at the age of two with his family. He became acknowledged as Australia's greatest cricketer, scoring 6,996 runs in 52 Test matches with an unbelievable average of 99.94. Bradman was initiated into Lodge Tarbolton No 12 UGLNSW on 26 November 1929.

Others include openers Arthur Morris, Bill Lawry and Bob Simpson, wicket keepers Wally Grout, Don Tallon and Bert Oldfield and bowlers Arthur Mailey, Alan Davidson, Geoff Dymock and Allan Connolly.

Oldfield began his cricket career in 1920 when selected for the NSW Sheffield Shield team and his 15 years as a Test keeper resulted in 130 dismissals including 52 stumpings. He was initiated into Lodge Arcadia No 177 UGLNSW on 11 June 1920.

The Ashes made their debut in 1882 when Australia defeated England and the *Sporting Times* published the famous obituary notice which said the ashes of English cricket would be sent to Australia. In Australia the following year, a group of girls presented English captain Ivo Bligh with an urn containing the ashes of a burnt cricket stump. The urn is now on display at the MCC in London.

But the Sheffield Shield was not the first representative fixture. The first interstate matches were between soldiers attached to barracks in Sydney and Melbourne and from them, the inter-colonial series developed with the first fixture between Victoria and NSW in March 1856 on the MCG.

The winning of domestic cricket's greatest prize is always an exhilarating moment for the successful state, but when the Victorians won the title in its first year

of competition in 1892/93, there was no piece of silver to hold aloft.

In fact, the protracted fiddling over the newly instituted shield meant that there was still nothing tangible to present when South Australia triumphed in the 1893/94 season.

The Croweaters had to wait until July 1894 to receive the award ... and even then it was presented at the unlikely occasion of the half-time interval of a football match between Norwood and Port Adelaide.

Cricket administrators in the three competing states of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia argued for nearly three years over how they would spend the 150 pounds donation given to them by Lord Sheffield. It should have been a relatively simple exercise, but turned into an inordinately long saga as inter-colonial jealousies and rivalries ran rampant.

Inter-colonial matches between New South Wales and Victoria had been played for more than 30 years and the only major structural change with the advent of the Sheffield Shield was that the bigger states were each compelled to play South Australia twice.


The Croweaters, it seems had a collective chip on their shoulders even in those days and grizzled that they had always sent their best sides to Victoria whereas the Victorians responded by sending sides that were not full strength. As a result the revenue from Victorian visits to Adelaide was always down.

To trace the origins of the Sheffield Shield it is necessary to follow the story back to England and recount the tale of a cricket mad and slightly eccentric English lord.

Henry North Holroyd, the third Lord of Sheffield, was a man known for his generosity to his tenants on the family estate,

and he had a special place in his heart for children and cricketers. He had no great skills as a cricketer, but that did not prevent him from staging many matches on the family grounds at Sheffield Park. But the freezing English winters took their toll on the elderly Lord Sheffield, and in 1891 he sought refuge by following the sun and organising a cricket team to tour Australia.

It is a popular myth that Lord Sheffield donated money for a shield at the end of the tour as a thank you gesture for the hospitality shown to his team throughout the 1891/92 season. The record shows that he approached NSWCA secretary John Portus as early as November with the thought, and it is therefore likely that he came to Australia with the idea in mind.

The first Sheffield Shield match was played on 16 December 1892, at Adelaide, and while it was in progress there were haggles in officialdom about the creation of the actual shield, and it became obvious that the winner would not have a trophy. The challenge system of deciding the Shield was eventually thrown out and Victoria was judged the top team because it had won the most games. And so a tradition was under way that has lasted to this day even if the first winner had nothing to show for it. 

Kerrie Earnshaw

Getting the facts right

Looking at Kerrie Earnshaw would automatically bring happiness and patience to mind but there's also a competitive streak lurking in the background.

Sydney-born Kerrie is the secretary to the Buildings Committee at Grand Lodge, does secretarial work for the Board of Management, helps building owners seeking advice and makes sure all of their paperwork is correct before it is submitted to the committee.

After two years in the position, she now has a good grasp on what is required and can quickly provide the assistance needed for a smooth passage of applications.

Having performed administrative and secretarial work for ten years before joining Grand Lodge, Kerrie was impressed with the happy people and environment when she came to her interview for the position.

'It depends on what the building owners are looking for. If it doesn't have all the information, then I have to chase the missing details and make sure they are included. My role is also to assist people who telephone with questions about hiring halls, insurance, maintenance and other related matters,' she said.

The competitive streak comes from Kerrie's hobbies of dancing and playing indoor cricket and the desire to be organised. She said she had completed computer courses at and after school and realised that a disorganised person would not get very far.

Dancing taught her the value of patience when dealing with various styles such as ballroom, Latin, South American and modern jive. And indoor cricket has the added value of teamwork and concentration and trying to avoid mistakes.

'Indoor cricket is played all year and last season we finished second by about ten runs. Frustrating and close but not close enough. I play cricket one day a week and dance at weekends. It is fun, different and everyone seems to enjoy it,' she said.

Sport came naturally to Kerrie who competed well at school, enjoyed gymnastics and won a NSW Sports Award known as The Blues Award. Olympic swimmer Ian Thorpe received his the same year.

'The gymnastics stands out in my memory because I was the first rhythmic gymnast in NSW to receive the award. It followed my earlier selection in the State team to compete in the Pacific School



Games in Perth. It was awesome competing against people from so many other nations.'

Social golf, the beach and body boarding also have attractions but with fair skin she has to cover up against the sun. If she has to admit to a dislike, it is dishonest people.

Travel is somewhere on the horizon but she admits that with only a couple of trips to New Zealand to her record, there are still plenty of places to visit. Europe and history are on the radar but a holiday in Tasmania and other Australian areas will probably come first.

Kerrie has a younger sister who is a primary schoolteacher.

'It seems like me, she has always liked helping people,' she said.

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My first year in Freemasonry

Bro Dr Stephen Winnall's grandfather was a mason and this sparked his interest in finding out more about Freemasonry.



I was first exposed to Freemasonry when I noticed a photo of my grandfather in full lodge regalia. I asked my father what this was all about, and he replied, 'Your grandfather was a Freemason. I wasn't interested so much, but he enjoyed his masonic experience.'

It seems many new brethren are exposed to the Craft via their grandfather.

I decided to find out what all this was about and whether Freemasonry was something applicable to me. I attended a dinner at the lodge and what surprised me was the diversity and friendliness of the people at lodge.

To a man they were all gentlemen, very helpful to answer my varied questions on Freemasonry. I have met Freemasons from various walks of life: Christians, Muslims, Jews, old and young, people working in all sorts of trades, studies and professions.

All of the brethren I have met have been 'good blokes'.

THE RUNG OF A LADDER was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.

Thomas Henry Huxley

It dawned on me later that Freemasonry really is a universal society, that is, a mason is welcome in lodges all over the world ... and likewise, brothers from all around the world are welcome in my lodge.

Like all things worth striving for, Masonry takes some time and commitment.

Along the masonic journey, I had lots of questions and realised that I couldn't just 'coast' along. This was initially a bit daunting, but the experience is richer knowing that there was always another mason to provide advice, knowledge and assistance along the way.

I became a parent for the first time in 2009, and this has been a wonderful experience. It was excellent to hear some advice and stories on parenting from brothers in my lodge who had gone through the whole process!

I'm richer for listening to the experiences and advice from these brethren.

I view learning as an activity for life; to this end, Masonry provides a myriad of learning opportunities.

There are opportunities for further progression in ritual and other degrees,

meeting and working with others in different lodges, and even the possibility of learning some family history!

Through the Craft I was able to contact a colleague of my grandfather's who described 'TV Winnall' as 'a bloke who liked cars and was a terrific shot with the rifle.'

This knowledge in turn helped uncover some more stories about the family from my father that wouldn't have appeared had I not taken these steps in Masonry.

Enough stories about my family – I encourage you to enquire about the Craft if you are thinking of joining. If you are a mason, I wish you all the best and look forward to the opportunity to meet you in person one night in lodge.'

Bro Dr Stephen Winnall is an electrical engineer, working as a Project Manager with Cochlear Limited, in Lane Cove, Sydney. He is a keen kayaker, proud father of Sophie and lives in Sydney's inner west, with his wife Belinda.

He is a master mason and is currently Inner Guard at Lodge Ionic No 65.

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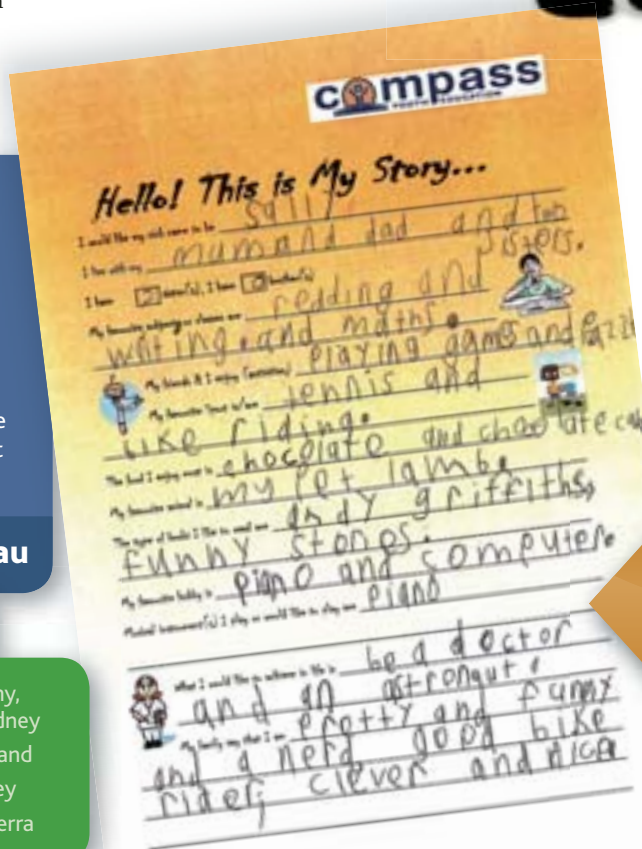
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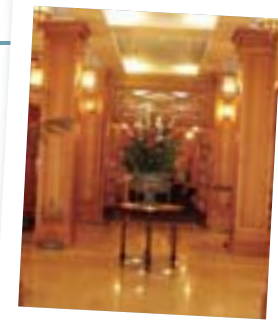
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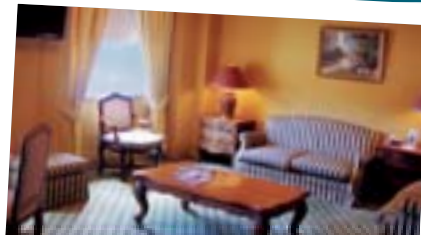
Just a short walk from the Sydney Masonic Centre up Castlereagh Street to the Central Business District there is a **majestic heritage building** of 11 stories which houses the Club **formed by Freemasons, for Freemasons** and directed by Freemasons – The NSW Masonic Club.

The building at 169–171 Castle-reagh Street, Sydney was commenced in 1926 and opened in 1927. It was the first high-rise reinforced concrete building in Sydney and the then highest building with uninterrupted views to the Heads from the top floor.

The Club was formed on 15 September 1893 by 14 enthusiastic masonic musicians who met at the Royal Hotel Paddington and decided to form a Club called NSW Masonic Musical and Literary Society, whose objects were clear from that title. A room in Paddington Town Hall was hired and the Club was on its way. In 1897 the Club published the first masonic magazine in the State called *The Gavel*. This publication was later replaced by the *Freemason*. The club has continued to publish a magazine for the benefit of its members and Freemasons throughout the world.

The Club grew quickly and in 1906 occupied the ground floor of Australian Chambers at 289 Pitt Street, Sydney. With further growth, the Club in 1909 purchased land at the rear of 216–222 Pitt Street, Sydney and erected a Club Room. In 1925 it purchased for 43,000 pounds property (from the Commercial Travellers' Association) which ran from Castlereagh to Pitt Street. It shortly afterwards sold the Pitt Street frontage for 50,000 pounds and subsequently sold property immediately to the north and south of the present building thus providing ample funds to build and fit out 11 floors of magnificent Club facilities.

Original features included a magnificent dining room, a private dining room, a ballroom, a billiard room, a library, reading, writing and games rooms, a large bar and accommodation for 60 members. By 1938 the Club had a membership of nearly 5,000 and assets of over 250,000



RW Bro Graham Berry, President of the NSW Masonic Club

pounds and ranked as the largest Masonic Club in the world. It is still regarded as the finest. In those days there were five board members and a staff largely made up of Freemasons.

In the early 1980s the Board correctly determined that in order to continue to flourish, the Club should make changes to the facilities which it offered. The top five floors were converted to hotel accommodation which has in recent years been improved to the stage where the Castle-reagh Boutique Hotel, wholly owned, operated and staffed by the Club, has 83 bedrooms and a most important 4-star rating. The Hotel enjoys much repeat business from overseas and interstate as well

as from within NSW and the ACT. Country members are always especially welcome. The hotel is open to the public and offers moderately priced boutique accommodation for discerning Freemasons and others who are in Sydney. Events as widely diverse as the Opera seasons and 'The Ashes' test, find the hotel happily bulging at the seams.

Today, as well as the Hotel, the Club offers a fine dining room and a newly refurbished private dining room, a bistro dining room, two bars, a card room, meeting rooms and a magnificent marble floored foyer and lounge area. The club boasts a number of sub-clubs including the Veterans' Association, the Sydney Birthday Club, the Dine and Wine Association, the NSW Masonic Sub-Branch RSL, the Solo Club, the Touring Association and the Golf Club.

The Club regularly hosts the Sydney Rotary Club and the Sydney Lions Club and is the Club of choice for groups such as the Royal Commonwealth Society (NSW Branch), the NSW Justices Association, the Wildlife Preservation Society and many others. The Club's membership includes Vice-Regal persons, masonic leaders, professional and business leaders and people from all walks of life.

Under the Club's Constitution the board consists of nine members of whom the President, Vice President and four others must be Freemasons. As at December 2009, membership stood at almost 3,000 of which slightly over 1,000 are Freemasons.

Why not join your Club with a once only joining fee of \$5.00 and an annual fee of \$40.00 for attached Freemasons. Accommodation, meals and refreshments for members are discounted by 10% off the list price. Enjoyment is only that short walk away.

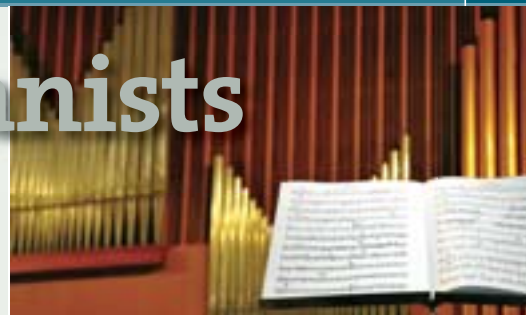


Notes for lodge organists

- 1. Add solemnity to our proceedings'.** That is the charge to a Lodge Organist on investiture and should be observed. There can be subtle humour however in the choice of music, but it is usually lost on the general membership. Never clown with the music; an organist should be heard, but not seek attention to himself.
- 2. The cardinal rule.** It is better by far to play something simple well, than something difficult, badly. Remember that often you are the only musical person present so small errors generally are not noticed.
- 3. Never introduce an ode with the first line of the tune.** Always use the last line. This then avoids the situation where some brethren start to sing on the second or third word and encourages them to start together in the ode proper. The same thing applies with the anthems - Royal and National.
- 4. Exceptions to (3).** After the opening prayers a strong single note is sufficient to start 'SMIB', and after the closing prayer the same

is sufficient for 'Fidelity'. After the obligations in degrees and installations a strong single note is sufficient to start 'Let not Honour' and in the third degree, a strong chord is sufficient to start 'All Glory'.

- 5. Incidental music** is necessary at lodge openings when deacons are on the floor of the lodge changing the TB and the IPM changes the VSL and the WTs.
- 6. During Installations** it is helpful to the Grand Director to play during his movements when he is assisting brethren who have charges and addresses to do and even when moving from NE to SE and back when leading the salutes. It is not necessary to provide any music in the board. I personally favour silence as it permits organists who are Past Masters to participate and reveals less to those waiting in the vestibule.
- 7. The Book of Masonic Music** is an essential requisite to any lodge organist and contains in my experience anything that needs to be done with appropriate cues and advice. It



even has fanfares should the Secretary forget to obtain a Herald or the lodge cannot afford one. If you expect the brethren to sing the odes in the degree work ensure that the Tyler distributes Ode Cards.

- 8. If you are uncertain** it is less obvious to be silent than to start to play and have to stop.
- 9. In degree work** I generally omit the ode at the opening of the second degree unless I know that the members know it and/or there are ode cards in use. In the perambulations, unless the organist can play and sing in a reasonable voice at the same time it is best just to play the perambulation music quietly and in time with the deacons' step if possible.
- 10. The same mistake** made once is forgivable, twice is unfortunate but the third time is carelessness.



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The George Washington Memorial

Located on a hilltop in **Alexandria Virginia**, a short distance across the Potomac River from Washington DC, is the **George Washington National Masonic Memorial**.

While named in honour of the first President of the USA, this is far from just another memorial to Washington the man. It has multiple roles as a repository of some priceless masonic artefacts, including an extensive collection of Washington's possessions and other memorabilia, a museum, library, working masonic centre and community resource.

This multi storey edifice towering 333 feet (100 metres) above the surrounding area and located on Shooters Hill, site of Union fortifications during the American Civil War, provides commanding views from the top floor observation deck back across the river to the city that bears Washington's name and over the surrounding area.

The memorial concept was conceived in 1911 after an 1871 fire damaged some of the priceless artefacts from Washington's life held by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No 22. Construction commenced in 1922 and continued until consecration of the building on 12 May 1932. Building works continued throughout the Great Depression, only being undertaken when money was available as no loans were raised for construction of the memorial.

The memorial association is the only unified effort of all the Grand Lodges in the USA.

George Washington was initiated into Fredericksburg Lodge No 4 on 4 November 1752. He was made an honorary member of Alexandria Lodge No 39, which later became Alexandria-Washington Lodge No 22 when a new charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Records indicate that Washington was Worshipful Master of the Alexandria Lodge when sworn in as the first President

of the USA in 1789. He died in 1799.

Each of the other floors in the building hold displays about a particular masonic order provided by the members of the featured organisation. Each is different in style and content, informative and interesting.

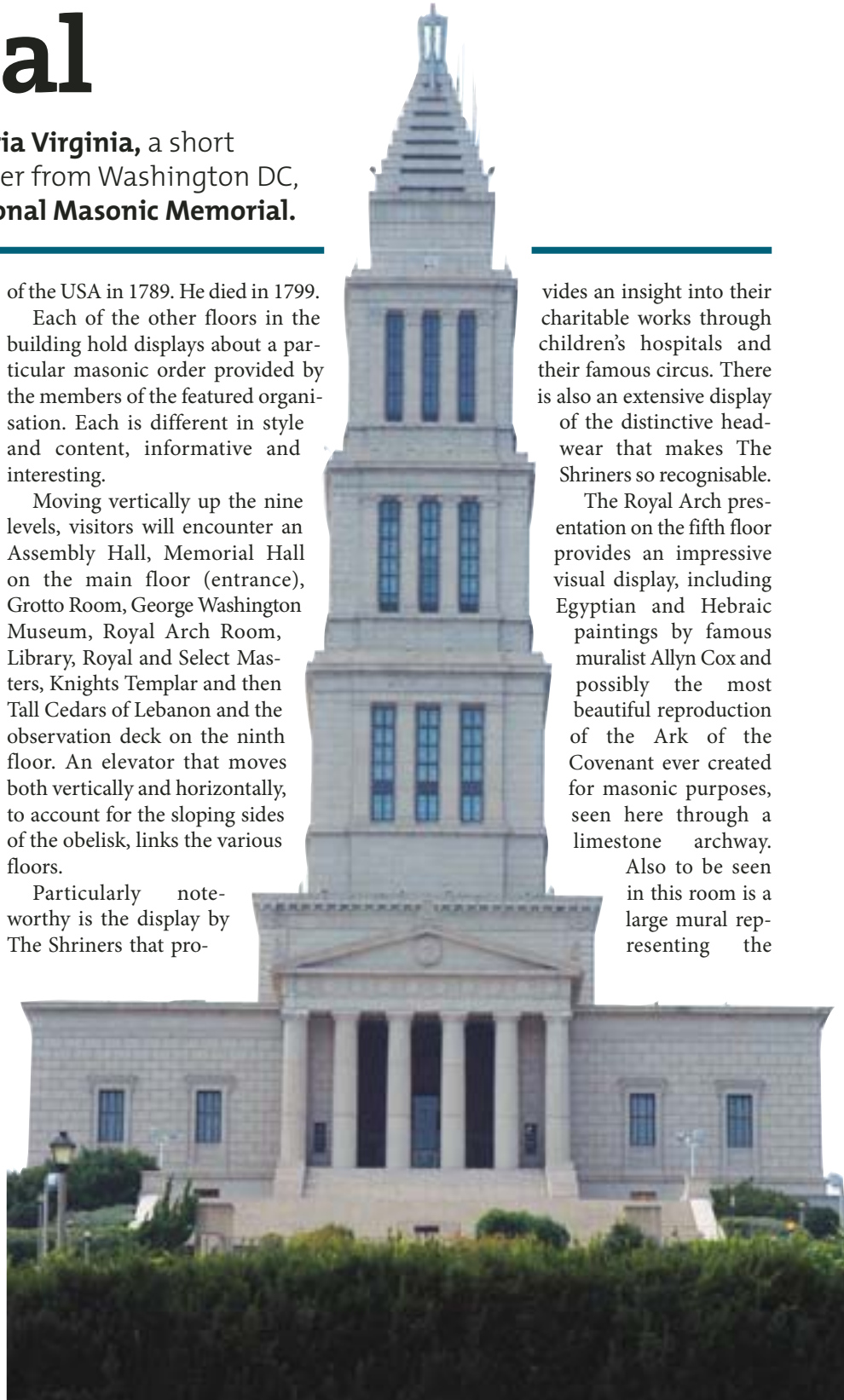
Moving vertically up the nine levels, visitors will encounter an Assembly Hall, Memorial Hall on the main floor (entrance), Grotto Room, George Washington Museum, Royal Arch Room, Library, Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar and then Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the observation deck on the ninth floor. An elevator that moves both vertically and horizontally, to account for the sloping sides of the obelisk, links the various floors.

Particularly noteworthy is the display by The Shriners that pro-

vides an insight into their charitable works through children's hospitals and their famous circus. There is also an extensive display of the distinctive headwear that makes The Shriners so recognisable.

The Royal Arch presentation on the fifth floor provides an impressive visual display, including Egyptian and Hebraic paintings by famous muralist Allyn Cox and possibly the most beautiful reproduction of the Ark of the Covenant ever created for masonic purposes, seen here through a limestone archway.

Also to be seen in this room is a large mural representing the





artist's conception of the ruins of Kings Solomon's Temple.

Being a working masonic centre, the lodge room and other facilities are used regularly by a number of masonic organisations. Alexandria-Washington Lodge No 22 still meets here, as does Andrew Jackson Lodge No 120, a DeMolay Chapter, Jobs Daughters Bethel and OES Chapter.

The memorial also serves as a focus for other community cultural activities with recent uses including a youth Shakespeare camp and guitar festival. The memorial facilities are available for weddings, conferences and similar purposes.

Travelling to the memorial is convenient if travelling by train as it is located adjacent to the Alexandria Amtrak station. If coming from DC, simply board a Metro train and enjoy the journey across the Potomac, past the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, then disembark at Alexandria station for the short walk round the corner to the memorial.

Similarly, travelling by road should be no problem due to the prominence of the building on the skyline and the proximity of the station as a map reference. The

memorial is located at 101 Callahan Avenue, Alexandria. Ample parking is available at the rear of the building.

As access to the front entrance is by stairs leading up Shooters Hill, disabled access is also available through the carpark.

While climbing the stairs at the front of the building may be a little arduous for some, the effort is rewarded by the changing vista as you move toward the entrance and also the close proximity of the large Square and Compasses insignia located in the hillside gardens beside the stairs.

Approximately 50,000 visitors take advantage of the guided tours of the memorial held several times daily, apart from major public holidays. Admission is free.

The memorial will be of particular interest to those who have knowledge of, or interest in, all aspects of Freemasonry. However, others will not be disappointed as the artefacts held in the Memorial are unique while the various artworks and displays provide a glimpse into the life of George Washington and American history.

Research by Bro Brian Thompson, Phoenix Lodge No 85 at Petrie.

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masoniCare's new Website

The new masoniCare website will soon be up and running.

A great deal of effort has gone into producing a modern, colourful, interesting and informative website to assist our masonic community and to benefit the wider communities in which Freemasons live and practise brotherly love, relief and truth.

Some of our members do not have a computer or access to one so they will not be able to simply 'log on'. For their benefit here is a description of it.

Home Page

Welcome to masoniCare, where Freemasons help make the community and the world a better place.

About us

masoniCare is the official charity of NSW and ACT Freemasons.

Quite simply our aim is to improve the lives and wellbeing of people in our community.

The act of 'charity' is a foundation principle of Freemasonry, and masoniCare provides all Freemasons with the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to this principle by providing financial and other support to a range of charitable and philanthropic initiatives.

Over the years, through generous donations, fundraising and assistance, masoniCare has proudly supported a number of programs, including medical research, aid for sick or disadvantaged children and youth, community health and the elderly.

Helping those around us through charity is the very essence of masonic belief, and masoniCare is the primary way for individuals to demonstrate 'Freemasons in Action'.

About us > Chairman

There will be a message from the Chairman, MW Bro Ron Johnson, OAM,

PGM, CMH with a brief description of his credentials and achievements.

About us > About Freemasonry

Freemasonry is a large fraternal organisation that promotes moral and personal development amongst its members. Founded in 1888, the United Grand Lodge of NSW and ACT now has approximately 20,000 members who share a common belief in community values such as goodwill and charity.

The core values of Freemasonry include:

- > Brotherly love – caring for others
- > Relief – helping those in need
- > Truth – acting with honesty and integrity

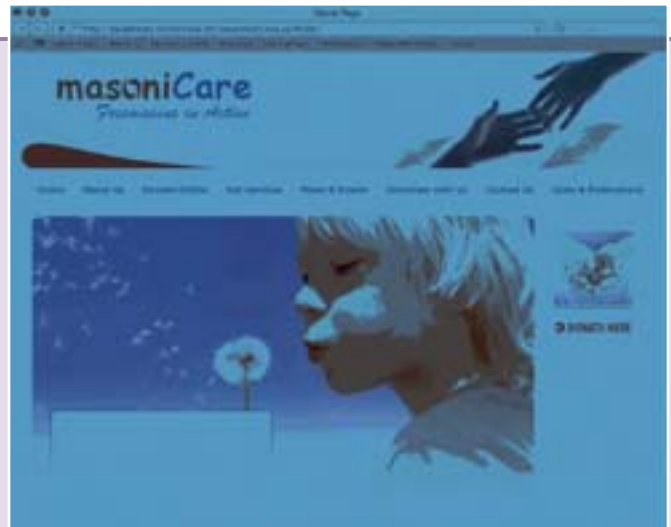
Freemasonry offers a unique and rewarding experience to men from all walks of life, regardless of race, religion or social status. Membership is open to all men of good character who are over the age of 18. To find out more about Freemasonry, visit the official website of the United Grand Lodge of NSW and ACT.

The Help we Provide

masoniCare has developed three key financial grant programs, each designed to cater to specific areas of need. Any Freemason in NSW and the ACT can get involved with finding suitable recipients for these grants. These grants are designed to make a positive impact on society, while giving the masonic community an opportunity to be involved with local community projects through to larger scale charity initiatives.

interACTION Grants

The interACTION Grant program is designed to complement charitable fund-



raising activities initiated by lodges or other masonic groups. Depending on the situation, masoniCare will contribute to monies raised by local Freemasons, in most cases offering 'dollar for dollar' support.

To be eligible a recipient organisation must be a deductible gift recipient (DGR) or a government initiative which is able to receive tax-free contributions.

Regional Grants

The Regional Grants program is one of masoniCare's core charitable services and involves utilising the masonic community to find suitable community organisations to receive financial support.

Currently, Freemasonry in NSW and ACT is organised into 13 Regions, each of which is allocated two grants of \$5,000, to be donated to local community initiatives each year, nominated by local Region members.

In addition, organisations may also contact masoniCare directly to apply for a grant.

Disaster Relief

Sudden natural disasters and other emergencies can sometimes wreak havoc on unsuspecting communities leaving a trail of despair.

The Disaster Relief Fund is designed to offer financial aid to communities in distress. Through the fund, masoniCare can quickly respond in emergencies, providing much needed financial assistance. Through the Disaster Relief Fund, NSW and ACT Freemasons donated nearly \$200,000 to a project in Sri Lanka, designed to help Tsunami victims.

The Builders' Lodge

Have you ever considered how a lodge of operative masons in the 13th or 14th century would have reacted to **a request for charity?**

What did they do when the widow came to them and explained that she was unable to cook for her children because the chimney had collapsed? How did they react when the old timber bridge over the creek leading to the main street washed away during the last thunderstorm?

I believe they looked around and found they had plenty of off cuts from the cathedral they could use to help rebuild the chimney and then found suppliers could donate all of the materials needed to rebuild the bridge in stone.

The Builders' Lodge believes these same ideals exist in Freemasonry today. Many of our brethren don't just want to contribute their money to charity. They want to be involved in the work. Imagine

how much better it would be to physically do something for the underprivileged.

The Building and Construction Industry has had a long tradition of being generous with their time, talent and money. The Builders' Lodge has found this is still true and we have solicitors, architects, engineers, builders, carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers, electricians and all the necessary trades and suppliers to build a house.

At the Builders' Lodge we encompass our partners, our suppliers and their companies, members from other lodges and all have an equal say in how the Builders' Lodge Association is run and which project is the next to be accomplished. If a lodge in a country town wants to help the local CWA rebuild their hall, they'll call the Builders' Lodge.

Do you want to be part of the future of Freemasonry? The Builders' Lodge needs almost every trade and vocation so why not join. Or if you're not a mason, come along and be part of the Association; your input will be most welcome. We meet on the first Monday of each month at the Masonic Centre in Sydney at 7:30pm.

For further information contact Paul Schultz at paulschultz@gmail.com

Masonic Wreath Laying Ceremony

ANZAC DAY 2010

Two wreaths will be placed on the Cenotaph, one on behalf of the UGL of NSW & ACT, and one on behalf of women members of the Freemasons' Association (NSW & ACT) and Masonic Widows.

An invitation is extended to all Freemasons, their wives/partners and Masonic Widows to take part in the Ceremony.

**For information please contact
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Sydney South NSW 1235
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yvonne@freemasonsnswact.org.au**

masoniCare's new Website *continued*

How you can help

Like any not-for-profit organisation, masoniCare must raise funds so we can continue making a difference in the community.

masoniCare's funds are generated from fundraising initiatives, donations or bequests.

masoniCare understands that donating money can be difficult at times, and any donation no matter how big or small is greatly appreciated.

masoniCare is the operating name of The New South Wales Freemasons Grand Charity Fund which is endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a deductible gift recipient (DGR). This means that any donation over \$2 is tax deductible.

How you can help > Make a donation

To make a donation to masoniCare please send a cheque or money order to:

masoniCare
PO Box 1114
Sydney South NSW 1235

Alternatively, you might like to become a supporter of masoniCare by participating in our Pledge Program.

By making a regular monthly contribution of any amount, you can conveniently play a role in making a difference to your community.

How you can help > Make a bequest

We have seen that many Freemasons wish to leave a legacy to their community by contributing to masoniCare through wills and bequests. Many also provide support through in-memoriam giving and donations in lieu of birthday, anniversary or wedding gifts.

To find out more about bequests and in-memoriam gifts, contact 9284 2800.

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Reception for Scholarship holders

On Tuesday 22 December, the Trustees of the Lorna Milgate Scholarship held a **reception** for those **scholarship holders and members of their families** who were able to attend.

As scholarship holders are widely spread over the State only a few of them were able to be present, however pleasing news of others was also reported.

The Grand Master MW Bro Levenston with his partner Ms Judith Morrice were present and spoke with the scholarship holders and their families as did the Trustees MW Bro Ron Johnson AM PGM CMH and his wife May, MW Bro Bob Hammond PGM and his wife Cath, and RW Bro Grahame Cumming OAM PDGM CMH and his wife Ena.

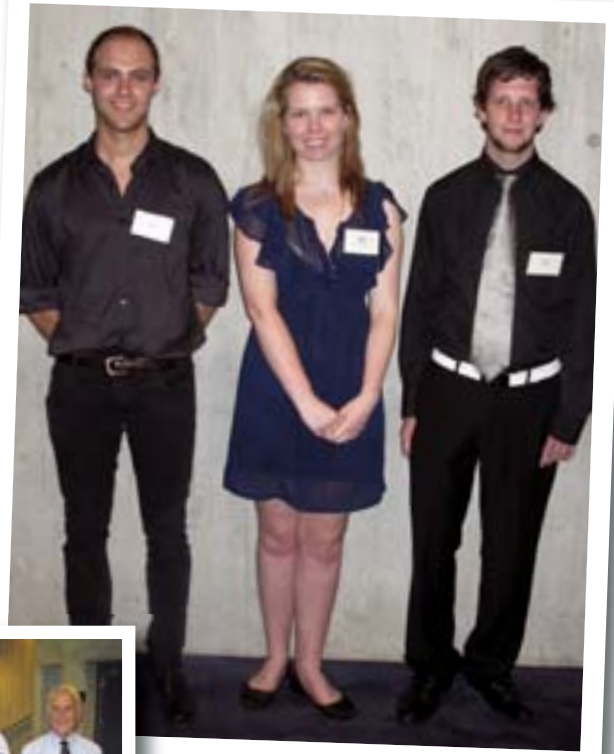
Holders attending included Melissa Bishop who is studying at Wollongong University for BA Commerce, BA Law having completed her third year, Dean Loader-Nash who was in his first year of study at University of Western Sydney for Bachelor of Music and Nick Roach who has recently completed his degree Bachelor (Hons) of Medicinal Chemistry. An article about Nick and the support he had received from the scholarship for the four years since he was nominated by Lodge Eugowra recently appeared in the *Forbes Advocate*.

News was received from past holder Rodney Berrell who last year appeared on



the *ABC Catalyst* program and who had recently returned from Italy where he had delivered a paper on extinct fish. He also recently met Sir David Attenborough. The parents of holder Rahil Nagpal reported that Rahil was in India as a hospital volunteer for six weeks at the end of his third year of Medicine having already spent four years graduating as a physiotherapist. Holders of the Lorna Milgate Scholarship regularly report results with significant numbers of distinctions and high distinctions.


Chairman of Trustees MW Bro Johnson spoke about the difficulties faced by the Trustees in deciding who should be granted



Above L-R: Nick Roach who has just completed his 4th year of a Bachelor of Medicinal Chemistry at Wollongong University; *Melissa Bishop* who has just completed her third year of BA Commerce/BA Laws at Wollongong University; *Dean Loader-Nash* who is in his first year at the University of Western Sydney and is studying for a Bachelor of Music.

Left L-R: Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston, RW Bro Grahame Cumming OAM PDGM CMH, MW Bro Bob Hammond PGM (seated), MW Bro Ron Johnson AM PGM CMH and RW Bro William Caukili, PJGW, Trust secretary

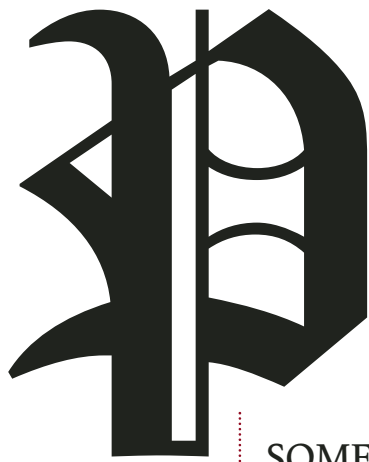
scholarships from the more than 50 nominations annually received from lodges. He was further supported by the other Trustees who each spoke about different aspects of the scholarship and its history.

During the first three months of each year lodges are requested to nominate further young people who could benefit from assistance to their tertiary education – either TAFE or University. Application forms are sent to all nominees and selection of candidates is then made by Trustees after the closing date. The number of available scholarships will depend on the number of holders having completed their courses during the previous semester. There are currently 20 holders of the Lorna Milgate Scholarship. 

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The NSW Freemason requires a person to join its team to write articles for the magazine.

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IOUS KNIGHTS? OR PLUNDERING PIRATES?

SOME FREEMASONS BELIEVE THAT THREE TEMPLARS SEARCHING FOR JACQUES DE MOLAY'S BODY, FOUND ONLY HIS SKULL AND FEMURS. IT IS SAID THAT THEY TOOK THESE AND THAT HIS BONES LED TO THE CREATION OF THE FIRST JOLLY ROGER FLAG OF PIRACY.



FACT OR FABLE? *We don't know, but it fits in with the acts of piracy ascribed to disenchanting Knights Templar.*

We're told that after the dissolution of the Knights Templar in the 14th century, many with technical skills became masons and craftsmen. Others, especially of high birth, often had little option but to become brigands and pirates as the only feasible ways to make a living. And for them the Jolly Roger flag communicated their ruthlessness with regard to victims who would not surrender.

WHILE IT'S VERY INTERESTING, MUCH OF THIS IS CONJECTURE. *But it provides some of the thousands of Knight Templar tales that can be researched and explored.*

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The Order of the Secret Monitor

also known as the Brotherhood of David & Jonathan

This Order is renowned as '**The Friendly Order**' for it is based on the **friendship of David and Jonathan** as outlined in the First Book of Samuel in the Old Testament.

The predominant feature of the story is the disinterested friendship between David and Jonathan: 'how the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David and that he loved him as his own soul' (1 Samuel Ch 15 v 3).

When brethren are inducted into the Order they are immediately impressed by the strong bond of friendship which is evident among the members of the Conclave.

M H Kellerman in his *History of the Order of the Secret Monitor* describes the relationship between David and Jonathan as one of 'true friendship' in that it called for 'Tolerance, Charitableness and Graciousness, and then much more.

*To see a friend's fault and put up with it is the attitude of a **Tolerant** man.*

*To see a friend's fault and forgive him for it is the attitude of a **Charitable** Man.*

*To see a friend's fault and love him in spite of it is the attitude of a **Gracious** man.*

This was an exalted relationship, but it is attainable by constant and diligent application to the Principles of the Order.



'Jonathan embraces David' by Caspar Luiken, 1712

The Brotherhood endeavours to instil in its brethren the Ideal in human relationships.

To foster the principles of caring, friendship and concern for the welfare of others, each Conclave appoints four Visiting Deacons who are charged with special responsibilities of developing a strong caring friendship with an allocated section of the membership.

This involves keeping in contact with those brethren and of being aware of their circumstances, offering support and assistance in times of distress, and fraternal help to those in adverse circumstances. At each meeting, the Visiting Deacon makes a report to the Conclave on the welfare of each brother who has been unable to attend.

This practical application of the Principles of Monitor Masonry has been described as a noble concept and a cherished landmark of the Order.

In the April 2009 issue of the NSW & ACT *Freemason*, there was a comprehensive article about the progressive Order of the Brotherhood of David & Jonathan which outlined qualifications for membership which is offered only by invitation.

Hospitals fundraiser

The Cedars Lodge No 1041 sponsored and supported one of its members, W Bro Ronnie Shoushani, in a 10 km run for the Children's Hospitals of Randwick, Westmead and The Hunter on Sunday, 8 November.

The program was called 'Everyday hero', turning little efforts into superhuman ones. W Bro Ronnie participated in the race with thousands of contestants and supporters all running for charity.

A total of \$2,631 from lodge funds and pledges was used to sponsor the run.

W Bro Ronnie wore a T-shirt bearing the Cedars Lodge logo and the 'It's No Secret, Real Men Wear Aprons' logo, in support of the book produced by UGL NSW & ACT. He also sported Second

Degree apron, the distinguishing badge of a Fellowcraft Mason.

As a mentor to many in the lodge, W Bro Shoushani leads by example, working tirelessly to financially support the hospitals' purchase of state-of-the-art medical equipment, support life-saving services, and undertake medical and child health research.

W Bro Ronnie Shoushani sporting his 'It's No Secret, Real Men Wear Aprons' T-shirt.





Regional Roundup



LODGE CAPITOL No 612

A Capitol Night

Canberra's Freemasons were treated to an unusual event and an unusual sight at the last meeting for the year at Lodge Capitol No 612, on 14 December 2009.

The work for the evening was to initiate Mr Charanjiet Kashmirian.

The unusual occurrence was the superb delivery of the Mode of Preparation by the candidate's close friend and EAF, Bro Jag Basant (with the GM's prior approval of course), which drew a round of spontaneous applause.

The unusual sight was the presence of seven other Entered Apprentices and one Fellowcraft to witness the occasion. They all appear in the accompanying photograph.

Exceptional as this sight was, and a high note on which to bid farewell to 2009, Canberra's Freemasons expect it to become a far more commonplace sight in the not too distant future.



Back L-R: The candidate, Bro Kashmirian, Bro Doug Wyllie of Lodge Wahroonga 674, and Bro Jag Basant of Lodge Capitol 612.

Front L-R: Bro Paul Cassell of Lodge Capitol 612; Bro Niraj Ramdin of Lodge Caledonia of Canberra No 933; Bro Michael Newman of Lodge Cooma Monaro No 164; Bro Ian Clark of Lodge Ethos No 963; Bro Roger Salvador of Lodge Perfect of Canberra No 951; VW Bro Ron Jemesen, DGIW of District 104; W Bro Sam Gupta, WM of Lodge Capitol No 612; and Bro Daniel Bogle

LODGE GREATER TAREE No 66

Helping Santa

The brethren of Lodge Greater Taree No 66 responded to the appeal by their Worshipful Master, W Bro Franco Rampano, to donate funds to provide Christmas gifts for the residents of Wingham Court (a local Whiddon Group aged-care facility).

The idea for this effort came from Junior Warden, Bro Wal Riley.

A sum in excess of \$500 was collected and resulted in gifts being provided to every resident in the facility, a total of over eighty.

On Wednesday 9 December, a number of brethren and their partners accompa-



L-R: Sheila Hannal, W Bro Franco Rampano, Santa Claus (W Bro Peter Bailey) and Honey Cafe

nied W Bro Rampano to help Santa Claus, alias W Bro Peter Bailey, to pass out the gifts.

Following the visit of Santa, all present were treated to a Christmas lunch, courtesy of the Director of Care, Annette Barrett and her staff.

LODGE WARRAGAMBA No 541

Trophy for Warragamba

At Lodge Warragamba's Christmas function the south was beautifully decorated and packed to capacity with masons, their wives, partners and friends.

A quartet of musicians played carols and seasonal music to entertain not only those present, but the surrounding area of Orchard Hills.

Special guest of the evening was RW Bro Oliver Bergstrom, PAGM, known throughout the jurisdiction as 'Olly'. He was there as Chairperson of the Masonic Youth Welfare Fund to present Lodge Warragamba with the Fund's trophy for 2009.

He spoke at length on the success of the Fund and the achievements of those who had benefitted from its assistance and gone on to become highly respected in business life and in the community.

The trophy was humbly and gratefully received on behalf of the lodge by the Worshipful Master, W Bro Andrew Luzzi.

A very successful evening of seasonal festivity and entertainment followed.



W Bro Luzzi receives the Masonic Youth Welfare trophy from RW Bro Olly Bergstrom, PAGM.



District 31 Charity Night

Early in December, in the presence of nearly 60 men, women and children, and with the Regional masoniCare Representative, VW Bro Paul Larbalestier, and RW Bro Bruce Quirk, the previous RGC for Region Three, in attendance, District 31 held its annual Charity Night at the Punchbowl Masonic Centre.

Cheques amounting to a total of nearly \$5,000 were presented to two families with children suffering from cerebral palsy.

With tears of joy and gratitude, Diana Tito received her cheques from RW Bro Quirk. They will be used to purchase much needed household equipment for her son Santiago.

RW Bro Quirk then delegated to W Bro Altan Behdjjet the presentation to Penifale Latu, who, at first taken aback by the amount of the donation, gathered his thoughts and went on to tell of his intention to buy a special hospital bed for his child.

Initially it was intended to raise about four and a half thousand dollars to purchase an 'air walker' for a badly disabled



Diana Tito and her son Santiago

boy but, through the great efforts of the many brethren and their wives and the generosity and support of Region Three, a total of over \$17,000 was raised, with masoniCare assistance.

Residual funds remaining after the purchase of the 'air-walker' will be distributed to needy charities, District 31 being the first. A special wheelchair will be presented to a child in District 34 early this year.

Silver Medals for Albert

Sans Souci senior citizen W Bro Albert Berry recently competed in the World Masters Games held in Sydney and won a silver medal in the sport of table tennis.

A week later he competed in the Australian National Titles and won another silver medal in the Over Seventy-Five Men's Teams event. His partner was Mr B Ho.

In 1990, Albert won the St George and Sutherland Shire Table Tennis Association Championships, and in 2008 he competed at the Australian Veterans Championships in Perth and won bronze. He also represented NSW with his mate Desmond Fitzpatrick and is ranked ninth in Australia.

Albert was initiated into Lodge Illawarra St George in 1952 and was WM in 1963. The lodge has gone through a couple of consolidations and is now Lodge Rudyard Kipling No 143.



Albert started playing table tennis in his teens and at a youthful eighty years can still mix it with the best. He has four sons and he would often play table tennis with two of them, Stewart and David, after school.

Albert is a perfect advertisement for the 'Men's Health' campaign because table tennis is a fast moving sport and you have to be very fit and agile to compete.



Newly Installed Lodge Hellenic Arcadia WM, W Bro Jim Hatzis receives his certificate from the Installing Master, W Bro Maurice Movsessian at the Kensington Centre.

The Craft onboard

On a recent cruise aboard the P&O ship *Pacific Dawn* to Vanuatu and New Caledonia, a notice appeared in the 'Pacific Daily', the daily newsletter, advising passengers of the onboard activities, asking that any Freemasons travelling on the ship meet the following morning at 11:00am. At the designated time, on 29 October, five brethren gathered in the Promenade Bar.

After introductions, the brethren discussed their respective careers, both personal and masonic, where they are now and what the future may hold for them, with a common brotherly bond that only Freemasonry engenders.

It was truly a pleasure to meet and greet fellow brethren on this trip knowing that in the event that should assistance be required, a friend was aboard who would unhesitatingly lend a hand.



L-R: W Bro Brian Brown, W Bro Bob Cohen, Bro Brad Lawless, W Bro Bob Simpson and Bro Andrew Hay



LODGE EDINBURGH ST JOHN No 38

Historian makes history

It was a memorable and possibly history making night when RW Bro Robert Burns PJGW, initiated his younger son, Gordon, in Lodge Edinburgh St John No 38, late in 2009.

The Burns family has had a very long-standing connection with Freemasonry and this Mudgee lodge. RW Bro Burns joined Lodge Edinburgh St John in May 1950 and will be due this year for his 60 year Certificate and jewel.

He was installed as WM in 1957, which coincided with the centenary of Freemasonry in Mudgee, and had the privilege of occupying the chair of King Solomon to initiate his father, William Sedden Burns, and brother-in-law, George Burton, together on 6 July 1960.

He again occupied the chair on the night of 2 November 1983, to initiate his second son, James. On 4 November 2009, he once more took the chair to initiate his youngest son, Gordon, into the lodge.

Among RW Bro Burns' many roles in Lodge Edinburgh St John is that of lodge historian and collector of memorabilia. He is a member of the management committee and a mentor to many.

All these tasks he undertakes with vigour, dedication and a keen determination to maintain the lodge's standards.



RW Bro Robert C Burns PJGW (right) with his son Gordon (left) and, VW Bro Eric Beer, DGIW of District 71

LODGE JOSE RIZAL No 1045

A colourful occasion

The Consecration of the new Lodge Jose Rizal No 1045 on 30 January, will long be remembered for the colour and festivity of the occasion.

With the Filipino community solidly behind the event, and foundation members dressed in specially imported, light blue silk shirts, embroidered in several places with the square and compasses, and their ladies wearing traditional finery, the day had the atmosphere of a grand event.

Over 170 masons took their seats for the ceremony, and the Grand Master was accompanied by another 50 Grand Officers.

Following the consecration ceremony, VW Bro Emmanuel Maniago was reinstated as Foundation Worshipful Master by RW Bro Rey Porras and then invested the Foundation Officers.

Gavels were presented to the Reinstalling Master by W Bro Greg Todio, the WM of a sister Philippino lodge in Victoria, who was accompanied by a number of brethren from that State.



The WM of Lodge Jose Rizal No 1045, VW Bro Emmanuel Maniago, with his wife Remy

In his address, the Grand Master congratulated the members of Lodge Rizal and all who had assisted in making the day a success, and went on to say that many more new lodges were planned.

Jose Rizal was a famed Filipino intellectual and anti-colonialist whose memory is celebrated in that country on Rizal Day.

SPHINX LODGE No 107

Sri Lankan Installation

Visiting Sri Lanka last December, W Bro Christopher Williams, Grand Librarian, had the good fortune to witness the 149th Installation Meeting of Sphinx Lodge No 107, Irish Constitution, in the Victoria Masonic Temple, Galle Face, Colombo.

The Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge for Irish Freemasonry in Sri Lanka, RW Bro Colonel R Harindran, the District Grand Master for English Freemasonry in Sri Lanka, RW Bro Dr Milroy Sherwin Perera, and W Bro Bramwell Smith, representing Scottish Constitution Freemasonry attended, as did many Grand Lodge Officers.

The Proclamation of W Bro Chandima Dabare as WM was carried out by the lodge's Director of Ceremonies. Both the

Proclamation and the Investiture of Officers were conducted in the First Degree, an example of different procedures in an Irish lodge.

The south, which was very well attended, was held at a local hospitality college, where students provided service of the highest standard, under the supervision of one of the college staff, also a Freemason.

As is the custom in Irish lodges, the WM took wine with most of the assembled brethren before proceedings began.

Sphinx Lodge was formed as a military lodge, and even today, many of its members are serving or retired members of the Sri Lankan defence forces.

Pictures of the event are available on the web at www.sphinxlodge.org.



Surfing fundraiser

The Cook Community Classic is an annual Cronulla surfing contest where local community charity groups are invited to fundraise prior to and during the event.

Promoted events included a raffle (with the first prize of a return QANTAS trip to London for two), a community ball and a community market.

Sutherland Masonic Charity Committee decided to participate this year and successfully raised a total of \$3,720 which will be distributed to various local charity groups. The event also provided great exposure for masonic activities within the community.

LODGE GYMEA No 796

Lodge Gymea's 60th anniversary

Lodge Gymea No 796 recently celebrated its 60th Anniversary, and the 61st Installation Ceremony was held in the Sutherland Masonic Centre.

When RW Bro Ken Bellingham, PAGM, the Grand Master's representative, was asked to present the appropriate Certificate to the newly installed WM, W Bro Ken Stuart, he realised that a goodly number of Past Masters of Lodge Gymea were present and asked them to stand.

Sixteen brethren stood.

The photo, taken in the spectacular freshly painted lodge room, shows RW Bro Bellingham, himself twice a Past Master of the lodge, presenting the Cer-



tificate to the newly installed Master, W Bro Stuart, surrounded by the other 16 Past Masters of the lodge.

One of the Past Masters, W Bro Warren Eacott, made the comment that these 18 brethren between them have served the lodge a total of 27 years!

In a personal touch, W Bro Brian Cooper, Installing Master, is the son-in-law of the newly installed Master and is standing on his left.

LODGE KILWINNING No 13

Re-installation at Kilwinning

Early in the afternoon of 25 October, RW Bro Kevin Foster OAM PAGM, was discharged from the Nepean Public Hospital and driven to Oatley Masonic Centre to represent the MW Grand Master at the Re-Installation of RW Bro Reginald Thomas Rudd Davis PJGW by VW Bro Jack Marks PDGDC, as WM of Lodge Kilwinning No 13.

The meeting was well attended, with the Grand Director of Ceremonies, VW Bro Emmanuel Maniago JGD, arranging a fine delegation of Grand Lodge Officers.

Addressing the brethren, RW Bro Foster, who recently relinquished the position of Curator of the Museum of Freemasonry, Sydney, urged that they pay tribute to the early members and their full faith that we would carry on the traditions they worshipped. He also spoke of his long association with Scouting, as Honorary Commissioner for NSW.

The first meeting of Lodge Kilwinning No 377, Scottish Constitution, was held in the Cottage of Content Inn, King Street, Newtown, on 5 May 1857, and the first Initiate was Samuel Gearside, the publican.

Broken Hill Royal Arch Install

On Wednesday 9 September the First Grand Principal and Grand Master, M.Ex.Comp. Greg Mason accompanied by his wife Barbara, his Grand Director of Ceremonies V.Ex.Comp. Alan Tuffley and his wife Margaret, travelled to Broken Hill to attend the Installation of Principals of the Barrier Mark and Royal Arch Chapter No 16.

After an overnight stop in Cobar, they arrived with time to take a tour of the Royal Flying Doctor Base at the Broken

Hill airport, followed by a visit to see the artist Jack Absalom in his gallery of fine art and collection of opal jewellery.

Jack will be well remembered for his travels on television to the bush locations where his beautiful landscape paintings were produced.

With just 11 members, visitors and Grand Chapter Officers present, the Re-installation of R.Ex.Comp. Rex Cederblad as First Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Brian Anderson as Second Principal and Ex.Comp. Harry Pluschke as Third Principal was conducted with dignity and expertise, ably assisted by members of the Coomealla Royal Arch Chapter from Red Cliffs near Mildura.

A fine festive board followed but, as ladies do not attend, Barbara and Margaret were entertained by their ladies first with a guided tour of the city followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Leaving Broken Hill the following day for the return journey, late in the afternoon, with exhaustion setting in, it was wisely decided to have an overnight stop in Dubbo.

A wonderful time was had by all on this, M.Ex.Comp. Mason's final visitation as First Grand Principal and Grand Master.

A fine display of masonic memorabilia, dating from the foundation of the lodge 152 years ago was on display for brethren.



L-R: RW Bro Kevin Foster, RW Bro Reginald Thomas Rudd Davis (WM) and VW Bro Jack Marks



LODGE LACHLAN MACQUARIE No 1042

Lachlan Macquarie Installation

On Saturday 28 November the one year old Lachlan Macquarie Lodge No 1042 celebrated the installation of the new WM, RW Bro Dick Ford.

Sea Rescue was the beneficiary of the night and the continued charity for the lodge for the coming year. Fundraising at the banquet produced \$1,000, which will be matched by masoniCare to make it \$2,000. A great start to the year!

Bro Michael Couper won the top prize in the raffle which was a Nokia N85 state-of-the-art mobile phone valued at over \$800.

Noha Sayed, a guest at the event and wife of RW Bro Garry Sayed, from The Cedars Lodge, won the Ladies Raffle prize of a five strand freshwater pearl necklace.

The function brought many outsiders to Port Macquarie, some for the first time. Most of the guests stayed at Quality Resort Sails, including 26 Freemasons and partners from Lodge Kellerman, who travelled from Sydney for the event, and took the opportunity of kayaking at Jordans on the Sunday morning before they left.

Other guests came from United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT, but the award for most travelled had to go to W Bro Les Leek and Lesley Partridge who flew in especially from the UK to be at the function. Les is a foundation member of the lodge but based in the UK.

Their visit was a surprise for the outgoing leader, VW Bro Graham Tunstall. Graham was overwhelmed when, the day before the banquet, he went for coffee with a conspirator and saw Les and Lesley sitting there.

Other guests for the evening included friends and family of Dick Ford, one of whom made a special 'Installation' cake which was cut and distributed to all the guests.

Dick Ford said that he and the members of Lachlan Macquarie Lodge were happy to continue their association with Sea Rescue and thanked the eight mem-

LODGE VICTORIA CROSS No 928

Lodge Victoria Cross Install

On Saturday 16 January W Bro Douglas Cook very ably installed Bro James Robert Stephen Davis as the WM of Lodge Victoria Cross No 928, for the ensuing year. The ceremony marked the commencement of the lodge's second year since its re-consecration on 17 January 2009.

W Bro Davis is a serving member of the Australian Army and his preparedness for the task ahead is a testament to his military training and the high standards required by the lodge.

The ceremony was held at the Liverpool Masonic Centre and was witnessed by more than 80 masons, including a delegation of 36 Grand Officers, led by MW Bro Anthony Raymond Lauer, APM PGM.

He was accompanied by MW Bro Rev Raymond Green PGM, Senior Chaplain of the NSW Ambulance Service, the Chairman Board of Management RW Bro Stephen Green PAGM, RW Bro Walid Mehanna PSGW, the Junior Grand Warden, RW Bro Bruce Balmond and Regional Grand Councillor, RW Bro Nigel Hamilton.

In a tribute to MW Bro Lauer's former role as NSW Police Commissioner, W Bro Sam Young, Pipe Major of the NSW Police Force Pipes and Drums, played the delegation into the lodge.

bers of Sea Rescue who attended the banquet.

Dick and Graham took the opportunity of thanking wives and partners for their help during the year and with the banquet preparation.



L-R: David Miles, Anne Currey, Margaret Ford, Graham Tunstall, Carol Cossgriff, Noelyn Tunstall, Lynn Sears and Dick Ford



W Bro James Davis receives his Installed Master's Certificate from MW Bro Tony Lauer, PGM

The Deputy Grand Director Ceremonies, VW Bro Antoine Georges, served as the Grand Director of Ceremonies for the occasion.

Also in attendance were five Fellow Craft Freemasons and six Entered Apprentices, each of whom was presented to MW Bro Lauer during the course of the ceremony.

As with many of the newly consecrated and re-consecrated lodges, progressive offices are held by young Master Masons and, being a lodge with a military background, many are members of Australia's Armed Forces.

The Installation Dinner was held at the Moorebank Hotel and those attending were transported between the Masonic Centre and the venue by shuttle bus. The ladies were not forgotten and were entertained by a fashion parade prior to being joined by the brethren.



60 Years Service

BARRETT, WARREN	Lodge Broughton 131
BRENNAN, GEORGE	Lodge Horace Thompson Ryde 134
BRUCE, GEORGE	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
CAMPBELL, RUSSELL	Lodge Ethos 963
CHAPMAN, ERNEST	Lodge Artarmon United 285
DENNEY, CYRIL	Lodge Mandagery 523
DOAK, ALLAN	Port Macquarie Daylight Lodge 991
EDWARDS, RONALD	Lodge Kiama 35
ESNER, HYMAN	Basin View Daylight Lodge 1015
HALL, HENRY	Nowra Unity 60
HANNAH, CLIFFORD	Lodge Merewether – Cardiff 576
HORSBURGH, MERVYN	Lodge Burnside 729
JEFFERY, NEIL	Port Macquarie Daylight Lodge 991
JENNER, GEORGE	Concord Technology 432
JONES, ALBERT	Lodge Westlake Daylight 997
LEEDER, ROY	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300
LITTLEWOOD, VIVIAN	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
MALLITT, WESLEY	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300
MCCARTHY, JAMES	Livingstone United 604
MCDONNELL, ROBERT	Concord Technology 432
MILLER, KENNETH	Lodge Mandagery 523
MORALAS, ALAN	Lodge Tranmere 712
PERCIVAL, HAROLD	Lodge Ingleburn 815
PERDRIAUX, EDGAR	Balmain Lodge 23
PETERS, LEX	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300

POYNER, LESLIE	Lodge St James 45
REID, ROBERT	Lodge Merrylands 479
RYAN, DENNIS	Lodge Kiama 35 Lodge of Excellence
SANDERS, JOHN	Lodge Ku-Ring-Gai 1033
SMITH, JOHN	Lodge Theo Grey 234
SPEIGHT, MAURICE	Lodge Brotherhood of Maitland 1029
SPRY, BARRY	Lodge Gymea 796
WALKER, GEOFFREY	Nowra Unity 60
WHITE, TRAVICE	Lodge Greater Taree L66
WILKINSON, VICTOR	Lodge Resurgo 223 Lodge of Excellence
WILLIAMS, ERNEST	The Sir Walter Scott Lodge 123
WYLIE, PERCY	Lodge Springwood 409

50 Years Service

ARMSTRONG, ALEC	Lodge Hastings 69
BARBEY, REX	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
BATTISHILL, NORMAN	Lodge Springwood 409
BOYCE, RAYMOND	Lodge Silver City 141
CARTLEDGE, BARRIE	Lodge Speers Point 538
COLLINS, KEVIN	Lodge Wyvern 813
CONNELL, LACHLAN	Bankstown Daylight Lodge 996
CORMACK, WILLIAM	Brundah Endeavour 429
COURT, MERVYN	Concord Technology 432
CRAIGIE, CLIFFORD	Lodge Perfect of Canberra 951

DAVIS, ERROL	Lodge Wahroonga 674
DIGGINS, LESTER	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300
DOOKER, JOHN	Forster Great Lakes United 994
DOUGLAS, RONALD	Lodge Toukley 933
EDMANSON, KENNETH	Lodge Greater Taree L66
FISK, ERIC	Lodge Condobolin 185
FRAZER, ANGUS	Lodge Alpha 970
GIBSON, RONALD	Lodge Illawarra 59
GRIEVE, RONALD	Lodge Mayfield 493
HADDEN, GEOFFREY	Brundah Endeavour 429
HALL, JOHN	Forster Great Lakes United 994
HARKNESS, EDWARD	Lodge Tomaree 878
MAHER, ANDREW	Lodge Wahroonga 674
MAHER, JOHN	Lodge Wahroonga 674
MUIR, GORDON	Lodge Temora 168
PAYTON, STEPHEN	Lodge Eltham 272
RICH, HAROLD	Bankstown Daylight Lodge 996
ROBERTS, JAMES	Lodge Richard Coley 152
STANMORE, SIDNEY	Lodge Temora 168
TAUBMAN, ALFRED	Basin View Daylight Lodge 1015
TIFFEN, ROBERT	Travellers Lodge of NSW 977
ULLRICH, HELMUT	Lodge Katoomba 118
WALKER, MILTON	Lodge Illawarra 59
WATSON, WILLIAM	The Goulburn Lodge of Australia 58
WILSON, DEAN	Lodge Farrer 93

CCFA Presentation

On behalf of the Coffs Coast Freemason Association, and with assistance from a masoniCare Grant, VW Bro Norm Standing, DGIW District 52, presented the Coffs Harbour Coastal Patrol with \$6,000 worth of new Navico Radar equipment. The presentation took place at the Coffs Harbour Marina on 14 November 2009.

Coastal Patrol Commander Lindy Powell said the Coastal Patrol were very grateful to the CCFA, who had exceeded all hopes and expectations when they offered to fund the full purchase price of the radar set up.

She said that it would aid search and rescue operations by giving the ability to cover greater areas in shorter times to locate those in distress, which would make a great contribution to the safety of seafarers in our waters.

Shoalhaven recognises Juan Alvarez

RW Bro Juan Alvarez PAGM has received a distinguished honour in being named as the Shoalhaven Citizen of the Year for 2010. A long standing mason who is well known for his charitable work and assistance for other people, RW Bro Alvarez has also been a prominent member of the Grand Lodge Foreign Correspondence Committee.

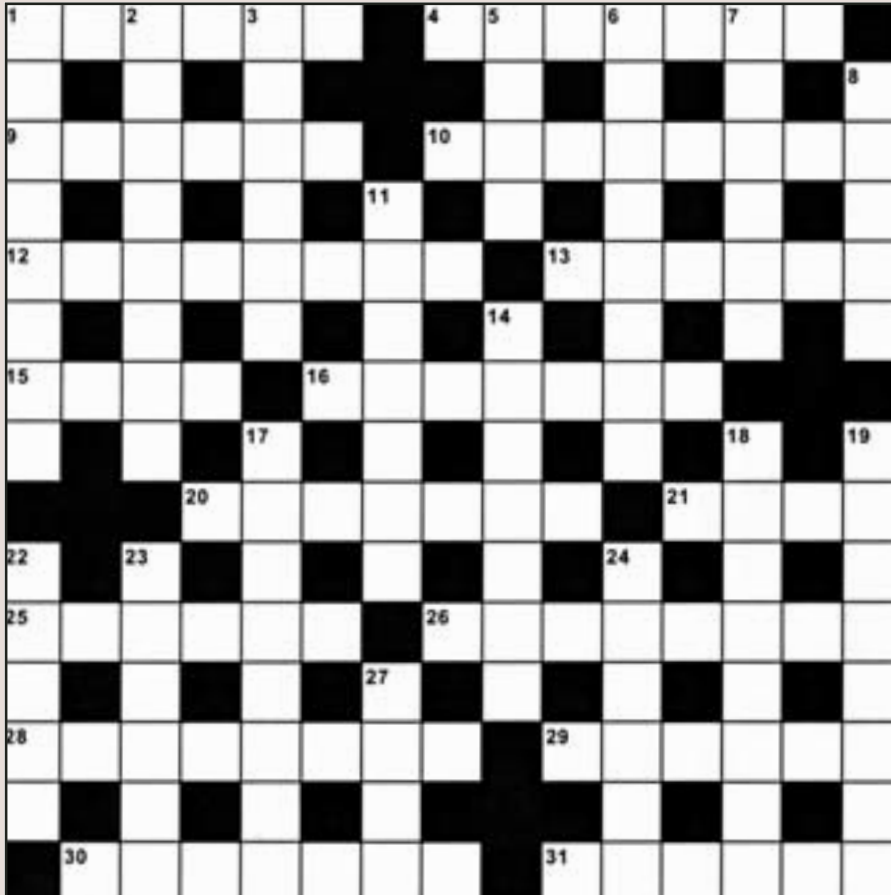
He is chairman of the non-profit organisation Hands Across NSW, which he helped create and which helps disadvantaged farmers during times of severe

drought. Fund-raising for NSW Freemasons, NSW Surf Lifesaving, Cambewarra Rural Fire Service and a day care medical centre in Narooma are amongst his other activities.

RW Bro Alvarez, who arrived from Argentina in 1964, recently won the Integral Energy Regional Service Award, which acknowledges people who are passionate about dedicating their lives to helping others.

At the presentation night at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, he said the award was so unexpected. 'I feel that I am giving something back to this country for what it has given me. I extended the hand of friendship and it is great to receive friendship back,' he said.





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- 1 & 11 – Alphabetical listing in the back of the First Degree Ritual Book of 2007 (8, 2, 5)
- 2 Acting without due consideration (8)
- 3 Artificial, of an inferior substitute (6)
- 5 A 'just and upright man and a teacher of righteousness' (4)
- 6 Cause of a person's ruin or downfall (8)
- 7 A group or set of nine (6)
- 8 Table for offerings to God (5)
- 11 See 1 down
- 14 Unfavourable (7)
- 17 Female order related to Freemasonry (8)
- 18 More decorous (8)
- 19 Blindfold (8)
- 22 See 15 across
- 23 Workroom (6)
- 24 Sea between Greece and Turkey (6)
- 27 Constitutional right to reject (4)

This one is not a Cryptic. It is based on 1 & 11 down with answers as they relate to old words used in the ritual book

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ACROSS

- 1 Highest order in English knighthood (6)
- 4 Persuaded (7)
- 9 Preoccupy (6)
- 10 Important, fundamental (8)
- 12 Consecrate (8)
- 13 Large insect (6)
- 15 & 22 – down The 18th Degree (4, 5)
- 16 Slavery (7)
- 20 Tiny amount (7)
- 21 Nil (4)
- 25 Leave the room (6)
- 26 Regarded as being valuable (8)
- 28 Notched, zigzag (8)
- 29 Castor and Pollux (6)
- 30 Group for the order of DeMaloy (7)
- 31 Waterproof jacket with a hood (6)

Solution December 2009



Members of Sydney District 25 ...
 in their fourth decade of organising Christmas hampers for the needy and under-privileged in their area.





Freemason welcomes new members to the Craft

Name	Lodge	Name	Lodge	Name	Lodge
ANSTEY, RAYMOND	Lodge Nepean 29	EMMERTON, MITCHELL	Lodge Albert C. Petrie 954	LOVERO, SEVERINO	Lodge Beauty of Cabra Vale 743
ARHN, LE	Lodge Liverpool 197	FIDDEN, JARROD	Lodge Thespian 256	MANSFIELD, MICHAEL	Lodge Army and Navy 517
ATIENZA, ROLANDO	Lodge Beauty of Cabra Vale 743	GAUKROGER, SIMON	Lodge Inverell 48	MASON, GREGORY	Lodge Silver City 141
AVOUB, CHARLIE	The Cedars Lodge 1041	GERATHY, NICHOLAS	Lodge Ulmarra 186	MAZAHARI, MIAD	Lodge John Williams 148
BALL, NATHAN	Lodge Celebration of Fairfield 345	GERION, RINALDO	Lodge Warragamba 541	MCLEAN, STEPHEN	Lodge Inverell 48
BARBER, DARREN	Lodge Nambucca 271	GIBSON, ANDREW	Lodge Courallie 235	MCLUCKIE, JOHN	Lodge Celebration of Fairfield 345
BARNES, LAWRENCE	Lodge Como 738	GOODWIN, CLINTON	Lodge Castlereagh 72	MCMILLAN, JAMES	Lodge Blacktown Kildare 393
BARSOUMIAN, JOHN	Lodge Harold Herman Unity 428	GORMAN, PAUL	The Prince Of Wales Lodge 102	MURPHY, PHILIP	The Lachlan Waugoola Lodge 142
BELL, JONATHAN	Lodge Victoria Cross 928	GOW, BRENDAN	Lodge Richard Coley 152	NASH, SHANE	Lodge Como 738
BELLETTTE, JOHN	Lodge Glen Innes 44	GREAVES, ANTHONY	Lodge Como 738	NEWHAM, DAVID	Lodge Camden 217
BENFIELD, PHILIP	Lodge Ulmarra 186	GRILLS, WARREN	The Peel Lodge 209	NEWMAN, MICHAEL	Lodge Cooma Monaro 164
BENNETTS, KIM	Lodge Glen Innes 44	HARLEY, TIMOTHY	Lodge Chelmsford 261	NOHRA, CHARBEL	Lodge Panania 845
BISHOP, MICHAEL	Lodge Panania 845	HARVEY, PHILIP	The Hills Lodge 1025	OBEID, CHARLIE	Lodge Celebration of Fairfield 345
BOGLE, DANIEL	Lodge Capitol 612	HOWES, JAMES	Lodge Hurlstone Park United 288	OLDFIELD, JON	The Hills Lodge 1025
BORG, MATTHEW	Lodge Camden 217	JACKSON, JOSEPH	Lodge Celebration of Fairfield 345	PADROTH, MICHEAL	Lodge Pacific 298
BRAUNSTEINER, KARL	Lodge Germania 1036	JOHNS, DEREK	Lodge Canoblas Lewis 806	PALMER, HARRY	Lodge Baulkham Hills 958
BRENNAN, CRAIG	Lodge Edinburgh St John 38	JOHNSTON, NATHAN	Lodge Coeur de Lion 84	PAYNE, BILL	Lodge Kensington 270
BREW, LYLE	Lodge Leopold 128	JONES, MATTHEW	Lodge Nambucca 271	PENDER, PHILLIP	Lodge Warragamba 541
BRITTEN, DARREN	Lodge Illawarra 59	JONES, MATTHEW	Lodge Saratoga 937	PETER, LENNOX	Lodge Corrective Services 1039
BROWN, BRETT	Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew 56	KASHMIRIAN, CHARANJIT	Lodge Capitol 612	PORTER, GLENN	Lodge Nepean 29
BURNS, GORDON	Lodge Edinburgh St John 38	KEATING, BRETT	Balmain Lodge 23	POULTON, WAYNE	Nowra Unity 60
BURNS, IAN	Lodge Alpha 970	KELLY, MATTHEW	Lodge Armidale 641	PRICE, FRANK	The Old Sydneians' Lodge 639
CARVETH, GRAHAM	Lodge Hurlstone Park United 288	KING, NICK	Lodge Castlereagh 72	RAINA, MANDEEP	Lodge Southern Cross 91
CASSIDY-THOMASON, NICK	Lodge Livingstone 71	KINSELA, BROOK	Lodge Barham 561	RAMDIN, NIRAJ	Lodge Caledonia Of Canberra 938
CHAFFER, MATTHEW	Lodge Seymour 945	KIRKWOOD, DENNIS	Lodge Oberon 355	RANKIN, BLAIR	Lodge Dunoon 436
CHAKKOUR, ELIE	Lodge Trinity 666	KIRKWOOD, RORY	Lodge Oberon 355	RELLA, PETER	Lodge Kellerman 1027
CHIRICO, ANTHONY	Lodge Alpha 970	KLEIN, KARL	Lodge Picton 258	REMNANT, WAYNE	Lodge Camden 217
CLARK, IAN	Lodge Ethos 963	KRANTZCKE, MITCHELL	Lodge Star Of Wauchope 310	RESPICIO, PAULO	Lodge Warringah 83
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