

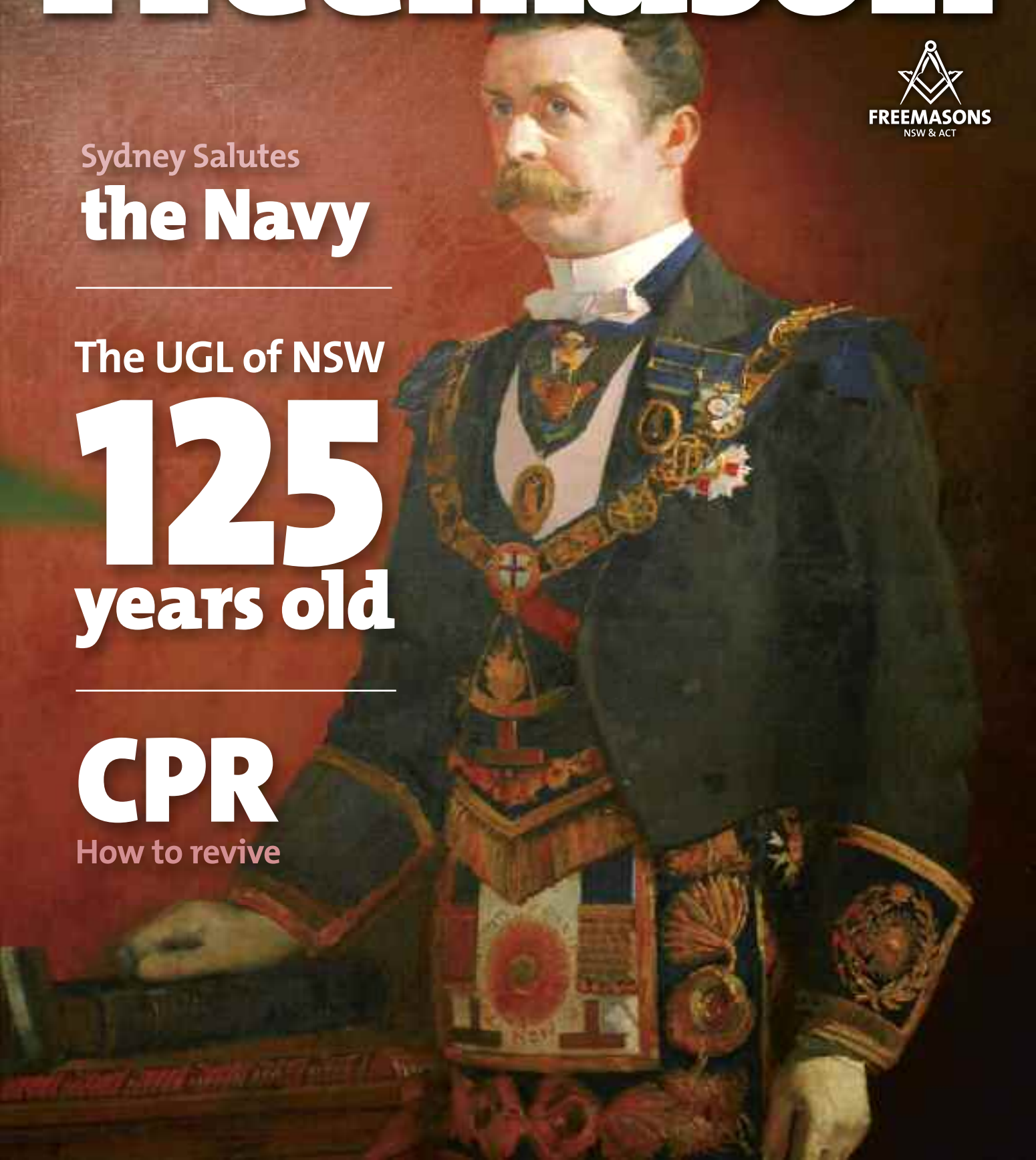
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- To uphold and promote those values, morals and virtues which Freemasonry believes are universal and enduring.
- To foster a better understanding of Freemasonry within the general community.
- To provide a forum for discussion on masonic issues.
- To publicise the charitable works of Freemasonry.
- To provide articles of interest and education and to disseminate masonic news and views.
- To recognise masons who make significant contributions to the Craft and the wider community.

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Lord Carrington, the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW

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Take time to remember

As the 2013 Christmas period approaches, we should take time to remember **what has been achieved over the past calendar year.**

Many of you have been involved in fundraising and charitable activities which have either directly or indirectly benefited your community. Others have worked tirelessly to enhance the standing of your lodge or District; and still others have worked on a more personal basis to better the standing or circumstances of one another. There is no doubt that all of you have made a difference through your high ideals and principled attitudes, but it is often the case that the more practical examples of assistance are seen to be more effective in enhancing the image of the Craft.

Freemasonry involves all of this and more – and each of you should be very proud of your efforts.

As Freemasons, we often rely on other related organisations where their involvement might be appropriate. Matters of common interest are aired and encouraged at the regular 'Heads of Associated Orders Conference', and this assists in spreading the influence of our tenets and principles, and positively assists in the promotion of the Craft.

The Family includes all those who so willingly contribute to the workings of the Grand Secretariat, the many Boards and Committees of the Grand Lodge,

the management and staff of the Sydney Masonic Centre, the management of our Building and Hall Committees, and all staff involved with our related Grand Charities. Of course there are many others, and importantly, there are also our immediate and personal families.

The Family of Freemasonry is broad.

Christmas is that time of the year when we should reflect on all that our family has contributed. Christmas is also the traditional time for many of us to take a break from our working lives, and spend time with our personal families.

As we take stock of where we are at this time, we should remember all those who are in less fortunate situations, those who are not in the best of health, and those whose futures are less certain. Doubtless, we will remember those who have passed on during the year – and we will always spare a thought for the widows of those dear to us.

Christmas is a special time for family.

Gael and I trust that you will continue to promote and practice brotherly love, relief and truth. Above all, we hope that you will enjoy the break – and we wish you and your family, a very happy New Year. 🎄



The Editorial Committee extends Seasons Greetings to all of our readers.

Grand Lodge will close for the Christmas/New Year break at midday on 20 December and will reopen on 6 January.



Wise words are easy to say

Before you know it, at the end of the next few weeks 2013 will have gone into the pages of history and **2014 will be with us.**



In the quick passage of time, it will again be Christmas – a time of love, family, gifts, communicating with each other and remembering to lend a hand to less fortunate people in the spirit of Masonic Charity.

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ each Christmas and in the make-up of what we term multicultural Australia, people of many religions and no religion acknowledge the beauty of this Christian festival.

The celebration of Christmas is not new. Nativity scenes are known from 10th century Rome, people from the Roman Empire put up special decorations, Christian people began celebrating in the 15th century and the first commercially produced decorations appeared in Germany in the 1860s.

Wise words are easy to say but a little more difficult to perform.

The Dalai Lama is quoted as saying: 'Our prime purpose in this life is to help others and if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them. We need to be sincere, have compassion and be committed to do good.'

African legend Nelson Mandela has this advice for people to consider: 'No one is born hating another person because of

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Bro Benjamin Franklin had this resolution: 'Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let each New Year find you a better man.'

As Freemasons, we are bound by every

law, both moral and divine, to try to do good not only for ourselves, but for all mankind. Life is there to enjoy and spread our enjoyment to others as well as bringing more meaning to our existence.

A smile goes a long way, a visit to an ill, lonely or handicapped person can make their day. There are so many areas that can be considered and there are so many ways in which the Christmas spirit can be expressed. It has probably been a long and hard year for many of our members but they still have found time to extend assistance to others in need, both in the lodge and in the community.

Hopefully this Christmas message may create a vision in the minds of all who genuinely love their country and want to see the world restored to a balance to sustain many generations in the future.

May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you today and throughout the New Year.

Interested in Freemasonry?

Have you ever wondered about Freemasonry – what it is and what its members do? Do you ever think about joining but don't know any masons or what action to take to find out more?

If you are interested and would like to talk with a mason, contact Grand Lodge who will put you in touch with a member from your suburb who can give answers and advice.

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Grand Lodge celebrates 125 years

On **16 August 1888** the brethren of NSW joined together at a special meeting to approve a Constitution, elect a Grand Master and form **a united and new Grand Lodge in NSW.**

On Friday 16 August 2013, a large gathering of masons and their ladies assembled at the Sydney Masonic Centre to join the Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO and the Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM to help celebrate the 125th Anniversary of this Foundation Meeting.

To commemorate this landmark occasion, the Governor unveiled a special plaque after a speech in which she expressed her pleasure at being able to be part of the ceremony.

‘I consider it a privilege to join this gathering and at the same time to respect the traditional owners of this land who were here 40,000 years ago,’ the Governor said.

‘The year 1888 was a time of great vision and prosperity in which Australia was judged by other countries as a most buoyant land. The first World War led to



The Grand Master assisting Professor Marie Bashir AO CVO, Governor of NSW, unveil the commemorative plaque.

the development of Australian camaraderie and what we had called the tyranny of distance became the blessing of distance as we learned to look after each other.

‘My father was a Freemason and I remember asking him what masons did and he replied “they make good men better.”

‘We must also thank those early explorers like Joseph Banks for their British traditions and their vision of what this great continent could provide. Masonry in NSW has a proud and

extraordinary history from the first lodges, the first meeting of Grand Lodge and the number of Governors who have been Grand Masters.

‘It is important to pass the message to the sons and others to keep this tradition alive and teach about Masonry’s contributions and value.’

After unveiling the plaque, the Governor was presented with a special gift of a book containing the certificates relating to her father’s career and time in Freemasonry.

In response, the Grand Master thanked the Governor and then acknowledged the guests, especially Mrs Cath Hammond, the widow of the late Grand Master, MW Bro Bob Hammond.

He described the ceremony as a wonderful occasion and said the presence of the Governor made such a difference.

‘This is where Sydney starts and where it may end one day. I base my style on the leadership of Governor Bligh for his tact and skills and Governor Rawson for his interest in schools and hospitals. We are here for a purpose and I am grateful that you could find time to join us for this special meeting.’



The Grand Master thanks the Governor of NSW

L-R: Professor Marie Bashir, the Grand Master, RW Bro Chis Craven, RW Bro Kevin McGlinn and Mrs McGlinn, MW Bro Tony Lauer PGM, MW Bro Greg Levenston PGM and Mrs Cath Hammond



Grand Master Proclaimed

With due ceremony and before **hundreds of masons, ladies and friends**, MW Bro Derek Robson was Proclaimed in September to lead the United Grand Lodge of NSW and the ACT **for another year**.



Following a fanfare, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, RW Bro Peter Ratcliff pronounced: 'I have the honour to proclaim MW Bro Derek James Robson AM, as Grand Master for the ensuing year and until a successor has been duly elected and appointed in his stead.'

It was a familiar yet still colourful and memorable pageant for the assembly from the Grand Master's formal entry to the Grand Lodge Room at the Sydney Masonic Centre to the equally colourful entry of Most Excellent Companion Edward Keenan, the First Grand Principal and Grand Master of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of NSW & ACT and his delegation.

Music again played an important role in the ceremony with the Grand Director of Music, RW Bro Ian Cox conducting the Masonic Ensemble, assisted by the Grand Organist, RW Bro Horrie Holt OAM.

After the Proclamation, MW Bro Rev Raymond Green PGM faultlessly delivered the Address to the Grand Master, and the audience then listened to the Ensemble performing a setting of the poem *If* by that famous Freemason, Bro Rudyard Kipling and recited by VW Bro Roy Horrocks PDGDC. The Address to the brethren was given by the Grand Master.

In the proceedings, the Grand Master announced the appointment and investiture of RW Bro James Melville as Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Charles Wattle as Senior Grand Warden and RW Bro Rod Murray as Junior Grand Warden. RW Bro Melville then joined the Grand Master for the investiture of the remaining Grand Officers. In accordance with tradition, all Grand Officers were afforded appropriate

Grand Honours, providing a memorable spectacle for those guests seeing a Grand Installation for the first time.

'What an honour it is for me to again stand here ready to serve for another masonic year,' the Grand Master said in his Address.

'Over the past year, I have worked with some wonderful masons, all striving in their own way to enhance the standing of the Craft. As we have interacted with you and your lodges, we have fulfilled our promise to actively maintain strong connections to our communities as well as strengthening our lodge base through accreditation and improved management practices.

'In many parts of our State, we have seen lodges held up as pillars of strength and stability in their local community, and brethren recognised for their well principled, practical and caring demeanour. Civic leaders have gone out of their way to emphasise the important attributes that individual Freemasons and Freemasonry in general, have brought to their communities.

'Certainly, the principles and tenets of the Craft are well respected.

'I thank all those who continue to contribute to the management and workings of Grand Lodge and I particularly mention those who serve on the Committees of the Board of Management. We are undoubtedly better positioned as a result of your wise and considered judgements, and I acknowledge that commitment.

'To serve in any of the Grand Lodge management and ceremonial roles is a great responsibility and I am sure that you will want to offer each of those who have been invested tonight, and those who con-

tinue to serve, your overwhelming support and best wishes.

'The Craft is indeed blessed with considerable talent.

'I continue to travel widely across our jurisdiction and I am amazed at what you are achieving on behalf of the Craft.

'Recently I attended the Re-Installation of Most Excellent Companion Ted Keenan. Ted and I have worked closely to encourage the "all of one company" concept, and we have supported each other wherever practical, including my attendance with him at Wollongong, Newcastle, Tweed Heads and Petersham. We are both conscious of difficulties in some country lodges and we will continue to support and encourage them to ensure that Freemasonry can be the winner.

'I particularly ask that you continue to give every support to your RGCs and DGIWs, as they commit to their new roles and bring together all of the elements of Freemasonry across our jurisdiction.

'Remember these masons are there to support you as best they can, in conjunction with your own use of the website and all that it provides. There is no doubt we will encounter some issues in relation to boundaries and the like, but I ask you to strive to work through these issues so that we can quietly settle into our preferred direction for the future. It is important we recognise that it will become more difficult to gain interest in these Field roles if we continue to try and overburden our RGCs and DGIWs with what really should be lodge business.'

The Grand Master also spoke about different initiatives, such as the 125th anniversary of this Grand Lodge celebrated with the Carrington Anniversary



The Grand Ceremonial Team

- GRAND MASTER**
MW Bro D J Robson AM
- DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**
RW Bro J R Melville
- SENIOR GRAND WARDEN**
RW Bro C Wattle
- JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN**
RW Bro R Murray
- GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES**
RW Bro P Ratcliff
- DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES**
VW Bro J Begbie
- ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES**
VW Bro P Howlett
- ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES**
VW Bro P Miller
- SENIOR GRAND DEACON**
W Bro G Singleton
- JUNIOR GRAND DEACON**
W Bro D Goonasekera
- GRAND SWORD BEARER**
W Bro D Eurlings
- GRAND STANDARD BEARER**
W Bro G El-Chami

Dinner on 24 June, a plaque presentation in the presence of the NSW Governor, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO and the combined lodge and Masonicare initiative at Havenlee Special School in Nowra, sponsored by the Nowra and Milton Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star.

He also mentioned many other events including the Soldier's Beach STEP Programs, the Gundagai and Moree Debutante Balls, the Frenchs Forest International night, community meetings at Armidale and Parkes, the Sand Box Tracing Board and lodge centenary celebrations.

'To all our ladies and especially to my wonderful partner, Gael, I thank you all so much. And finally, to all of you, I thank you for allowing me the enormous honour of serving you as Grand Master for yet another masonic year,' the Grand Master concluded.



September Communication

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM, after welcoming the brethren, received the reports of the various boards and committees and two suggested changes to the Constitution.

He said it has been a good year and we have met our challenges full on and made some new and fabulously strong connections with our community.

‘Importantly, we have the purposeful basis to go forward with, and this will continue to bring considerable benefit to us as we further extend ourselves through cooperative arrangements. The bottom line is that by putting ourselves into the marketplace we are more likely to achieve the steady flow of membership enquiries that we need to build on.’

He again paid tribute to the Past Grand Masters and spoke feelingly about the late MW Bro Robert Hammond, the senior Past Grand Master who passed away in July.

The Executive Council report gave details of a review of the tax status of Grand Lodge and associated entities, the

suspension of a brother for unmasonic conduct and an appeal lodged against a suspension imposed earlier this year. The Grand Master also thanked RW Bro Greg Redfern PAGM, the retiring chairman of the Grand Charity and RW Bro Jack Garside PAGM, the retiring chairman of the Board of Management.

In his address, he pointed out the Disaster Relief Fund Car Raffle organised by Masonicare around the Sydney region had been doing very well and so had the ‘One Brother to Another’ Gold Ribbon Benevolence campaign run during July and August.

‘It is a clear sign members care about those masons less fortunate than themselves. Funds are still coming in from some regional lodges so we don’t have a final figure at this point. However it looks like Masonicare will shortly be able to announce a total figure larger than last year’s,’ he said.

The Grand Master then expressed his disappointment that over the past few weeks to see, and hear of, some blatant breaches of the Constitution. He added there had been far too many disrespectful and derogatory comments gratuitously made through the social media, pointedly intended to discredit individual masons.

‘Grand Lodge governance, management and administrative functions are carried out in accordance with our Constitution. This Constitution has been set in place by all of us, here on this floor, and most importantly, we have all taken various Obligations to uphold its purpose,’ he said.

‘The Constitution is fairly clear on most subjects. From time to time, it might be necessary to consider change and this, in itself, is entirely appropriate. In attempting to bring about change in this place however, we are all expected to adhere to the Principles and Tenets of the Craft, and adhere to our Obligations.

‘To hold the Office of Grand Master, the body of this Grand Lodge requires that

the Grand Master personally take more particular Obligations to protect our ways. It is therefore quite simply inappropriate that an individual mason, or even a group of that mason’s friends, would demand that the Grand Master set aside his Obligations, and indeed his own ideals, simply to meet their short term goal.

‘Are we really suggesting that some of our members will be dealt with in accordance with the Constitution and yet another might be dealt with in a quite different or special way? I simply ask that sanity prevail in this regard and that we seriously take the time to see whether considered change should be made.

‘If change is preferred, it can be done in a masonic manner. We do not need to put aside our Principles, our Tenets or our Obligations. We do not need to resort to disrespect, to disloyalty, or to direct slander to make our point. Principled masons with principled purpose can achieve much more.’

The Grand Master concluded by thanking all those who had contributed to the management and workings of Grand Lodge over the past year and to all members for their loyalty and support and their commitment to the Craft.

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Agenda for Grand Lodge December Communication

The Quarterly Communication for Grand Lodge will be held at the Sydney Masonic Centre on Wednesday, 11 December 2013.

Included on the agenda will be:

- › Grand Master’s Welcome
- › Reports of the Executive Council, Board of Management, Grand Charity, College of Masonic Studies
- › Presentation of Annual Financial Accounts as at 30 June 2013
- › General Business



From RW Bro Rev Jack Hely CBE PAGM

The Power of Passion

Sometimes the substance of a press article heading challenges one to stop and explore its meaning. Such was the case with an article with the above title appearing in a recent issue of the *Sydney Morning Herald*. The article challenged me to prepare this Grand Chaplain's message for the December issue of *Freemason*.

For many people the demonstration of Passion is associated with the Easter season. The Power of Passion is evident at, say, football crowds of over eighty thousand people. Today's television and press news appears to prioritise events of people involved in passion demonstrations – sometimes seeking justice for the good of humanity, at other times in demonstrations of violence even leading to mass killings. At times the mood of a crowd changes from one extreme to the other. Expressions of the Power of Passion can be found in


everyday activities of life including political situations, organisation leadership, in small groups of people, even families.

In this year's *Sydney Morning Herald* (13–14 July), an article titled 'The power of passion' gave an inspiring example from the life of Ita Buttrose, 2013 Australian of the Year.

A positive attitude of the Power of Passion is clearly evident when a current Australian of the Year pleads that it is the power of passion which is driving her appeal of changing attitudes towards older Australians. To quote Ita Buttrose: 'If I can remove the stigma that goes with a diagnosis of dementia, I think that would be an effective use of the year.' This matter is one of significance to me, as I am part of a working group moving towards an educational presentation to brethren in raising awareness of the research and response to dementia.

As Freemasons we are all charged to follow the moral virtues of **Faith, Hope and Charity** and to put into practice the three Masonic Foundation Principles of **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth**.

These are not just words or a statement of creed. These virtues and principles DEFINE US! There is a need for us to uphold and demonstrate these beliefs with a Power of Passion.

As we approach this season of 'Good Will' within our society, I urge all responsible brethren to uphold our Virtues and Principles with a Power of Passion and demonstrate such to your fellow brethren and your neighbours. 



From RW Bro Rabbi Samuel Tov-Lev PAGM

Repentance, prayer and charity – a key for a better life

It is interesting the Grand Lodge Communication and Proclamation of the Grand Master took place in September between the dates of the Jewish New Year and the Day of Atonement. In a way it gives some food for thought over the coming secular New Year and comparing them.


The Jewish New Year is different in its message, character, purpose and execution. It is serious and demanding with close reflection to the past year's events in our life. We have the opportunity and obligation to search for our personal faults and attitude towards others and this helps us to avoid the same mistakes. An essential ingredient of **repentance** is to express regret for past sins. The benefit of such an action helps the individual as well as

society to enjoy a better life and no doubt harmony and brotherly love would reign if we followed that process in our daily life.

To be truthful and sincere, a special and appropriate **prayer** is the right vehicle to assist and encourage us to achieve our goal. That prayer must have something which contains soul-stirring material, something which brings about the sacredness of the day in its full measure, something which elevates the mind and fills the heart with a spirituality no other prayer can accomplish.

To complete this process of self-improvement we must step forward and perform good deeds to others; I mean **charity**. We have to show that we do care, and by doing so to eliminate within ourselves selfishness, cruelty, etc.

The outcome of using these three elements is to become better human beings, useful to society and an example for others to follow.

The secular New Year is entirely different in its celebration. It serves mainly to be merry, to release a friendly attitude in public by the majority of people, to enjoy the shopping spree. It is not a holy day as such but a free day to demonstrate our happiness in welcoming the New Year. In a way we are grateful to the Almighty in granting us one more living year. In essence, the nature of any New Year must lead to be good human beings in the complexity of the modern society. 





Our first Grand Master – Lord Carrington

This is an **abridged Address** given by W Bro the Honourable Lloyd Waddy, AM, RFD, QC at the Lord Carrington Commemorative Dinner on 24 June 2013. The dinner was organised by the Freemasons' Association (NSW & ACT) Inc. as part of the **125th Anniversary Celebrations** of the Foundation of the United Grand Lodge of NSW. The unabridged Address will be presented to the Grand Lodge Library.



Lord Carrington, the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW

Tonight is perhaps not the night to explore the machinations resulting in the formation of the United Grand Lodge of NSW. In this colony it had been partially pre-empted by a self-proclaimed local and disputed Grand Lodge of NSW, formed in 1877 from Lodges previously owing allegiance to Ireland and Scotland.

Before our United Grand Lodge was established, masonic unity had been a known preoccupation of Lord Carrington.

The *Sydney Mail* of 20 February 1886 carried an interesting account of a night held nine days earlier, not unlike tonight, but more important in its masonic prospect. It read as below:

Two years later and 125 years ago this year, at a meeting in the Great Hall of the University of Sydney on 16 August 1888, the Articles of the Union were adopted and Lord Carrington was elected the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW.

On 18 September 1888, Chief Justice Way, then Grand Master of South Australia installed Lord Carrington as our first Grand Master before 4,000 masons in the Exhibition Building.

Lord Carrington played a great part in achieving masonic unity in this State and in almost unlikely circumstances became our first Grand Master. 'Unlikely' because masonically speaking he was unqualified for the role, but universally welcomed!

Just before his Installation, it was realised that Charles had not been installed as a Master and technically was not eligible to become a Grand Master. To overcome this, an 'Occasional Lodge' was held at Government House under the Charter of Lodge Ionic where he was made a 'Worshipful Master at sight' by nine senior masons.

Our first Grand Master was born in 1843, two years after Queen Victoria's second child and first son, Bertie. It would be 45 years before Charles assumed the high office of Grand Master of the UGL of NSW.

Charles was educated at Eton between 1856 and 1861 and went to Trinity College Cambridge in 1861. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the Isaac Newton Lodge, No 859 English Constitution, on 28 October 1861, age 18. He graduated in 1863 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Between 1865 and 1868, Charles was a Member of Parliament for High Wycombe, in the Liberal interest.

On the death of his father on 1 March 1868, Charles succeeded to the titles of 3rd Baron Carrington of Bulcot Lodge and 3rd Baron Carrington of Upton, which had been created 70 years before. He was immediately ineligible to remain in the House of Commons and moved to the House of Lords.

From 26 July 1879 he held the office of Joint Hereditary Lord Great Chamberlain.

Masonic Banquet to Lord Carrington

Sydney Mail
20 February 1886

A Banquet, tendered to Lord Carrington by the Freemasons under the English, Scottish and Irish Constitutions, took place on the 11th instant at the Exhibition Building, Prince Alfred Park, nearly 600 persons being present, and as the masonic brethren appeared in full regalia, the spectacle was brilliant. The building was tastefully decorated, and, (you will be pleased to learn!), the catering was satisfactorily carried out by Mr G F Gunsler.

Mr John Williams, J.P., District Grand Master under the English Constitution, presided and

proposed the health of the guest in the course of which he stated that His Excellency alone, of all the brethren, was fitted to consolidate Freemasonry in the colony.

His Excellency replied in an eloquent and graceful speech, and took occasion to refer with regret to the division in the ranks of Freemasonry in this colony owing to the existence of the New South Wales Constitution; but expressed hope that time would bring about a cure, and that the Craft would become united in a common bond of Masonry.

This is the sixth of the Great Officers of State, ranking beneath the Lord Privy Seal and above the Lord High Constable. The Lord Great Chamberlain had charge over the Palace of Westminster and played a major part in coronations.

On 21 August 1880, by Royal Licence, his name was legally changed to Charles Robert Carrington, with only one 'R'. He held the office of Captain of the Gentlemen at Arms between 1881 and 1885, under Prime Minister Gladstone, and was invested as a Privy Counselor on 15 July 1881. Prior to his departure to NSW on 6 June 1885 he was invested at age 42 as a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George (GCMG).

On his appointment as Governor of NSW a London newspaper described him as 'a man of the world, of acute intelligence, well read and understanding and watching the signs of the times he has come to the conclusion that the rule of democracy is inevitable and the policy of the aristocracy is to make the best of the situation'. He held the office of Governor between 1885 and 1890.

But what had he been up to before arriving as Vice Regal representative in NSW of Queen Victoria, then two years short of 50 years into her reign?

I now rely on Jane Ridley's *Bertie: A life of Edward VII* in which she cites Charles over 40 times in her index and in her text, even covering matters after the King's death.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were strongly Germanic, and raised Bertie and his brother within the court, under rather disastrous private tutors. Ridley records:

'Very occasionally a few noblemen's sons from Eton came to tea. Charles Carrington, who was to become Bertie's lifelong friend and devoted follower, a clever courtier who kept a diary, first met Bertie at Buckingham Palace in 1854. He recalled that Bertie's younger brother, Prince Albert was his parents' favourite, "but I always liked the Prince of Wales far the best. He had such a kind and generous disposition and the kindest heart imaginable".'

Now for further information on our First Grand Master and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, later King Edward VII.

Charles was one of Bertie's friends the Queen objected to. Bertie wanted to make him his Equerry, but Ridley wrote that Charles declined after consulting his

father, who advised: *'You are his friend now, if you are a member of his household you will be his servant. He may get tired of you and your position as an equerry would not be pleasant.'*



W Bro Lloyd Waddy, AM, RFD, QC, former Judge of the Family Court of Australia

After Bertie celebrated his 30th birthday at Sandringham, he was rather ill but insisted on travelling to Buckinghamshire to go shooting with Charles. After his recovery it was proposed to send Bertie to tour India which produced immense dissent. Ridley describes it as 'open war' between mother and son. The Queen strongly objected to some of the people Bertie wanted to take with him 'especially Carrington and the rollicking naval officer Lord Charles Beresford'. Bertie protested he was 33 years old and the Queen had no guardianship over him.

We get a good impression of Charles Carrington from that tour of India – along with the other 18 men Bertie had selected to accompany him. Charles however, was one of only two invited guests, part of the inner circle of the Marlborough Club Bertie had established. However, with the extreme heat Charles wrote they were 'unduly subdued, more like a lot of monks

than anything else'.

Bertie became Grand Master of the English Constitution in 1874 and remained so until his accession in 1901. (He followed the examples of King George IV; King William I; and was followed by King Edward VIII and King George VI.)

On 3 January 1882 Charles joined the Royal Alpha Lodge No16 EC, London, and remained a member throughout his life. He was appointed Senior Grand Warden, EC, in 1882, even though he was not a Past Master and therefore technically ineligible. Shades of New South Wales!

There is no time to detail his many non-masonic contributions to this State. But as has been said, he played 'a crucial and pivotal role in cementing our union, and can justly be called the "Father of United Masonry" in New South Wales'.

He had a family tragedy concerning his only son, Albert Wynn-Carrington who was born in London in April 1895 and educated at Eton and at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. When only 20, he was wounded in action at Ypres and following complications after the amputation of his arm, he died at Boulogne on 19 May 1915. Due to the death of his son, on Charles's death in June 1928, all his titles, apart from the two Baronies he had inherited, became extinct.

Few lives have evidenced better friendship of the needy. He served his sovereign, his country, his parliament and his people with great distinction, charity, humour and grace. He was at heart a humble man and a great discerner of character.

As said earlier Charles wrote of Bertie: 'He had such a kind and generous disposition and the kindest heart imaginable'. Cannot the same be truly said of Lord Carrington: a true practitioner of the three principal masonic tenets or virtues to which we all subscribe: Brotherly Love, Relief (which includes charity) and Truth?

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Welcome to an English lodge

Three members of The Schools Lodge travel to London to attend **the 75th Installation of Lodge Cantuarian.**

The Kings School Canterbury



The Kings School, Parramatta is the oldest private school in Australia having been founded in 1832. The Kings School Canterbury in England is the oldest 'public school' in England having been founded, some say, in 597AD by St Augustine, and by others by Henry VIII in the 15th Century.

With this in common it is not surprising that there is some degree of interaction between the two schools.

Lodge The Kings School was formed in 1948 and had for many years a close association with The Kings School Parramatta until its consolidation with a number of other School lodges to form The Schools Lodge. The Cantuarian Lodge was formed in 1938 as the lodge of The Kings School Canterbury. The two school lodges have, not surprisingly, long interacted with each other.

In 1982 three members of Lodge The Kings School visited a meeting of The Cantuarian Lodge in London and exchanged fraternal greetings and masonic gifts. Lodge Cantuarian gave the Australians a 'firing glass' carved from 500 year old oak taken from the dining hall at the Canterbury school. In return Lodge The Kings School presented the Master of Cantuarian a breast jewel featuring a Square and the crest of The Kings School, Parramatta. This became known as the 'Parramatta Jewel' and is worn by the presiding Master at every meeting of Cantuarian.

In 1997 some twenty members of Lodge The Kings School and others travelled from Australia to Canterbury to attend a meeting of Cantuarian which was to celebrate the arrival of St Augustine some 1,400 years before. They were entertained royally by their English brethren

at the lodge meeting, a celebratory dinner (or three) and a special church service in Canterbury Cathedral.

This year three members of The Schools Lodge, Alex Shaw, David Slater and Frank Payne, travelled to London to attend the 75th Installation of Cantuarian. All three had been in the group who had been there in 1997. Before the Installation, on 12 June, Alex and Frank attended the



Frank Payne (second left), Peter Holmes-Johnson, Secretary of Lodge Cantuarian (centre), Keith Adams and David Slater (right) enjoying a tour of the Kings School Canterbury

Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England presided over by the Pro-Grand Master in the absence of the Grand Master, HRH the Duke of Kent. They were admitted as 'Honoured Overseas Guests' and entered the magnificent No 1 room in Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London to the acclamation of 1,100 brethren.

The Pro-Grand Master conducted the ceremony with great aplomb and humour. After the meeting, Alex and Frank were guests at a formal lunch at which they were seated at a top table and were the subject of many enquiries about Masonry in Australia and questions about the Waratah on their Grand Lodge Collar.

They avoided any questions about the cricket and the rugby.

The next day all three Australians attended the meeting of The Cantuarian Lodge, again at Freemasons Hall, not in the No 1 room but in an equally magnificent lodge room. The ceremony of Installation as held in England is very similar to that which we use in NSW with just enough differences to make it interesting.


It was quite a long ceremony and it was surprising to us to have a 10 minute intermission in the middle.

Frank Payne was asked to present the 'Parramatta Jewel' to the incoming Master and in return we all received a very acceptable presentation from Lodge Cantuarian.

The following Saturday, Frank and David travelled to Canterbury and were met by several members of Cantuarian and conducted on an extensive tour of The Kings School with its many medieval buildings and a private tour of Canterbury Cathedral followed by lunch.

Some other Australian connections with the Kings School Canterbury is that Bishop William Grant Broughton, the first Bishop of Australia (and the founder of The Kings School Parramatta) was an Old Boy as was Gregory Blaxland of 'Crossing of the Blue Mountains' fame and Sir George Gipps, Governor of New South Wales from 1838 to 1846 and a schoolboy contemporary of William Grant Broughton.

After lunch we were conducted to a Service of Evensong in the Cathedral.

It is hoped that ongoing interaction between the two School lodges on the opposite sides of the world will continue to flourish for the benefit of Freemasonry in general. 

A night of fun on the *James Craig*

The tall ship *James Craig* at Darling Harbour was the scene for a September night of mirth, merriment and missed lines as **Lodge Como presented a First Degree with a difference.**

Lodge Sylvania was the host lodge, briefly performing its normal duties and then closing to allow the thespians from Lodge Como to take the stage.

Well, it wasn't exactly a stage but more a small part of the hull of the ship which was suitably dressed to allow members to enact how a First Degree would have been carried out in England during the 1770s.

About 70 brethren, mostly from the Sutherland Shire, packed rows of small wooden seats to hear a short talk on the first masonic meeting in Sydney before the suitably attired cast arrived. Dressed in colourful shirts, kilts, hats and other unspeakable items, they wandered into the area to begin an old-time meeting with a difference.

The Worshipful Master took the chair to control the meeting with a candidate ready with an unready mentor, a DC informing the audience of what was happening and keeping the cast as close to the script as possible. In the dim light, sometimes a wrong page was read and cast members were so relaxed they had to be prodded into action but it was all controlled confusion.

At the end of the performance, everyone adjourned to the Festive Board for a hearty feast and lots of talk about what had been a most informative and highly entertaining night. As most attendees said: 'There should be more nights like this.'





Early Freemasonry in New South Wales

Freemasonry, as it now finds embodiment in the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, was **first introduced into NSW in 1814** by the 46th Regiment, later known as the Second Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

At that time the Regiment was in possession of one of the oldest Warrants in the British Army, granted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1752, and its lodge was known as 'Social and Military Virtues No 227'.

The first authentic account of a properly formed lodge was in 1816 when some gentry of the settlement were admitted as members. On 6 July 1797, a petition was received by the Grand Lodge of Ireland bearing the signatures of Peter Farrell, George Black and George Kerr, requesting the issue of a warrant to allow a lodge to meet in the NSW Corps serving in Port Jackson. The Grand Lodge of Ireland deferred action.

In 1817 the 46th Regiment moved out and the 48th Regiment moved in. The Lodge of the 48th Regiment was No 218 IC. This lodge was very active in the settlement, for in the old register of Lodge No 218 under 4 January 1820, are the names of 20 new members of the lodge, probably the accumulation of some years. Then there are eight additional names with the note 'of Sydney N.S.W. registered 4 January 1820'.

On 5 August 1820 the convict ship *Hadlow* arrived in Sydney with 148 male prisoners. The surgeon, Bro Price, had been given a Warrant by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland to present to the Master of the Lodge 'Australian Social'. This Warrant, No 260 was originally held by the Lodge of the 28th Gloucestershire Regiment.

On 12 August 1820, 20 brethren met in the Golden Lion Tavern, opposite the Kings Wharf to form the 'Australian Social Lodge No 260 IC, 12 foundation members and 8 visitors. The Installing Master was W Bro Wm Blizard of the 48th Regiment Lodge No 218 and the Foundation Master

The late Mr Hugh Wright who was Librarian, Mitchell Library from 1909 to 1932 obtained from Tasmania a bundle of manuscripts in 1915. It included a document dated 17 September 1802 which was a certificate issued to Captain Anthony Fenn Kemp. It is written in French and translated into English it reads as follows:



ABOVE: Captain Anthony Fenn Kemp
BELOW: The original certificate



'We Knights of the Rose Croix, Master Masons and Companions of the same Order certify having received in Lodge not regularly constituted but properly assembled and presided over by Sovereign Prince of Rose Croix, J. St. Cricq, member of the Metropolitan Chapter of Paris, the dear Brother Anthony Fenn Kemp, Captain of the New South Wales Regiment stationed at Port Jackson, into the grade of Ancient Masonry. In faith of which we pray the Masons of both hemispheres to recognise and aid him in this capacity.'

*17 September 1802
J. St Cricq, Sovereign Prince of Rose Croix (Lieutenant of the French Corvette Le Naturaliste – (The ship was in Port Jackson 26 April–18 May 1802) George Bellasis, G.D. 15° (Lieut. Gunnery Officer) Jerome Bellefin, Sovereign Prince of Rose Croix (Surgeon, French Ship)*



was Mathew Bacon, Lodge No 218. This lodge is now known as Antiquity No 1, United Grand Lodge of NSW and the ACT.

James Squire, convict, arrived on the ship *Charlotte*, 1st Fleet 26 January, 1788 – sentenced to seven years for robbery. He left a wife, Martha and three children, John, James, and Sarah in England. He was 33 years of age when he arrived in New South Wales. He lived with a convict girl, Elizabeth Mason, First Fleet with whom he had one son and seven daughters. His youngest daughter Mary Ann married Thomas Charles Farnell, a free settler and the eldest child of this union was named James Squire Farnell, born June 1825.

This son was educated at Ryde and Parramatta. He left school at the age of 14 years and worked in the country where he acquired an unusually wide knowledge of the colony. In 1848, 23 years of age, he returned to live at Kissing Point. He was elected to the Parliament of NSW and became Minister for Lands.

He was initiated into Lodge 'Australian Social Lodge No 260 IC'. Two years later he was Worshipful Master and ten years later was Provincial Grand Master, Irish Constitution, NSW.

The first Grand Lodge of NSW was formed 3 December 1877. He was our first Grand Master and was elected Premier of NSW the same year (1877).

An event of great significance in connection with the progress of Freemasonry in NSW took place on Thursday, 10 August 1888 in the Great Hall, University of Sydney. Upwards of 500 brethren were present – Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Wardens from all of the lodges which had signed the Articles of Union*. Out of 186 lodges under the different constitutions in NSW, all but five signed the Articles of Union.

The lodge was opened at 7.15pm by W Bro W Simpson, Past District Deputy Grand Master, English Constitution who expressed the hope that the brotherly feeling and unanimity which had prevailed amongst the councils of the brethren who had brought this movement forward to its present position would prevail and that the brethren would sink all personal considerations and would work together to bring this grand object to a successful issue.

The United Grand Lodge was then formally declared open in the East, West and South after which His Excellency Lord Carrington was nominated for the office of Grand Master by MW Bro Dr Tarrant. No other candidate being proposed, Lord Carrington was declared to be duly elected Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW. The announcement was received with great enthusiasm.

The United Grand Lodge of NSW being now duly and legally established according to masonic precedent and custom, the brethren authorised the Grand Master Elect to issue to each lodge a dispensation empowering it to continue working until such time as the more formal documents, referred to in the Articles of Union, shall have been executed and issued after his Installation.

It was agreed that the United Grand Lodge adopt as its guide, until such time as Constitutions can be framed and submitted, the Book of Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England, subject to such verbal alterations as may be obviously necessary, and also to such amendments as may be required.

The election of Officers of the United Grand Lodge was then held.

The Installation of His Excellency, Lord


Carrington as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was conducted at the Exhibition Building, Prince Alfred Park, Sydney on Tuesday 18 September 1888, in the presence of about 4,000 masons.

The occasion was memorable beyond the Installation of the most distinguished brother, His Excellency Lord Carrington. It meant the unity of the masonic brotherhood in this part of the world and evidence of vitality in a young growing community.

His Honour Mr Justice Way, Chief Justice, South Australia was the Installing Grand Master.

No expense was spared in decorating the interior of the building. Over the Grand Master's chair was a shield draped with flags, bearing the Arms of the United Grand Lodge of NSW.

Immediately following the Installation ceremony, a banquet was held in the Elite Skating Rink with 4,000 brethren present.

When the United Grand Lodge of NSW was formed in 1888 it did not inherit the records of the preceding governing body, the Grand Lodge of NSW. 



*** The Articles of Union state:**

'Whereas the rites and tenets of Pure and Ancient Freemasonry were first practiced and taught in Australia by the Lodge Social and Military Virtues No 227 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in or about the year 1816; perpetuated by the establishment of other lodges from time to time under the Constitution of England, of Scotland and of Ireland; and extended by the formation of the Provincial (now District) Grand Lodge of England in 1839, of the Provincial (now District) Grand Lodge of Scotland in the year 1855 and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1858.'

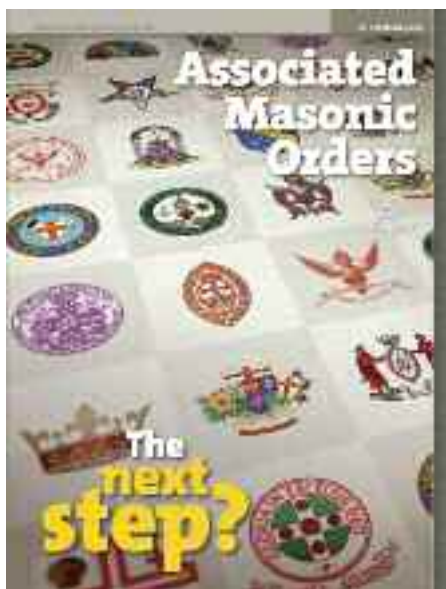


From the Grand Secretary



OUR ASSOCIATED ORDERS

With your last issue of the Freemason magazine you also received a unique publication 'Associated Masonic Orders – The next step?'



This publication was two years in the making and all information contained in the publication – photographs and editorials – was provided direct from each individual Order.

The feedback received to date on this great publication has been tremendous from both within and without the jurisdiction. Interstate Grand Lodges, and others that have had the opportunity to review it, are full of praise for the quality and excellent coverage with explanations that each Order has been able to provide. It has given much insight into Orders that most have only heard about and in some cases Orders that many never knew existed.

For those in NSW & ACT, progression to most of these Orders cannot take place until brethren have been Master Masons for two years but many, of course, qualify for that category now and, as a result, I am

pleased to report that some Orders have already received a number of inquiries.

The magazine that brethren received should be kept by them for their personal reference and consideration if they are considering extending their Masonic knowledge. Over the next few years, Grand Lodge will provide a copy with all Master Mason Certificates that are issued so that our newer brethren are aware of the extent of our Masonic Family.

Congratulations must go to all those responsible from all Orders for a magnificent job.

GRAND INSTALLATIONS OF TASMANIA AND VICTORIA

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM was absolutely delighted to lead a fine delegation of Brethren from NSW & ACT to the recent Grand Installation in Wellington New Zealand and of course to welcome the many ladies who accompanied those brethren.

In the not too distant future, two further Grand Installations will take place within Australia.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania's Grand installation and associated functions will take place from 27th February to 2nd March 2014 at Wrest Point in Hobart. Full details with Registration and Hotel Booking forms can be found at <http://www.freemasonrytasmania.org>.

From Thursday 20th March to Sunday 23rd March 2014 the Freemasons of Victoria will hold their Grand Installation and associated events in Melbourne. Details and Registration forms will also be available at the Grand Lodge of Victoria's website at <http://www.freemasonsvic.net.au>.

Being present at these unique events is a very special experience and the Grand Master would sincerely welcome the support of brethren and ladies at one or both in 2014.

REGIONAL & DISTRICT AWARDS

That time of the year is again upon us when Brethren, Lodges, DGIWs and RGCs need to give serious consideration to submitting nominations for the above Awards. The recipients will be announced in June 2014. You are reminded that these Awards are not restricted to Freemasons only and non-masons also qualify. Your Lodge Secretary and DGIW can provide the criteria on which a nomination should be based.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Many of you are aware of the opportunity recently extended to interested brethren to have a set of evening wear (tails) tailor made, at a most acceptable price, by way of a special arrangement reached with a well-known gents clothing manufacturer and the Deputy Grand Secretary, RW Bro Chris Craven. The initial response indicated that this may be achievable and brethren who have registered interest will soon be notified of the dates that tailors will be attending the Sydney Masonic Centre to take measurements of those brethren present.

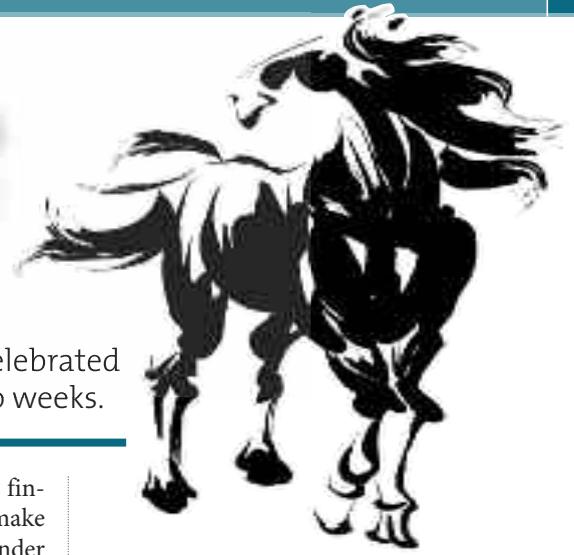
However, this will hopefully not be the last occasion that we can make this offer and those, for instance, who may be successful DGIW applicants next year may have this same opportunity given to them at the time they will need to purchase formal attire.

Further details will be made available in due course.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WISHES

To our readers may I, on my own behalf and on behalf of the fabulous and dedicated staff of the Secretariat, extend to each of you all best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and every good wish for health and happiness in 2014. 🎄

Chinese New Year



The year **2014 is the Chinese Year of the Horse** and it will be celebrated in Sydney in late January with a festival which will run for two weeks.

The Chinese New Year is celebrated in countries around the world wherever Chinese people have made their home and Australians are invited to be part of the non-stop events which will include a Twilight Parade of colourful floats, classical dancing and the Dragon Boat races at Cockle Bay.

If while mixing with the people someone says to you 'Kung Hei Fat Choy' the chances are that they are just wishing you a prosperous Chinese New Year. It is a celebration of change – out with the old and in with the new and time for families to reunite.

Everything involved with the New Year should represent good fortune. It is a time for everyone to consider the changes that should be made to one's life.

In the legend of the Chinese Zodiac, the Horse was placed seventh in the race of the animals arranged by the Jade Emperor a long time ago. It involved swimming across a river and the first 12 animals to arrive would have a year named after them.

The Horse had been swimming

strongly across the river towards the finishing point and was just about to make land when a Snake slipped out from under its hooves. The Horse was so surprised it stood up in shock, allowing the Snake to crawl across the line in sixth place with the Horse seventh.

Fireworks play a major role in the festivities and have an interesting traditional story.

Legend states the origin of the Chinese New Year is closely tied to a myth involving an ancient beast named Nian which caused terror around the country every New Year's Day. Nian was known for its cruelty and its efforts to devour livestock, crops and even villagers. It was also believed that the beast feared the colour red, flames and noise.

The villagers used different tactics to counter the beast, some putting red sheets on their doors while others would light torches and set off fireworks throughout the entire night of New Year's Eve. The next morning, they would celebrate their successful actions in scaring the beast away.

Millions of Chinese all over the world

consider the lunar New Year, also called the Spring Festival, as their most important traditional holiday. It officially begins on the first day of the first month in the traditional Chinese calendar – this time 24 January – and ends with the Lantern Festival which is on the 15th day, 9 February.

Dragons and lions are prominently displayed during the Festival as they are considered powerful animals to drive away bad spirits and demons. The Chinese dragon is the highest-ranked animal in the Chinese animal hierarchy and is often associated with the Chinese Emperor. Drawings of Chinese dragons can be found on Neolithic pottery as well as Bronze Age ritual vessels.

With preparation and various celebrations, the Chinese New Year can span out over a month. But whether you take part in Eastern or Western style or just attend as a spectator, it will be a good time to be happy and to say 'Kung Hei Fat Choy.'

In the Footsteps of Freemasonry Tour

28 April–18 May 2014

This fabulous voyage of discovery is offered as a one-off opportunity to visit the Holy Sites to the three great monotheistic religions, the core of the first Christian Kingdom of Jerusalem and the last stronghold of the Orders of Chivalry in the Holy Land.

Included is a specially planned Tour of the sites that were originally built and used by the Orders of Chivalry, in the Carpathian Mountains in Romania. For the first time,

masons will be invited to peruse the oldest documents related to these Orders that have found their place in the Rituals of the higher degree. Visit the lavishly decorated Kings Palaces and retreats in the mountains that were hidden from the eyes of the tourist behind the Iron Curtain.

The visit to Romania will coincide with the International Meeting of the Grand Masters in Bucharest. Masonic meetings are planned with lodges and Chapters in both countries and during that time, ladies and friends will be cared for and offered

elaborate programs.

The all-inclusive Tour covers full-board in de luxe hotels, luxurious tour buses, entries at all sites, skilled masonic guides and all tips to porters, drivers and guides.

Negotiated by masons for the brethren, every detail is clearly taken for your comfort and pleasure, and prompt registration is necessary to avoid disappointment.

For a complete Itinerary, your Registration Form and any other information needed contact RW Bro Joe Haffner PDGM at: cosimex@bigpond.net.au



How to revive

Do you know how to **revive a person** whose heart may have stopped beating?

Lodge Kensington, after its October meeting, presented a special CPR demonstration by a team of nurses from the Prince of Wales Hospital on the current methods of resuscitation used on adults, children and infants.

A team of five, explained by Development officer Wendy Farrow and led by Jodie Moore, nurse educator from the hospital, demonstrated the updated methods to be used and then invited members and guests to try their new knowledge on the dummies used in the demonstration.

Jodie, who has more than 21 years

experience nationally and internationally, teaches CPR to the hospital's medical officers and nurses and answered numerous questions from the floor as the demonstration proceeded.

She pointed out the initial basic steps which must be taken in a case of emergency are to see if there are any dangers or hazards, send for help and check for response and breathing. Then make sure the patient's airway is open, begin chest compression and continue until the person responds or help arrives.

A full article on rescue guidelines will appear in the next issue of the *Freemason*.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

- D** Dangers?
- R** Responsive?
- S** Send for help
- A** Open Airway
- B** Normal Breathing?
- C** Start CPR?
30 compressions : 2 breaths
- D** Attach Defibrillator?
(AED) as soon as available and follow its prompts

Continue CPR until responsiveness or normal breathing returns



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Graduate programs for registered nurses are still a relatively new concept in the aged care industry and Whiddon's program has set itself out from the crowd by offering placements in some of New South Wales' most remote areas.

Our goal is to change the perception of aged care and attract new registered nurses to join the aged care industry and experience it as the professional and rewarding career that it is!

Whiddon's graduate program was established in early 2013 through a grant from the then Department of Health and Ageing with the aim of attracting more nurses into aged care, providing invaluable training in specialised areas, and offering opportunities for existing employees to act as mentors and grow their own training and leadership skills. Since May 2013 the program has produced 18 graduates, with a further 14 graduates to go before the program concludes in May 2014.

Whiddon's graduate registered nurse program offers 52 paid placement days where the nurses experience residential

and community aged care in a supported setting and have the opportunity to go on secondments in regional and remote NSW. The program provides one-on-one support over the first seven weeks, then specialised placement in different areas of aged and community care. During their supervised practice the graduate nurses do not carry a clinical load and the positions are in addition to our rostered nursing hours, meaning that the graduates have the time to participate in learning and skill development. The success of the program is demonstrated through the 100% retention rate and the placement of more than half of the graduates into full-time employment at the completion of the program.

To date, five of the graduates have had the opportunity to experience aged care in regional areas with placements in Narrabri, Condobolin, Wee Waa and Laurieton. These placements have seen the nurses bring new skills to Whiddon's regional teams, learn from the teams at each service, and experience Whiddon's strong connections to the communities with which we work.



Leo (pictured) was part of Whiddon's first intake of registered nurses and following



his education and training hours at Easton Park in Glenfield, Leo journeyed out to the far west town of Condobolin to experience aged care in remote NSW. After working at The Whiddon Group Condobolin for 8 weeks as a graduate registered nurse, Leo was

offered a permanent role and is part of the Condobolin team now. He's been working there for more than 3 months and has recently accepted the offer to study towards a post graduate qualification in aged care nursing, courtesy of Whiddon and the University of Tasmania.

The Whiddon Group is currently seeking to renew their funding with the Department of Social Services or a similar funding body. If you would like to help support the future of nurses in aged care please contact us on 02 9827 6631 or by emailing a.mackinnon@whiddon.com.au



We would like to thank all those who have supported and given so generously to The Whiddon Group

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.



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A taste of Yangon

RW Bro Neil Atkins PAGM, of Lodge Milton No 63 tells of his recent visit to Yangon in Myanmar.

‘Where are you going?’ my friend enquired. ‘Yangon,’ I replied. ‘Where is that?’ he asked. ‘The Republic of the Union of Myanmar,’ I answered. In a perfect echo of his earlier enquiry his response was ‘Where is that?’

My friend could be excused for this lapse of knowledge as Australia has been one of several countries not to recognise the name change of this country which took place in 1988 and continues to refer to it by its former colonial name. Myanmar, of course, was originally named Burma and Yangon, Rangoon by the British during its rule of the country.

Arriving in Yangon on Air Bagan late at night without a hotel booking is something I would not recommend. The recent popularity of the city as a tourist destination for westerners, and the rush of businessmen to the city to attempt to negotiate deals means that accommodation of any standard is difficult to get and I enlisted the services of the tourist association desk at the airport to secure a room. Travellers to Yangon should ensure they have accommodation booked before they arrive.

Travelling from the airport by hire car,

which would never pass a registration inspection in Sydney, I reflected on the features of this ancient city I first visited more than three decades ago. Until 2005 it was the capital city of Myanmar but in that year the administrative and political centre of Myanmar was moved to Naypyitaw, 320 km to the north. Now Naypyitaw is the very modern capital of this country.

Today Yangon has an estimated population of 5 million people and is the most populous city in Myanmar. Modern it is not but the streets are filled with traffic consisting of mostly dated Japanese-built vehicles and totally overloaded buses. The influence of the British during its first occupation of Myanmar in 1824 is difficult to overlook. In Yangon there are several tree-lined streets and almost a sensory overload of colonial buildings, many now in poor shape.

While there is plenty to occupy an adventurous tourist in Yangon, to my mind there are several highlights worth mentioning.

Yangon is a city of pagodas, or stupas, with an estimated fifty dotted around the city. The most memorable is undoubtedly the 2,500 year old, almost 100 metres high,



Shwedagon Pagoda



Shwedagon Pagoda. It is a most popular tourist drawcard and it lives up to its reputation. The stupa is reportedly covered in 8,688 gold blocks weighing an estimated 61 tonnes and near the top is covered with 5,448 diamonds and 2,317 sapphires and other precious stones. This is all topped off by a 76 carat diamond. Most impressive and no photo really does it justice.

A trip to the Chauk Htat Gyi Pagoda which is home to a 65 metre long reclining Buddha on the outskirts of the city is a must see. The image was rebuilt in 1966 replacing the original one built in 1907. Its financial upkeep is met entirely by the people and monks of the district.

Another pagoda, difficult to ignore, is the Sule Pagoda which is in the middle of a roundabout in the exact centre of the city of Yangon as laid out by British sur-



FAR LEFT: Reclining Buddha
 LEFT: Altar in St Marys Cathedral
 RIGHT: Prospective passengers
 on circular railway
 FAR RIGHT: Chin ethnic dress at
 Union National Races Village
 BELOW: Entrance to Taukkyan
 War Cemetery



veyors. Thought to be more ancient than the Schwedagon, it is of interest because it has an eight-sided stupa and is believed to enshrine a hair of Buddha.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar consists of seven semi-autonomous States and seven Divisions. It has 135 ethnic groups and eight main national races. A visit to the Union National Races Village on the outskirts of Yangon enables you, if you do not have the time to travel through the country, to obtain a glimpse of the culture and traditions of the national races. It is easy to take several hours just touring the site, inspecting the different architectural styles of houses and dress of the ethnic groups and talking to the representatives of the various groups.

A novel tourist attraction is Yangon Circular Railway. So called 'circular' because it is a 46 kilometre commuter line circling the city and passing through 39 stations. Tourists generally board the train at Yangon Railway Station and alight three hours later after an interesting trip. It is a relaxing way of getting an overview of the outskirts of Yangon and experiencing the rhythm of life of the local population. Plaques on the station and in the carriages implore locals to 'Warmly Welcome & Take Care Of Tourists.'

St Mary's Cathedral is located in the downtown area of Yangon. In a predominantly Buddhist country its existence is a testament to the tolerance of the country for other religions. Tourists are welcome to visit the Cathedral and will be impressed by its excellent state.

Any visit to Yangon should include a

visit to the Taukkyan War Cemetery 35 km from Yangon. It is the final resting place of more than 6,000 Commonwealth servicemen who were killed in the Second World War and a memorial to 21,000 others who have no known gravesite. The site is a gift of the people of Myanmar. The cemetery was constructed and is maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. I was fortunate to have the ground-keeper point out the plaques of the 23 Australian airmen buried in the cemetery.

There are many more items of interest to occupy the tourist in this colourful city of Yangon. There is the Bogyoke Aug San market in a colonial building built in 1926 and containing more than 1,000 shops, the street markets and street vendors on almost every corner, the numerous manicured parks and gardens, the banks of the Yangon River, many museums, wildlife parks and various recreational clubs.

No visit would be complete without mentioning the smiling faces of the local ladies who wore Thanaka, a paste ground from the bark or wood of the Thanaka tree, and worn on their cheeks to provide protection from sunburn. It seems that this practice has been carried on for over 2,000 years and while not worn by all women, plenty do. It apparently also provides a cooling sensation and emits a fragrant scent.

During my visit to Yangon, I was impressed by the friendliness of the local population and their willingness to help me whenever I required assistance. They are the true attraction to this great city.

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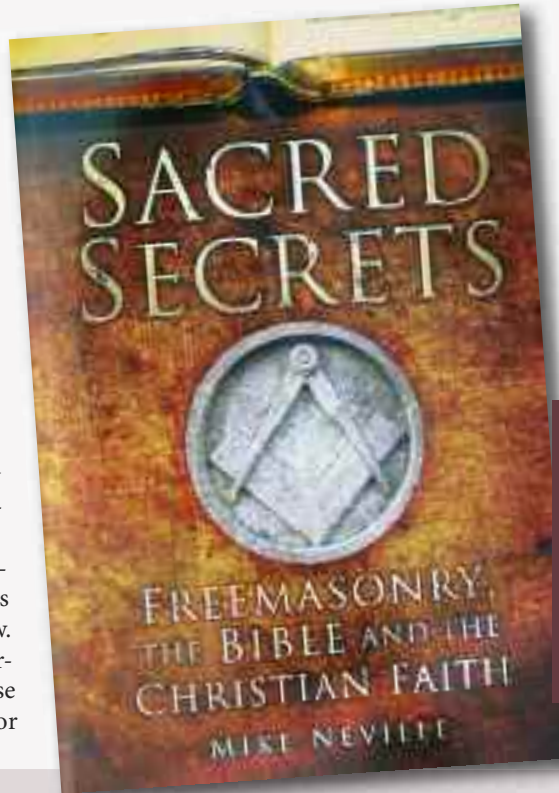
Freemasonry, the Bible and the Christian Faith

by Mike Neville

Who were Tubalcain, Aholiab and Zabud and what is their significance for the Freemason? There is a general interest in the rituals of Freemasonry, generated in part by the apparently obscure references they contain.

This is perhaps the only book that offers a guide to the stories used in masonic ritual and their links to the Bible and Christianity. The historical and geographical setting of the Bible is clearly explained, making for easy contemplation by mason and non-mason alike.

The author has systematically cross-referenced the most influential chapters of the Bible to the ceremonies we know. His aim is to get Freemasons to understand the ritual – not just to memorise and regurgitate, but to elucidate for



everyone interested in Freemasonry and its links between ritual and scripture.

Mike Neville is a member of two Craft lodges in England. He is also a member of Holy Royal Arch, Mark, Royal Ark Mariner, Royal & Select Masters, Allied Masonic Degrees and Red Cross of Constantine. He is currently a lieutenant-colonel in the English Army Cadet Force.

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by James Wasserman

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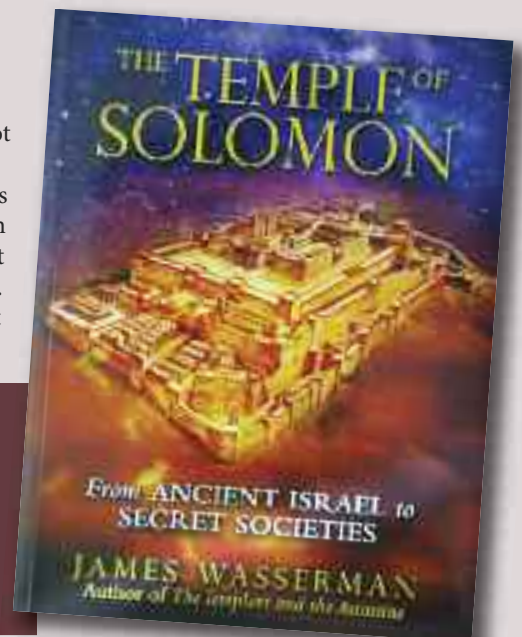
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Sydney salutes the Navy

What a wonderful celebration! Sydney, recently named as one of the friendliest cities in the world, certainly lived up to that reputation when it played host to ships from many different countries during the International Fleet Review (IFR) in October.


Every vantage point was taken around the Harbour to watch Prince Harry and the Governor General Quentin Bryce take the salute as ships sailed past with helicopters and planes in formation, music and fireworks.

There were vessels from at least 16 nations in the fleet, including the United Kingdom, USA, France, New Zealand, Spain, Japan, India and China as well as Pacific nations such as Singapore, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Thailand, Tonga and Brunei. The visiting vessels included

a missile destroyer, a guided missile cruiser, destroyers, frigates and patrol boats.

The Australian contingent featured at least 19 Navy ships including HMAS *Sydney*, *Yarra*, *Tobruk*, *Parramatta*, *Perth* and *Darwin*, as well as submarines, mine-hunters, survey and landing craft and a fleet of 'Tall Ships'.

The Review was to commemorate 100 years since the arrival of the first Royal Navy Fleet in Sydney Harbour in 1913. The Australian Government in the early 1900s had unsuccessfully sought an official visit from

England and it was only approved after the Government approached the United States who sent a fleet to visit in 1908. 



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Former Navy Commodore Nick Helyer said that from the naval perspective, the IFR was a terrific initiative for world peace and that Australians can look back at it with pride and satisfaction.

'I think it captured Sydney's imagination. The people of Sydney were very warm, very enthusiastic and very welcoming. Perhaps the IFR somehow 'snuck up on the population.

'It also created a great thrill and beneficial opportunities to the service personnel of some of the smaller nations. Some came great distances in relatively small vessels and I think they would have gained a lot from their attendance.

'For me, there was the huge thrill of marching up George Street on the Friday with some 7,000 sailors from so many nations. The original fleet back in 1913 was known as 'The Magnificent Seven'. The original *Sydney* and the *Yarra* were two of the seven and I have the honour of being Patron to both the Sydney Association and the Yarra Association.

'I was Chief Engineering Officer of HMAS *Yarra* during an 18 month mid-life modernisation of the ship in the USA. A strong team effort saw the task completed on cost and on schedule and I marched with the *Yarra* men on Friday.

'The IFR was, in effect, a huge international naval conference. As professional naval personnel we feel that we have to face a greater danger than other navies. Our common danger is the sea itself and that gives us a common bond.'

Preparation for the Review began over two years ago and as the saluting point was Bradley's Head, the Association led the refurbishment of the original HMAS *Sydney's* foremast which stands on Bradley's Head. The refurbishment was a combined effort by the Association, the RAN, North Sydney Council and the State Government which involved a lot of effort and a lot of money.

Former Commodore Helyer has been retired for nearly 13 years after 35 years of naval service – four years in the RN and 31 years in the RAN and which earned him an MBE.

Another Navy participant, Midshipman Claire Hodge missed the first part of the Review as she had been in Samoa finishing the Geography part of her degree.

'But I did get to the Sea Power Conference and hear the First Sea Lord of the Admiralty speak and I did get to march through Sydney with my colleagues from HMAS *Harman*,' she said.

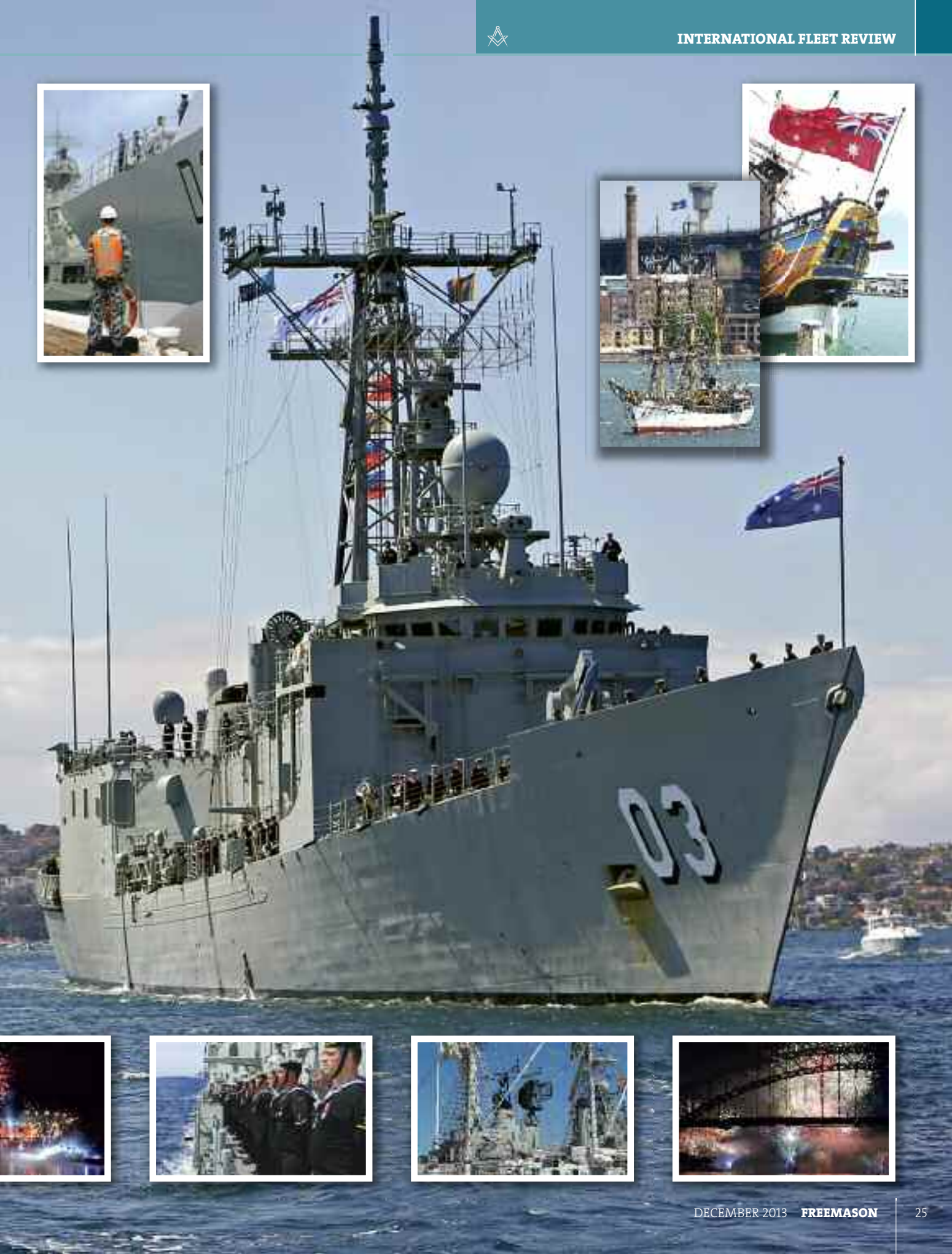
'The march was fantastic! So many spectators and so many sailors marching. At ADEFA we see at most 800 on parade. In George Street there were thousands!

'The Review shows just how far we have come in the 100 years since the First Fleet units sailed into the harbour. We were a really young country then but now we are a naval force in our own right. No longer are we a sort of 'Royal Navy in the antipodes'.

'From a personal aspect, when a sailor visits a foreign port there is an undefinable 'buzz'. With so many sailors in Sydney there was an almost palpable 'buzz' and not just for the foreign sailors but for us too and it was definitely 'A ONCE!'

'Sometimes I wonder whether the average Australian understands what is an International Fleet Review. This has been a great celebration in a great harbour and a great celebration for Australia in general. Perhaps part of my career will be to lead the 'man in the street' to a more profound understanding of the significance of the RAN's past and its future.'







From the Chairman ...

The devastating bushfires in NSW have given me and the new board of Masonicare a very brisk initiative into this masonic year.

The Grand Master, along with myself and the Board have launched a disaster appeal with the Disaster Relief Fund contributing \$50,000.

The Board of Benevolence of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland has forwarded \$25,000 to assist with the appeal and I especially thank the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand for making this appeal known to their members.

To those who have donated, I thank you sincerely with special thanks to a lodge in Denmark which also forwarded a donation.

I would appeal to all brethren who can afford a donation to do so.

The Board will meet between now and Christmas to discuss how the funds will be distributed to the communities that have suffered so badly, the Blue Mountains, the Central Coast and the Newcastle areas.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all brethren and their families all the best for Christmas and 2014 and hope the weather improves and bushfires across NSW abate.

RW Bro Andrew Fraser, MP, PDGM
Chairman, Masonicare

Masonicare Caring Officers

Masonicare Caring Officers (MCOs) have an important role within their lodges to look after brethren in need, to report regularly in open lodge and to encourage their lodge members to support both the community and Masonicare through fundraising. In performing these vital functions the MCOs are uniquely placed to strengthen the links between their lodge, their local community and Masonicare which operates as the main charity for Freemasonry in NSW and the ACT.

Masonicare is greatly indebted to these brethren and recognises that, in turn, they need training and support to perform their duties. We have developed a training package which will be delivered to all MCOs following their investiture.

If you are an MCO and would like to receive the training, please contact your Masonicare Regional Manager or District Representative and ask when the next presentation is planned for your local area.

Graham Davies
MCO Convenor
Masonicare Board

The Disaster Relief Car Raffle

The presentation of the Ford Fiesta to **the winner, Bro L Goodfellow**, took place on Monday 4 November at Thomson Ford's Parramatta showroom.

The raffle, run over a 6 month period, raised a large amount of money which will go directly into the Disaster Relief Fund, administered by Masonicare. The Chairman and the

Board wish to thank all masons and members of the public who purchased tickets in the raffle as the funds raised will go to communities that have suffered due to natural disasters.



L-R: RW Bro Lynden Norgate (Masonicare Board Convenor for MRM/MRR/MDR's), Mrs Pam Miller (Masonicare Board Convenor for Benevolence & Grants), RW Bro Bill Driver (Car Raffle Organising Committee member), VW Bro John Bertram (MDR), VW Bro Tony Craig (Deputy Chairman of Masonicare), the winner Bro L Goodfellow, RW Bro Kevin McGlenn (Grand Secretary) and Mr David Webster (Thomson Ford Dealer Principal)



The winner of Disaster Relief Car Raffle, Bro L Goodfellow



Interaction Grants: Freemasonry supporting the local community

A cheque for \$3,000 was presented to Neville Klein, Captain of the Soldiers Point Rural Fire Service, outside Woolworths, Salamander Bay, on Saturday 14 September by the Master of Lodge Cornucopia, Nelson Bay, W Bro Warrick Lilly.

The cheque represents the proceeds from the various fundraiser barbecues that Lodge Cornucopia has held in recent months outside Woolworths, as well as \$1,500 from Masonicare matched on a dollar for dollar basis.

Representing Soldiers Point RFS were Captain Neville Klein and Deputy Bill Wenban; Woolworths, Sonya Michel and

Lodge Cornucopia, W Bro Lilly, Bro Alan McDonald and Bro Ian Robertson.

Neville Klein said the \$3,000 donated by Lodge Cornucopia would go towards vehicle radios, structural fire fighting communication and helmet lights.



Above: Neville Klein explaining some of the equipment used by the Rural Fire Service to Master of Lodge Cornucopia, Warrick Lilly.

Left: Captain Neville Klein accepting a donation for much needed equipment.

A grateful Benevolence grant recipient

I sit here early on this cold winter morning grateful that I still have a roof over my head, food on the table and a place to call home. As we all know and are taught in the lodge room, charity is at the heart of every mason. We also know that from time to time a brother can be at the mercy of his own corrupt thinking and attract situations that are less than positive. When you realise that the only person you have to blame is yourself, it can be a sobering moment, especially when it has you looking at being evicted from your home. This has happened to me.

I would say that most people when hearing the story would try to justify in their own winds why it was not my fault. I always paid my rent and my share of the bills. I always do more than my share of cleaning and maintenance in the rental house where I live. It was not me that left owing over five weeks rent and thousands of dollars of electricity and phone bills. It was a person I was sharing with, the second in a short period of time who had done the same thing, hence my responsibility for attracting the same situation and types of people into my life.

Regardless of whose fault it was, the fact remained that I was living on my disability pension and paying a car loan out of that and now with over \$2,000 worth of back rent and bills to pay and no real way to pay them off.

The landlady, who has always been so generous, had decided that she needed to rent the house to a family again and not have the situation with rooms being rented as it was becoming too costly for her.

Having been in lodge long enough and hearing the First Degree so many times may have been the reason for the thought that came into my head about contacting someone in the lodge to see if I could receive some assistance. Whatever the inspiration, I found myself on the phone to the secretary of my lodge, a man who has been my mentor since I joined Freemasonry and has always had a kind and firm word when needed, always with grace and humility. He happily gave me a phone number and the name of someone I could speak to in Sydney.

The Masonicare Board approved enough money for me to pay the outstanding bills. To my recollection the amount was \$2,300 and I was informed they would be making a payment into my account of \$2,500 which would take some pressure off my situation.

I am sure if you have read this you will be able to imagine my utter relief that I would be able to stay living in my home. I would be able to pay off my bills and look for a more suitable housemate.

Not only that, I have been able to turn a corner in my life and have just started working with a great company. As I often sit

and listen to the lessons in the Craft relating to the Mosaic pavement, I used to wonder when it might be my turn to have some time in the white squares instead of constantly having to remain in the dark and living from one adversity to the next. Now that I am 43, I am thankful that my time has come to be more positive. I will always remember where I came from and what I have gone through in life and be grateful for the lessons it has provided for me. I very much look forward to being able to contribute more to the wants and needs of others.

This letter comes my sincerest and warmest thanks to Masonicare and the team of wonderful people who have helped so many of us and to every brother who has in the past, does in the present and will in the future support the Benevolence Fund with whatever they can afford.

I am sure that in the future it will be me on the giving rather than on the receiving end and I give thanks to the Great Architect for both these wonderful opportunities.

With fraternal love to all and deep gratitude.

A Brother from a Sydney lodge

(Name withheld for privacy)

For information regarding Masonicare Charity Jewels, please see Inside Back Cover of the magazine.



Have your say



Music, music, music

The Inner West Community Band, which Lodge Chelmsford sponsors, will be holding a Freemason themed Concert in the Concord Masonic Hall on Saturday 29 March 2014.

The Concert is to run from 4pm-6pm and should feature music by Freemasons who were prominent during the jazz age including Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Nat King Cole, as well as songwriters such as George M Cohan, Irving Berlin, and W S Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan (better known as Gilbert & Sullivan), and classical composers Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Liszt, and Johann Christian Bach, as well as John Philip Sousa, who composed 'Stars and Stripes Forever' and Robert Burns who wrote the words for 'Auld Lang Syne'.

The intention of the Concert is to attract new men to Freemasonry and to raise the Craft's profile within the local community, as well as an enjoyable afternoon of music for the brethren, enlightening them of the great Freemason musicians.

W Bro Owen Parry
WM Lodge Chelmsford 261

A Library bequest

In relation to the September 2013 edition, 'Masonry from the past' about MW Bro Dr Charles Ulic Carruthers, I feel it would be important to add the following.

On his retirement, MW Bro Carruthers spent much of his time researching and writing. It is interesting to note that in his will, he bequeathed almost all of his estate to Lodge Balmain. The purpose was to allow Lodge Balmain to 'obtain a Masonic Temple and provide a free reading room and Library'.

The lodge decided to devote its annual interest receipts in further keeping with the spirit of the will and decided to make an annual substantial donation to the Grand Lodge Library.

In 1982 the Library Committee decided to add to its title: 'MW Bro Dr C.U. Carruthers Memorial'. We should always remember this illustrious Grand Master, one of the strongest supporters of the Grand Lodge

Library and continuous advancement on the path to masonic knowledge.

RW Bro Joseph Haffner PDGM

The Carrington Medal

Four living recipients of the Carrington Medal of Honour were named in a story in the September issue of the NSW Freemason.

A fifth member who was also awarded the Medal is RW Bro Kenneth Mole, PDGM from the historic gold mining town of Gulgong on the Central Western Plains.

The then Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston made the award to RW Bro Mole in March 2011 for his lifetime of outstanding and ongoing community work and accomplishments and also for his masonic achievements.

Editor

Paul joins the Honours list

In the last issue of the NSW Freemason, mention was made of people who had been honoured in the Queen's Birthday awards.

I would like to add the name of Paul Dracakis who had earlier received an OAM for services to the community of Manly Warringah and to business.

Paul is a member of Warringah Lodge No 83 and was initiated into Lodge Dee Why 47 years ago. He is still working and is the owner of a jewellery store which he started in 1980.

Theodore Dracakis
Mosman Boutique Manager

Congratulations

Congratulations to the NSW Freemason for the excellent article in the June 2013 issue on the organisation's recent acquisition of a new coat of arms. It was a good example, all too rare, of correct use of heraldic terminology, managing to avoid misuse of the term 'crest', an all too common failing in pieces on heraldry written by non-heraldists. It was

also good to see the appropriate use of the arms on pages 44 and 46 and it is hoped this use will be expanded throughout future issues of the Freemason.

It would be appreciated if you could pass on the commendations of the committee and members of The Australian Heraldry Society for this excellent example of heraldic writing.

Stephen Szabo
Hon Secretary and Editor Heraldry News

The last load

Allow me to offer congratulations for the very informative, educational and masonic information that appears in the Freemason. Each publication is a very much looked forward to magazine to a lot of people.

I have submitted a copy of a small book I have written and published called 'The Last Load' which I am donating to the Masonic Museum or Library. It is about my life working in the timber industry and earlier years on a farm and hope that it provides people with some enjoyment.

RW Bro John Caban PSGW
Lodge The Raleigh No 241

Lodge St Andrew meets for lunch

Lodge St Andrew No 7, which was founded in Sydney in 1851, has changed to a short Daylight Lodge meeting and luncheon in the Bexley Masonic Centre at 480 Forest Road Bexley. Such a meeting may appeal to any un-attached brethren, older brethren who do not like to drive at night or shift workers who might be free during the working week.

We usually have a guest speaker or an address on a popular and informative topic at each meeting. At our last meeting WBro Wayne Greenwood presented an interesting address on 'Rudyard Kipling's Six Wise Men and how they related to Project Management' based on his experience on developing project management schedules throughout the world and in particular for shipyard refits for oil rigs.

RW Bro Neville Robinson PSGW



The Gong rings again

A masonic quartet gave the principles of Freemasonry a boost when they successfully took part in the MS Society's Gong Ride on 3 November.



The event was held between Sydney and Wollongong and boasted 10,000 participants including the Freemasons Team. Cycling for each of the team members is something recreational, relaxing and part of a healthy lifestyle.

Bro Alex Slater is a member of Lodge Capitol and Lodge Commonwealth of Australia in Canberra. He became interested in cycling through college, riding to and from each day and then organised some large recreation rides between cities and long journeys for the endurance rider. Cycling forms a great part of Alex's life and provides him with much to enjoy, through meditation, contemplation and recreation on the bike and in events such as the MS Gong Ride.

Bro Franciscuss Sunga is the Inner Guard of Lodge Horace Thompson Ryde. It was only last year that Franciscuss got back onto a bike after a break of about 20 years. He decided to take up cycling as an activity that would not absorb too much of his time. Initially Franciscuss was not able to ride often due to work and other commitments. After some health issues due to weight and fitness, he increased his cycling activities to shed some weight and provide him with a healthier lifestyle. To date, he has lost 10kg in just under a year.

Bro Francis Malabanan is a member of Lodge Woronora. Francis started cycling because a friend asked him to try road cycling. Thoroughly enjoying the experience, it is now one of his hobbies, going on weekend rides down the M7 bike path from home. Francis hopes to improve his physical fitness, keep cycling as a hobby and find more fraternal connections through the activity.

Simon Davis is a friend of Alex's who decided to join the team for a good cause and support the activities of the Freemasons. Simon mainly rides off-road and has cycled for most of his life. He gains much enjoyment in adventure and a challenge and dedicates himself to good causes. Alex said it was a privilege to have him as a member of the team.

Through events like this, the group make further connections and build on the relationships they have through the lodge and with those who share similar interests.

'Cycling forms good habits and can involve the whole family to actively spend time together and support each other in our journeys,' said Alex.

'Please keep an eye out for next year's Gong Ride (first Sunday in November 2014) and take notice of the personal stories of the cyclists showing the enjoyment and improvement in their lives as a result.'

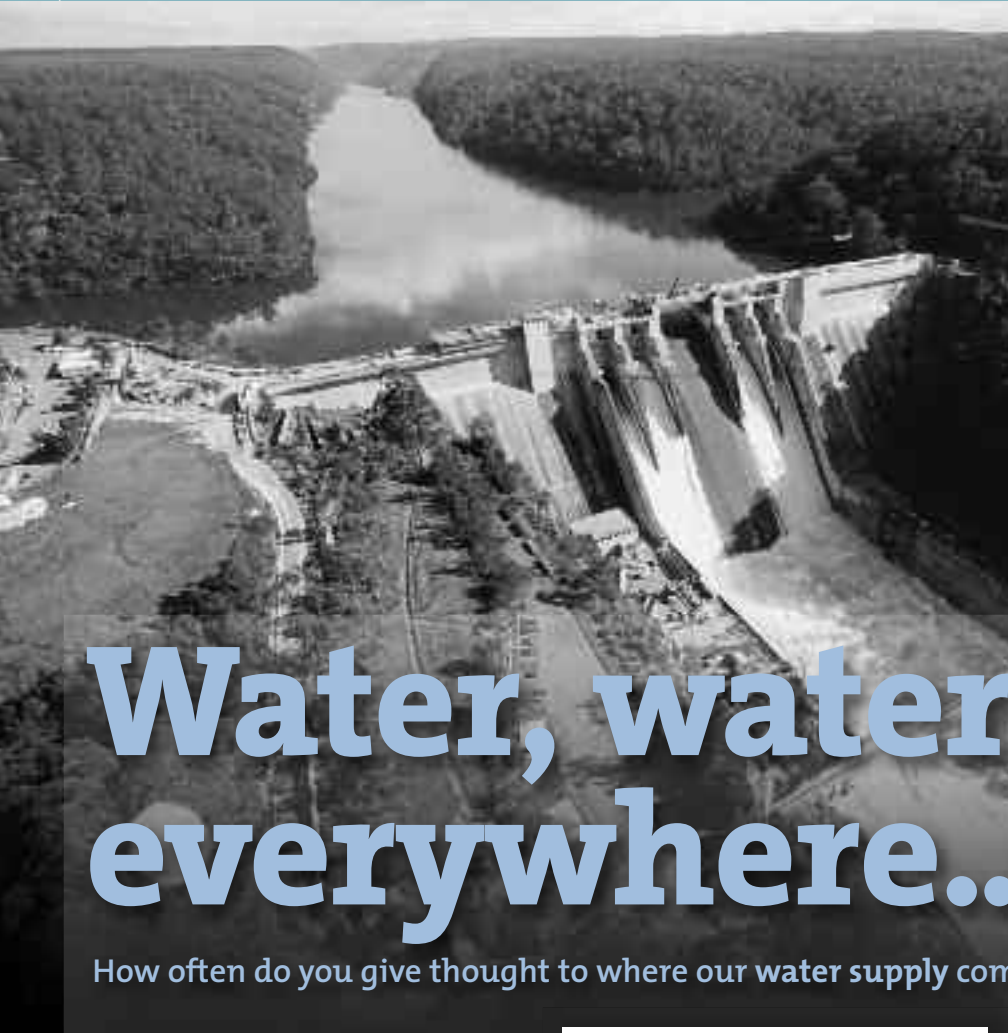
Super Ride



W Bro Allan Goodyer of Lodge Nepean No 29 in October completed The Sunsuper Ride to Conquer Cancer to help raise money for the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA.

This ride of 200 km took place over two days through the spectacular regions of rural Sydney, camping overnight in the picturesque village of Camden in order to recover and get ready to ride back to the Sydney Olympic Park on the Sunday.

At the age of 58, Allan said it had been one of his greatest and most rewarding accomplishments. He thanked the brethren of his lodge and those of the Lodge of Transition for their generous donations where a total of \$4.1 million dollars was raised for cancer research and treatment in an outstanding effort.



Above:
Crown Street
Pump Station
1876

Main photo:
Warragamba Dam

Right:
Lifting concrete
blocks into position
for cyclopean
masonry during
the construction
of Cataract Dam
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Water, water, everywhere...

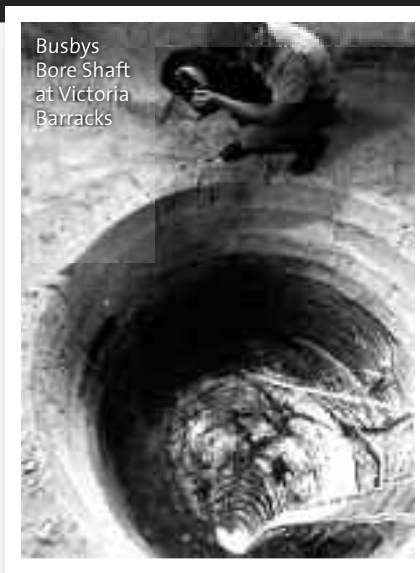
How often do you give thought to where our water supply comes from?

The supply of water to Sydney and throughout NSW is often taken for granted as it has always been there in modern times, but it may surprise readers to know that during this year, Sydney Water has been celebrating 125 years of service.

Legislation was passed in 1880 under Sir Henry Parkes as Premier which constituted the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage. The Board was officially formed in 1888.

In those early days, our water was pumped from Botany Swamps. Sydney did not have an adequate water and wastewater service and was at the mercy of limited water supply, droughts and sanitation problems causing serious health issues, including an outbreak of typhoid fever.

Water came from the most unusual places to be used by the population. In 1826, the Tank Stream was abandoned as a water supply because of pollution from rubbish, sewage and runoff from local businesses like piggeries.



Busbys
Bore Shaft
at Victoria
Barracks

From 1826 to 1837, Busby's Bore was constructed to pipe water from Lachlan Swamps (now Centennial Park) as the colony's first major public engineering project. The water was pumped to Hyde Park where it was transferred to water carts for distribution to homes and businesses.

Between 1859 and 1895, water was pumped from Botany Swamps to Crown Street reservoir. Crown Street is the oldest water supply reservoir still in existence. Further progress occurred in 1885 when the Hudson Brothers Emergency Scheme was created to deliver water from the incomplete Nepean Scheme to the Botany Swamps. The Nepean Scheme, which was completed in 1888, successfully linked the Nepean, Cataract, Cordeaux and Avon rivers to deliver water to Sydney.

In 1886, officials had looked at the Nepean River system and built dams but this didn't prevent the Great Drought of 1934 to 1942 which brought additional problems and caused great concern, especially amongst the men, because the drastic restrictions imposed severely limited beer production.

When the Board was formed, it made a decision in 1875 to pump raw waste water from the harbour to Bondi Beach. This was considered a great success because bathing



in the sea was illegal and it was an ideal solution to a smelly problem.

Officials turned their attention to the Botany Sewage Farm to see how waste water could be re-used and waste water from the Farm was then used for food production until the turn of the century. Waste water treatment did not occur until more attention was paid to the environment and large primary treatment works were built at Bondi in 1936 and Malabar in 1959.

This was further expanded with the deep water ocean outfalls at Bondi, North Head and Malabar in the 1980s which improved the water quality for the Sydney beaches. In the year 2000, the Northside Storage Tunnel improved the harbour water quality so much that whales and dolphins returned with the advent of the new century.

Sydney did not have a reliable water supply until Warragamba Dam was built. The Dam is one of the largest domestic water suppliers in the world but is still entirely dependent on rain to fill its vast basin.

The old Board switched its name to Sydney Water in 1994 and its supply is now made up of dams, recycling, desalination and water efficiency initiatives. Sydney Water maintains a network of about 21,000 km of water pipes, 260 reservoirs, 177 pumping stations and nine water filtration plants.



Warragamba Dam during construction

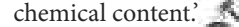
There are 24,000 km of waste water pipes and 674 pumping stations, 16 waste water treatment plants and 13 water recycling plants. It has the largest residential dual pipe recycling scheme in the world and an advanced recycling plant that supplies the Hawkesbury Nepean River with 50 million litres of high quality recycled water.

The hydroelectric generators and bio-gas cogeneration renewable energy plants supply 20% of Sydney Water's energy needs.

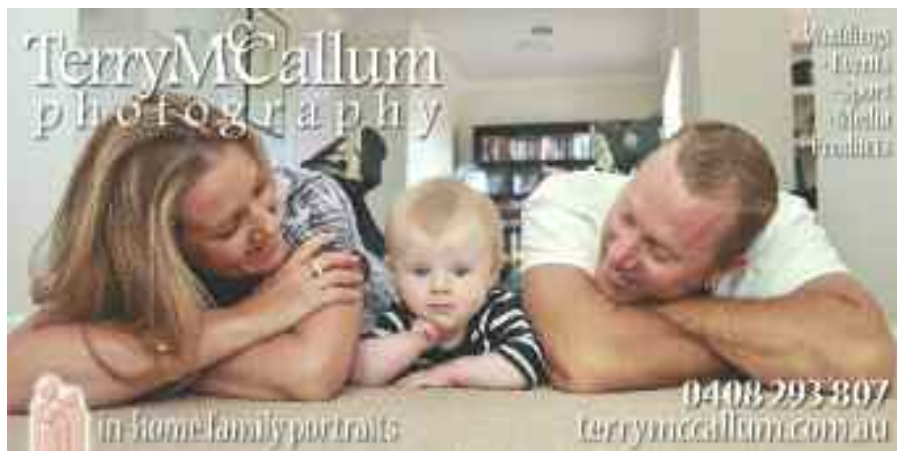
Emma Whale, Sydney Water Corporate Relations Supervisor, said that Sydney Water over the years had contributed to making Sydney a liveable city.

'Everything we do affects our customers' quality of life. Our vision today is to provide water solutions and we're always looking for new ways to provide services for a growing population,' she said.

'Our role is to supply high quality, safe drinking water, treated to meet the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. We routinely monitor and test for up to 70 different characteristics including taste, colour, odour, micro-organisms and chemical content.'



Tent City Avon Dam Site 1919-20



Terry McCallum photography

in home family portraits



Cochlear Implants

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Listen In

'When I speak to you, you don't hear,
and when you do hear you hear wrong.'

Part quote from Marjorie Kellogg

Hearing is one of our primary senses. Together with vision and touch, hearing enables humans to interact with their surroundings. It is the foundation sense used for communication between people. A loss of hearing limits the ability of the individual to communicate, which in turn limits their ability to interact with society. This has social and economic consequences both for the individual and for society¹

At the opening of the Audiology Australia National Conference in Perth on 24 August 2007, Senator the Hon Santo Santoro, Minister for Ageing, said that 1 in 6 Australians is affected by hearing loss, and this number is projected to increase to 1 in every 4 Australians by 2050. Hearing loss is age-related, affecting 3 in every 4 people aged over 70 years. This increases to 80% of those over the age of 80.

Senator Santoro was quoting from a 2006 report by Access Economics Pty Ltd titled 'Listen Hear! The report was commissioned by the Cooperative Research Centre for Cochlear Implant and Hearing Aid Innovation (CRC HEAR) in partnership with VicDeaf, to identify the impact that hearing loss has '... on the capacity to communicate, to work and to function effectively in an increasingly communication-intense society, as well as its impact on quality of life.'

According to *Australian Hearing*,

hearing loss costs Australia almost \$12 billion annually with almost 160,000 people not working because they can't hear well enough. In addition, compensation claims for noise induced hearing loss due to excessive noise comprise a significant proportion of all claims for occupational diseases. The report by *Australian Hearing* goes on to say that men have a higher incidence of hearing loss than women, particularly older men, due mainly to noise exposure in the workplace and during war service. Hearing loss is the second most common medical condition reported by Australian war veterans.

Apart from the financial cost of hearing loss, there is its effect on the individual. This may include a reduced capacity to take part in normal conversation at the lower end of hearing loss to an inability to speak at the higher end. Hearing loss also has an adverse effect on a person's education, career and relationships.

For children, hearing loss poses additional difficulties, in that the sense of hearing is critical not only to the development of auditory skills (such as localising sounds and comprehending the meaning of an acoustic message), but also to the development of spoken language, and most importantly to the development of speech and language. Hearing loss impacts directly on literacy and learning, education, and employment options for children¹.

The most significant cause of hearing loss in Australia (37%) is exposure to loud noise; however, hearing loss can be linked to a range of other serious health problems. A Newspoll study by Cochlear Ltd in July 2013 shows that 57% of Australians don't believe or are unaware that hearing loss can be linked to diabetes, stroke, elevated blood pressure, heart attack and psychiatric disorders. The greatest lack of awareness is amongst those who have a hearing problem – of these 84% said hearing loss is not related to other health problems or said they were unsure.

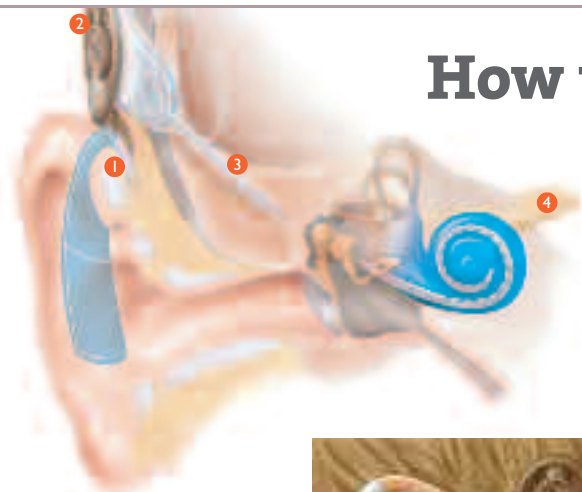
When asked whether they thought hearing loss was related to dementia or Alzheimer's, almost one in five respondents said that it was; however, among those who have a hearing problem the figure was just 2%.

Despite Australians' lack of awareness, evidence is emerging that deafness may be a factor that can lead to dementia.

In a recent study of 639 people aged 60+ at the United States' John Hopkins University, those with mild hearing loss (those who struggle to follow a quiet conversation or a conversation in a noisy room) scored significantly worse in cognitive tests. Their scores suggested their cognitive abilities aged by the equivalent of seven years, compared with people with normal hearing.

One of the researchers, Dr Frank Lin from John Hopkins School of Medicine,

How the cochlear implant works



- 1 A sound processor worn behind the ear or on the body captures sound and turns it into digital code. The sound processor has a battery that powers the entire system.
- 2 The sound processor transmits the digitally-coded sound through the coil on the outside of your head to the implant.
- 3 The implant converts the digitally-coded sound into electrical impulses and sends them along the electrode array placed in the cochlea (inner ear).
- 4 The implant's electrodes stimulate the cochlea's hearing nerve, which then sends the impulses to the brain where they are interpreted as sound.

has conducted a number of studies on hearing loss and dementia. He has suggested some possible explanations for the association – social isolation, one of the risk factors for dementia, or some underlying brain damage which leads to both hearing and cognitive decline. Dr Lin went on to say *'It could also be that if you're constantly having to expend more mental energy decoding what you hear, then it comes at a cost. Hearing loss doesn't directly contribute to dementia, but leads to cognitive load on the brain.'*

Professor Richard C Dowell, Professor of Audiology and Speech Science at The University of Melbourne and Director of Audiological Services, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital is of the view that *'Hearing loss helps accelerate cognitive decline, especially as we age. People with hearing loss can often be depressed, socially isolated and suffer from anxiety. As a consequence, they have a significantly reduced quality of life.'* He went on to say *'With technological options such as the cochlear implant, the change in personality of the patient can sometimes be nothing short of miraculous. Being able to hear allows people to communicate again, allows them to live their lives how they want to, and importantly, join in.'*

Professor Dowell urges Australians to get a hearing test. He said *'A hearing test is the best way to confirm hearing loss, which often occurs progressively and insidiously. It not only can point health professionals in the right direction for hearing aid or implant technology, but can also potentially signal the presence of a more serious hearing condition that may need medical attention.'*




While interventions such as hearing aids and cochlear implants enhance a person's ability to communicate, the majority of people with

hearing loss (85%) do not have such devices.

The essential difference between hearing aids and cochlear implants is that unlike hearing aids which amplify sounds, a cochlear implant is an electronic medical device that replaces the function of the damaged inner ear. It is implanted into the head behind the ear of a hearing impaired person and when used with a microphone and speech processor, electronically stimulates the auditory nerve so that the person is able to hear sound. When the system was first developed in 1978 by Graeme Clark, it was referred to as the *'bionic ear'*. The implants are designed for use by adults or children who are profoundly or severely deaf and get little or no help from hearing aids.

The Australian Government offers free hearing services for Australian citizens or permanent residents with a measurable hearing loss above a specified threshold. These services are provided by *Australian Hearing*, the Government provider of hearing services, and a range of contracted private service providers. To be eligible for these free hearing services, the applicant must hold either a Pensioner Concession Card, a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Repatriation Health Card, or a White Repatriation Health Card, or be a dependant of a person in one of those categories. Members of the Defence Force, people in receipt of a sickness allowance from Centrelink, and people undergoing Disability Employ-

ment Services – Disability Management Service are also eligible. In addition, hearing impaired children and young people under 21 years of age, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who are over 50 years of age or who were participants in a Community Development Employment Program, can access free hearing services from Australian Hearing. 

Footnote:

Professor Graeme Clark, the inventor of the cochlear implant, has been jointly awarded the \$US 250,000 (A\$ 271,000) Lasker Award for clinical medical research. More commonly referred to as 'the American Nobels', the honour is among the world's most respected science prizes and is in recognition of the Melbourne University laureate professor emeritus' role in developing the bionic ear.

Acknowledgments

- 1 The assistance given by Ms Linda Ballam-Davies, Senior Marketing Communications Manager – Australia & New Zealand, Cochlear Ltd., is especially acknowledged.
- 2 *'Listen Hear'* – A report on The Economic Impact and Cost of hearing Loss in Australia' prepared by Access Economics Pty Ltd in February 2006.
- 3 *'Hearing Loss in Australia – It's More Common than you Think'* – Australian Hearing.

Interesting fact

(See main picture)

It turns out Queen Victoria owned and used an ear trumpet; an early hearing aid designed to amplify and direct sounds into the user's eardrum. The Queen very likely suffered hearing loss over the course of her long life. The ear trumpet that was specially built for her in 1880 looked like a cross between a car horn and a hairdryer. But in spite of its cumbersome appearance, the device allowed her to grasp details of conversations and perhaps musical performances too, that otherwise would have been lost to her. *Photo and interesting fact courtesy: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.*



Tip Card #17

One size fits all

AIM: To question the reason our lodge is as it is and why other lodges can be so different. Shouldn't we all be the same?

Target

To reach an understanding within our Order that it is OK to have differences, providing we are all living by the same rules and practising Freemasonry as was intended.

Reasoning

As a new initiate we assumed that what happened in our lodge was mirrored in every other lodge; we were all initiated using the same ceremony, the same ritual, had the same tenets and ancient customs explained to us and we were invested with the same distinguishing badge.

It doesn't take long for us to see that on the surface we may be the same but underneath there are many differences, so how can we all proclaim to practise Freemasonry?

Methodology

Some lodges have extremely high standards when it relates to ritual yet that same lodge can have a sloppy, relaxed attitude with respect to business and procedural matters or community and charitable works. Another lodge's members may require constant prompting and now we see Ritual being read. Some lodges are seen to be growing despite their laid-back attitudes whilst others are trying hard and failing.

As every lodge is comprised of many

individual members each with their own personality, their own personal likes and dislikes as well as certain varying quirks, it follows that many of these members will leave their imprint on their lodge activities. The members are the lodge!

Some lodges have members with stronger personalities than others who become more influential in guiding, directing, or taking their lodge in a specific direction, up or down. There may be many strong-willed members in some lodges or there may be only one such member, either way he/they can be very dominant in deciding the how, when and why of their lodge.

Lodges with a quieter less persuasive membership are more inclined not to stray too far from the established principles and customs and to practise their Freemasonry more sedately. They can sometimes attract members who don't feel comfortable in a strong lodge who otherwise might leave Freemasonry and vice versa.

There are many outside factors, which can also influence a lodge; such as, is it harmonious, does it visit or is it visited, are there other lodges nearby or not? Is the lodge building N.C.T or run down, can it be used to promote Freemasonry? Do any differences in lodge extend beyond the lodge room and are internal feelings or decisions made known publicly affect-

ing how Freemasonry is accepted in your town or suburb?

These and many other factors can and do have a large impact on our Order and visiting or obtaining new members. The general public often form their opinion on organizations such as ours by what they hear on the grapevine about our internal differences and bickering.

Wherever we are, whoever we are, we must ensure our image is squeaky clean, but even more importantly we must accommodate all personalities and quirks for the four hours we meet each month; we must put Freemasonry first and our own wishes and/or desires second.

Conclusion

There is an annual reminder for each of us 'to meet in the Grand design of being happy and conferring happiness'.

We are not told this just because it sounds good; we are reminded of this annually (a) because it is a basic tenet we should live to and (b) because we are human and we can let our guard down and forget.

We should remember that we are masons 24/7 and live to the tenets and principles of our Craft at all times, the testament to our character, which allows us to accommodate our differences to have a happy and harmonious lodge and practise Freemasonry.

Flashback: 75 Years Ago

The third British Empire Games were held in Sydney from 5–12 February 1938, and were timed to coincide with the sesqui-centenary of the first British settlement in 1788.

The venues for the Games included the main stadium at the Sydney Cricket Ground, the Sydney Sports Ground, North Sydney Olympic Pool and Henson Park. The competitors' residential village was set up in the grounds of the Sydney Show-

ground in Moore Park. This was the last international games in Sydney until the 2000 Summer Olympic Games.

Fifteen nations competed: Australia, Bermuda, British Guiana, Canada, Ceylon, England, Fiji, India, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Southern Rhodesia, Scotland, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago, and Wales.

Australia with 65 medals (25 gold, 19 silver and 22 bronze) was well ahead of

second-placed Canada which gained 44 medals. The star was the Australian athlete Decima Norman who won five track and field gold medals. Margaret Dovey, the future Margaret Whitlam, finished sixth in the 200 yards breaststroke swim.

Due to the outbreak of the Second World War, the Empire Games were not held again until 1950, and were replaced by the British Commonwealth Games.

A new Chapter

A **new Chapter was created** on Saturday 13 July at the Egyptian Room, Petersham when the First Grand Principal and Grand Master, Most Excellent Companion Ted Keenahan performed an **ancient masonic ceremony** which brought into existence Chapter Cyrus 2013.



The three Principals of Chapter Cyrus 2013 kneeling to take their obligation

This is an unusual Chapter, having being formed at the request of current and past Invested Grand Officers to serve a special purpose within the jurisdiction and being Licenced rather than Chartered.

Approximately a year ago a number of Past and Present Invested Grand Officers approached the First Grand Principal and Grand Master with an idea where they could be formed into a licenced body. This would enable them to use their skills and knowledge gained from being active Grand Royal Arch Masons to assist Chapters in the country who perhaps did not have the ability to work all of the eleven Degrees obtainable by a member of the Order. After due consideration a Committee was formed to work out the details

and manner of operation.

The July ceremony saw the headquarters of Grand Chapter, the famous heritage listed Egyptian Room, full of Companions, brethren and ladies who came to witness this historic event with a later banquet to celebrate the occasion.

Chapter Cyrus 2013 has proven to be an immediate success. In August, it conducted an Ark Mariner Degree with seven candidates under the Charter of Chapter Burrangong No 1. It was followed on Saturday 21 September with Chapter Cyrus 2013 working the four Cryptic Degrees in a single day under the Charter of Chapter Hunter No 22 in Newcastle.

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A year in review

The **election of Officers** for the 2013/14 term took place at the October meeting of the Freemasons' Association (NSW & ACT) Inc.

Dr Yvonne McIntyre was re-elected as president at the Annual General Meeting of the Freemasons' Association (NSW & ACT) in October at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

In presenting her report for the 2012/2013 year, Dr McIntyre said that whilst the year had been challenging, it had also been satisfying largely due to the hard work by members of the Committee. In summarizing the year, the President highlighted the following:

Changes to the Association Constitution have resulted in a restructure of the Committee of Management which is now limited to nine members in lieu of the previous 15. The changes also provide the Committee with the opportunity to confer Life Membership and Honorary Membership on long serving members or members who have made outstanding contribution to the Association.

Membership – A new membership database is being established to include current and former members of the Association together with the date on which a member joined the Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers' Association. This will assist the Committee in identifying members who qualify for Life Membership.

Fees and Dues – In recognizing the limitations placed on country members in their ability to take advantage of many

of the Association's events, membership dues for country members have been reduced to \$10.00 per annum. Dues for city members have been retained at \$15.00 per annum.

Social Responsibility – The Association has implemented a program of Social Responsibility under the Chairmanship of Vice President RW Bro Rev Dr Jack Hely, CBE, PAGM, Grand Chaplain and in its initial stages will focus on the needs of Masonic Widows and on the possibility of joining with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (St George District) in promulgating information on dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Functions – In addition to the five regular lunch meetings held on the second Tuesday of August, October, December, February and May, the Association again participated in the Battle for Australia Commemorative Service in August 2013 and held a Remembrance Day Service and Dinner; a Children's Christmas Tree and an ANZAC Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Sydney Cenotaph. The highlight of the year was the Association's organisation of the Lord Carrington Commemorative Dinner celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of NSW at which a \$500 donation was made to the Grand Charity's Benevolent Fund.

In finalising her report, the President paid tribute to the hard work and generosity of Committee members and acknowledged the support received from the Secretariat of Grand Lodge and the former Chairman of the Board of Management, RW Bro Jack Garside, PAGM.

The Election of Officers for the term 2013/2014 was conducted by RW Bro Richard Pickering and resulted in:

- **President:** Dr Yvonne McIntyre
- **Vice President:** RW Bro Rev Dr Jack Hely, CBE, PAGM, Grand Chaplain
- **Vice President:** RW Bro Ross McAlpine, PJGW
- **Secretary:** RW Bro Alan Farrell, PDGM, CMH, PCBM
- **Treasurer:** VW Bro Alex Ebert, Deputy Grand Treasurer
- **Committee Member:** RW Bro Emanuel Maniago, PSGW
- **Committee Member:** Mrs Remy Maniago
- **Committee Member:** Mrs Pamela Miller
- **Committee Member:** VW Bro Robbie Pesiwariassa

RW Bro Richard Pickering PDGM, PGT was re-elected as Auditor.

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek J Robson, AM is the Patron of the Association.

The meeting was followed by lunch at which RW Bro Vic Totman, PJGW gave an interesting talk on highlights of his involvement with the recently completed Centenary celebrations of the Royal Australian Navy.

Membership of the Association is open to all masons who are subscribing members of a lodge in the NSW & ACT jurisdiction, their wives/partners, and widows of deceased masons.

For further information, contact the Honorary Secretary, RW Bro Alan Farrell, PDGM, CMH, PCBM at afarrell@bigpond.net.au.



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Unforgettable Nat

Nat King Cole – an unforgettable singer and a mason

Nathaniel Adams Coles was one of 13 children born to Rev Edward Coles and Perlina Coles in Montgomery, Alabama, with the year 1917 the most common date used by him as his date of birth.

At four, he moved with his family to Chicago and even at that age he could sing, and accompanied himself on the piano. His mother was a piano teacher and wanted Nat to become a concert pianist, but his love was jazz. At age 12, he formed his own jazz band at high

school and decided to drop the 's' from his name and leave it at Cole. Three of Nat's brothers, Eddie, Fred and Isaac were already jazz musicians and Nat first played piano in the Eddie Coles jazz band, the Rogues of Rhythm.

In 1936, he moved to Los Angeles where he formed a group that later became the King Cole Trio and in 1943 he recorded his first national hit, *Straighten Up and Fly Right* which was based on one of his father's sermons.

At first the trio did not feature vocals until one night a drunken customer demanded that Cole sing *Sweet Lorraine* and from that day he sang from time to time to provide a bit of variety. After the release of *Nature Boy* in 1946 the trio broke up and Cole became a solo artist.

His 1949 recording of *Mona Lisa* hit the pop charts, sold three million records and established him as the best selling African-American recording star of his generation. Nat did a lot of work to make things better for black people by refusing to play at places that wouldn't let black people in, or making them change their rules before he would play there.

As he earned more money, he bought a house in a very expensive area of Los Angeles. Some of the residents said they



didn't want any undesirables moving in around them and Nat said he didn't either and would be the first to complain if any did move in.

He became so famous that he was invited to places by President John Kennedy who also attended Natalie Cole's debutante ball. Nat was the first black man to have his own radio show and later his own TV show and he also appeared in quite a few movies.

His first marriage, in 1936, was to Nadine Robinson who was a dancer in the show that was on tour with him. His second marriage was to Maria Ellington in 1948. She was a singer and related to orchestra leader Bro Duke Ellington.

Nat only had children in his marriage to Maria. Their first child was Natalie Maria born in 1950. They adopted a daughter and a son and in 1961, twin girls were born to Nat and Maria.

On 15 February 1965, Nat King Cole died from lung cancer. He used three packets of cigarettes every day for many years, and is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery Memorial Park in Los Angeles. Daughter Natalie has since carved out a very successful musical career and has won a Grammy Award for that recording of her and Nat singing a duet of the song *Unforgettable*.

Nat King Cole was a mason and a member of the Waller Lodge in Los Angeles.



The King Cole Trio – Nat, Oscar Moore and Johnny Miller, 1947

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The club celebrates



In earlier times, music played a greater part in our masonic meetings than it does today, states Masonic Club president RW Bro Graham Berry.

RW Bro Jim Gussey, the leader of the ABC Dance Band, used to attend installation meetings with six trumpeters to act as heralds. The noise they made was truly deafening.

Back on 15 September 1893, just over 120 years ago, 12 masonic musicians met at the Royal Hotel, Paddington (the hotel is still there) and decided to form an active association which they first called the NSW Masonic Musical and Literary Society.

The Club is accordingly now over 120 years old. After a few meetings at the hotel, the Club hired rooms in the Paddington Town Hall. In 1897 the Club first published its magazine, the first such masonic magazine in NSW and called it 'The Gavel'. It was later replaced by the *Freemason*. The Club has continued to produce a magazine for the benefit of its members and other masons throughout the world.

The Club grew quickly and in 1906 occupied the ground floor of Australian Chambers at 289 Pitt Street, Sydney. Following further growth it purchased in 1909 land at the rear of 216–222 Pitt Street and erected Club rooms. In 1925, the Club purchased from the Commercial Travellers Association land with frontages to both Castlereagh and Pitt Streets. Those frontages were approximately three times the present frontage of the Club.

Land in the city increased greatly in value from then until the beginning of the Depression and the Club sold the Pitt



Street frontage and the frontages to Castlereagh Street on either side of the present building.

These sales realised sufficient cash to enable the club to build and fit out 11 floors of great facilities. These included a magnificent dining room, a ballroom, billiards room, library, reading room, writing and games rooms, a large bar and overnight accommodation for 60 members. Erected in 1926, the building was opened in 1927.

By 1938, the Club had a membership of nearly 5,000 and assets of over 250,000 pounds. It was the largest Masonic Club in the world and is still regarded as the finest. In those days, there were five board members and administrative staff were almost exclusively masons. Lady guests waited in a rest lounge until collected by their male escorts. The Club was a mecca for masons visiting Sydney from the country, interstate and overseas.

The Club membership was at its highest in 1956 by which time there were 150,000 masons in NSW. How we all wish we had those numbers today.

In the early 1980s, the then Board correctly determined that in order to flourish, the Club should make changes to the facilities that it offered. The top five floors were converted to accommodation which



has been upgraded substantially in recent years and the Club's Castlereagh Street Boutique Hotel has 82 rooms (including suites) and a 4-star rating. The hotel provides wonderful accommodation for groups as widely diverse as Opera buffs and test cricket followers. The Hotel, of course, is open to the public.

Many interest groups other than masons regularly use the Club facilities to conduct meetings, have dinner or parties or just gather for light refreshments.

The Board is looking at ways to increase memberships, including younger masons, in order that the vital role it plays in Freemasonry will continue to flourish.



Regional Roundup



LODGE GUNDAGAI UNITED No 25

Debs shine at Gundagai

It was a wonderful scene when 13 stunning debutantes and their partners stepped into the decorated ballroom at the Gundagai District Services Club for the annual Winter Masonic Ball organised by Lodge Gundagai United No 25.

The girls walked through an arch of steel formed by brethren from Lodge Gundagai and were presented to RW Bro Graham Charlton PAGM, and his wife Alison.



Each debutante carried a bouquet of antique roses and their partners all wore traditional black dinner suits. Matron of Honour for the night was Mrs Helen Pearce, wife of W Bro John Pearce and accompanying them were their grandchildren, flowergirl Sienna and pageboy Pearce.

W Bro Gary Williamson, WM of Lodge Gundagai, welcomed everyone to the ball and thanked Mrs Mary Smith and Mrs

Lyn French for a wonderful job in training the debutantes and their partners. It was the 46th Debutante Ball, which started in 1967, and was attended by 370 guests. Proceeds are given to local charities and particularly to the Gundagai Hospital to buy much needed equipment.

The *Gundagai Independent* printed a full page report on the ball with details of each deb and their ball gowns.

LODGE WALLIS PLAINS No 4

A family night at Wallis Plains



L-R: VW Bro Neville Clements; Bro Brian Clements; RW Bro Ken Clements; Bro Daniel Clements and Bro Paul Clements

It was a very special evening when Lodge Wallis Plains No 4 held its traditional Past Master's Night with support from the surrounding lodges and districts.

When RW Bro Ken Clements PSGW took the Chair to Raise his grandson, Bro Daniel Clements, it involved three generations of a masonic family and accompanying siblings.

In attendance were the 'Newly Raised Brother' (Bro Daniel), his brother (Bro Brian), his father (Bro Paul), his grandfather (RW Bro Ken) and his great uncle (VW Bro Neville). Coincidentally, RW Bro Ken and VW Bro Neville are twins and this year both celebrated 60 years membership of the Craft.

Bro Brian also participated in the ceremony by presenting the Tracing Board to his brother Bro Daniel.



LODGE OXLEY No 225

A triple for Oxley

Lodge Oxley had reason to be happy at their September Installation when W Bro Hiram Marr installed Bro Allan White as the new WM.

Allan was the first brother in 28 years to be installed who was not a PM. The White family now have had three members – grandfather Stan in 1954, father Keith in 1969 and now Allan.

RW Bro Jim Marr, a 60 years member of Lodge Oxley, presented RW Bro Bill Morley and W Bro Tony Bell with their 50 Year certificates at the meeting.

CLARENCE VALLEY DAYLIGHT
LODGE No 1011

Clarence Valley functions

A fundraising night and long service certificates were the highlights for Clarence Valley Freemasons during August.

A cabaret was held at the Grafton Masonic Centre with a mega-raffle on the night sending prizes the length of the Valley. Proceeds from the night will go to a local charity.

At the meeting of Clarence Valley Daylight Lodge No 1011, the DGIW VW Bro Bruce Johnson presented 50 Year certificates to W Bro Reg Hackett and W Bro David Morgan.



L–R: W Bro David Morgan, VW Bro Bruce Johnson and W Bro Reg Hackett

LODGE MANDAGERY No 523

Special Award for Colin

At their July meeting the members of Lodge Mandagery No 523, located in the village of Manildra, had the pleasure of witnessing the presentation of the Grand Master's Distinguished Service Award to W Bro Colin Betts by RW Bro Chuck Frame on behalf of the Grand Master.

LODGE GUILDFORD 321

Lodge Guildford Plaque

Almost 100 were in attendance at Lodge Guildford's 96th Installation in September at the recently refurbished Guildford Masonic Centre.

W Bro John Lysle was capably installed as the WM by W Bro Neville Grego in the presence of the Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson who later unveiled a plaque to commemorate the impressive renovations. The changes were the brainchild of RW Bro Tom Robson PDGM who designed and supervised the project.

There were five Entered Apprentices and two Fellow Crafts in attendance to help celebrate the new face of the Guildford Masonic Centre.



Unveiling the plaque – the Grand Master with W Bro John Lysle



VW Bro Betts with the WM of Lodge Mandagery, W Bro Pat Coughlan

W Bro Betts, a member of the Craft for sixty years, was initiated in Lodge Molong in April 1953. He served two terms as WM of Lodge Molong and when Lodge Molong closed in the mid-1980s Colin affiliated with Lodge Mandagery.

W Bro Betts has been active in community organisations for many years in Molong including his Church and the Molong Show.

LODGE INVERELL No 48

60 Years Service

W Bro Vic Finney was initiated into Lodge Roseberry No 645 on 19 June 1952 as a Lewis by his father Benjamin Finney, who was the first affiliate of the lodge in approximately 1930. Vic's elder brother Arthur was also initiated as a Lewis at the same lodge and was their first initiate in Uniform (WWII). Benjamin was the first father to have two Lewises for Lodge Roseberry. Vic's grandfather and his mother's father were also masons.

Vic was raised on the 15 July 1953 at Prince Leopold Lodge in Grafton, NSW and on 7 May 1981 he was installed as Worshipful Master for Lodge Macleay, Kempsey by the Grand Master, MW Bro Harold Coates AM.

During Vic's nine year term as secretary for Lodge Gloucester No 291 he sat in the Masters chair in November 1999 to initiate his son-in-law W Bro Eric Higgins. Vic is currently a member of Lodge Inverell No 48 and recently finished a four year term as treasurer.



LODGE CHELMSFORD No 261

A new ball game

About a year ago, Lodge Chelmsford No 261 founded an Open (Singles) Pool competition to encourage more socialising between some of the lodges. The first competition was held on 2 December, 2012 at the London Hotel, Balmain, with the WM, W Bro Owen Parry winning the inaugural cup.

This year the competition was fierce with 15 competitor Lodges and Chapters taking part. On 18 September, once again at the London Hotel, Christopher Ross from Lodge Thespian No 256 knocked over the competition to emerge as this year's victor.

Lodge Thespian's WM, W Bro Philip Miller, and members Dee Donovan, Bill Hannah and Bro Christopher Ross, visited Lodge Chelmsford during the September meeting to collect the Trophy.

Owen Parry was happy with the turnout and the competition.



Above: The competition was enjoyed by all!
Right (L-R): Dee Donovan, Phillip Miller (WM), Bro Christopher Ross, Owen Parry (WM), Bill Hannah

'We're really pleased Lodge Thespian took up the challenge again this year and won. The Trophy will of course be fought over again next year and we want it back,' he said.



Lodge Chelmsford welcomes more members joining the competition next year. It will now be held annually in September.

CANDO! Cancer Trust Charity Bowls Day

It was a morning of fun and laughter when lawn bowlers and boules players joined with carpet bowlers at Woolgoolga Bowling Club for the annual CANDO! Cancer Trust Charity Bowls Day organised by the Coffs Coast Freemasons Association.

'The response from our bowling community is always amazing,' said Bowls Organiser and PR Officer, Carolyn Boyden. 'It's so exciting. We broke the record this year and raised \$6,100 which is awesome when you consider that Masonicare will donate a further \$5,000.'

District 53 DGIW, VW Bro Phillip Robertson presented a cheque for \$11,111.75 to Chairperson of the CANDO! Cancer Trust, Ms Julie Jardine who said that the fundraising work of the Coffs Coast Freemasons Association had been

the foundation of the Trust. 'The Freemasons have been amazing and we really appreciate the work that they do for us,' she said.



VW Bro Phillip Robertson presenting the cheque to Ms Julie Jardine of CANDO!

LODGE BEECROFT No 359

A Beecroft Quartet

Lodge Beecroft had the pleasure of presenting four certificates to members with outstanding records in the lodge.

Two '60 year' Long Service Certificates with accompanying Jewels were presented to W Bro Noel Schofield and Bro Max White with a '50 year' Certificate and Jewel to W Bro Robert Winter by the DGIW, VW Bro Graham Andrews.

In addition, a 60 year Certificate and Jewel was later presented to W Bro Brian Luke at an afternoon tea arranged and enjoyed by family and close friends at Lucinda Masonic Homes, Sandgate in Queensland.

The presentation was made on behalf of Lodge Beecroft No 359 by W Bro Bruce Cunningham who was holidaying on the Gold Coast at the time.



LODGE WYVERN No 813

The rewards of labour



L-R: W Bro Peter Hipwell, W Bro Garnet Meekings, W Bro Jim McMillan, Bro George Reid, W Bro Terry Read, W Bro Brian Larking

DISTRICT 41

District 41 Association Presentation

A presentation of \$2,000 on behalf of District 41 and Masonicare was made to Ronald McDonald House Newcastle in July. This is the most recent contribution made through the efforts of District 41.

DGIW VW Bro Gary Herrett said that in supporting Ronald McDonald House over the past three years District 41 has raised \$21,000 with Masonicare providing \$18,000 through Interaction Grants. This is in addition to 'truck loads' of Christmas hamper items contributed by the brethren and supporters.

L-R: RW Bro David Robertson (Masonicare Regional Manager), Ross Bingham (CEO Ronald McDonald House) and VW Bro Gary Herrett (DGIW D41)

Lodge Wyvern's annual Past Masters' Night this year was held at the Egyptian Room, in Petersham.

The evening was especially notable for the number of significant Certificates and Jewels presented on the occasion.

Acting Worshipful Master, W Bro Peter Hipwell, presented the following:

- W Bro Garnet Meekings –

60 year Certificate and Jewel

- W Bro Jim McMillan – 50 year Certificate and Jewel
- Bro George Reid – Master Mason's Certificate
- W Bro Terry Read – 50 year Certificate and Jewel
- W Bro Brian Larking – 50 year Certificate and Jewel



LODGE CARRINGTONIA No 187

100 years of family Freemasonry

On Wednesday 11 September, W Bro David Crofts, Master of Port Macquarie Daylight Lodge No 991, returned to Lodge Carringtonia No 187 in Blayney to occupy the chair for the Initiation of Mr Antonia Huelmo.

Bro Huelmo proved to be an excellent candidate and will no doubt enjoy and learn from his masonic experiences.

W Bro Crofts had previously occupied the chair of Lodge Carringtonia in 2002–03 and returned to mark the 100th year anniversary of when his grandfather, VW Bro Arthur Crofts, was its Master in the 1913–14 year.

W Bro Crofts' great-grandfather, two grandfathers, father and uncle were all members of the lodge. His brother is a present member. His uncle, Bro Frank Crofts, has just received his 70 year certificate while in Port Macquarie Daylight Lodge.

The lodge building is over 100 years old, so the Master's Chair and interior would have changed little from VW Bro Crofts' time.

Meetings were then held on the Friday nearest the full moon and VW Bro Arthur Crofts would have had to ride eight miles from their property, Sunny Bank.



VW Bro Trevor Louie, Bro Anthony Huelmo and W Bro David Crofts, in front of a photograph of VW Bro Arthur Crofts on the wall of Lodge Carringtonia.

LODGE GUYRA No 325

A Century for Guyra

Lodge Guyra No 325 held a special meeting earlier in the year with W Bro Ray Bennett in the chair to celebrate 100 years of Freemasonry in Guyra.

There were 64 members present from many nearby towns as well as the Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson, and many of those members took part in conferring the Second Degree on candidate Bro Beau Grace.

The original Lodge Guyra was dedicated at the centre on 16 April 1913 and the building has been well kept since.

LODGE GALILEO No 1019

Lodge Galileo making history!

The inaugural Freemasons Annual Multicultural Event (F.A.M.E.) was held in July at Sydney Masonic Centre.

The meeting was hosted by Lodge Galileo and the Officers for the evening were drawn from each of the attending lodges. The entry of each F.A.M.E. representative was accompanied by jovial music from their national origin, setting the flavour of the evening as a relaxed and joyous occasion.

In attendance was the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Jamie Melville, with a number of Past and Present Grand Officers, and over 100 Freemasons from across the Jurisdiction.

Work for the evening was a Second

Degree Ceremony for Bro Mark Barbara of Lodge Galileo, conducted by the F.A.M.E. team. The Candidate and brethren who participated were congratulated by RW Bro Jamie Melville, who strongly supported the continuation of this annual event.

Lodge Galileo (Worshipful Master and Host Lodge) was assisted by Lodges Germania (IPM), Miguel de Cervantes (SW), The Cedars (JW), Jose Rizal (SD), Hellenic Arcadia (JD), France (IG) and RW Bro Tov-Lev (Grand Chaplain) with a total of nine languages being spoken.

The evening was a great success with flawless work and a festive board with a distinctly Italian flavour.



Freemason welcomes new members to the Craft

| Name | Lodge | Name | Lodge | Name | Lodge |
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| ABBOUD, Joe | Lodge St David and St John 180 | FRITH, Liam | Lodge Benjamin Pryor 709 | MOSTOLES, Dom | Lodge The Star of Australia 200 |
| ACASON, Will | Lodge Wyong Tuggerah Lakes 247 | FUSSELL, William | The Queen's Lodge 229 | MUAVAE, Billy | Lodge Airs Campbelltown 976 |
| AL HABBAB, Moutasim | Lodge Alpha 970 | GADSDEN, Jeremy | Lodge Commonwealth of Australia 633 | MURRAY, Craig | The Schools Lodge 639 |
| ALTAL, Todd | Lodge Frenchs Forest United 249 | GARCIA, Jun | Lodge The Star of Australia 200 | NEIL, James | Lodge Dawn 511 |
| AMJADI, Shahriar | The Lodge of Australia 3 | GENC, Omer | The Builders Lodge 1048 | NOLAN, David | Lodge Castlereagh 72 |
| ANDISON, Ray | Lodge Camden 217 | GREEN, John | Lodge Canoblas Lewis 806 | PATERNO, Paul | Lodge Toukley 933 |
| ASSAD, Adam | Brundah Endeavour 429 | GUNAWAN, Don | The Royal Empire Lodge 613 | PEARSON, Benjamin | Lodge Epping 390 Lodge of Excellence |
| ATLEE, Albert | Lodge Guildford 321 | HADDAD, Symon | Lodge Alpha 970 | POLKINGHORNE, Steven | Lodge Burns Wentworth Tuscan 21 |
| BARBARA, Mark | Lodge Galileo 1019 | HAFDA, Zak | Lodge Liverpool 197 | PRESS, Rex | Lodge Condobolin 185 |
| BARRASS, Scott | Lodge Lachlan Jemalong 46 | HAKIM, Moey | Lodge Liverpool 197 | RAMOS, Reggie | Lodge Brotherhood of Maitland 1029 |
| BARRELL, Michael | The Goulburn Lodge of Australia 58 | HALL, Matt | Lodge Airs Campbelltown 976 | READ, Graeme | Lodge Capitol 612 |
| BATCHELDOR, Ian | Lodge Morning Star 410 | HARROD, Alex | Lodge Canberra 465 | REID, Peter | Lodge Picton 258 |
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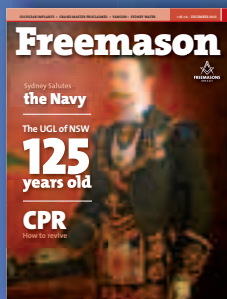
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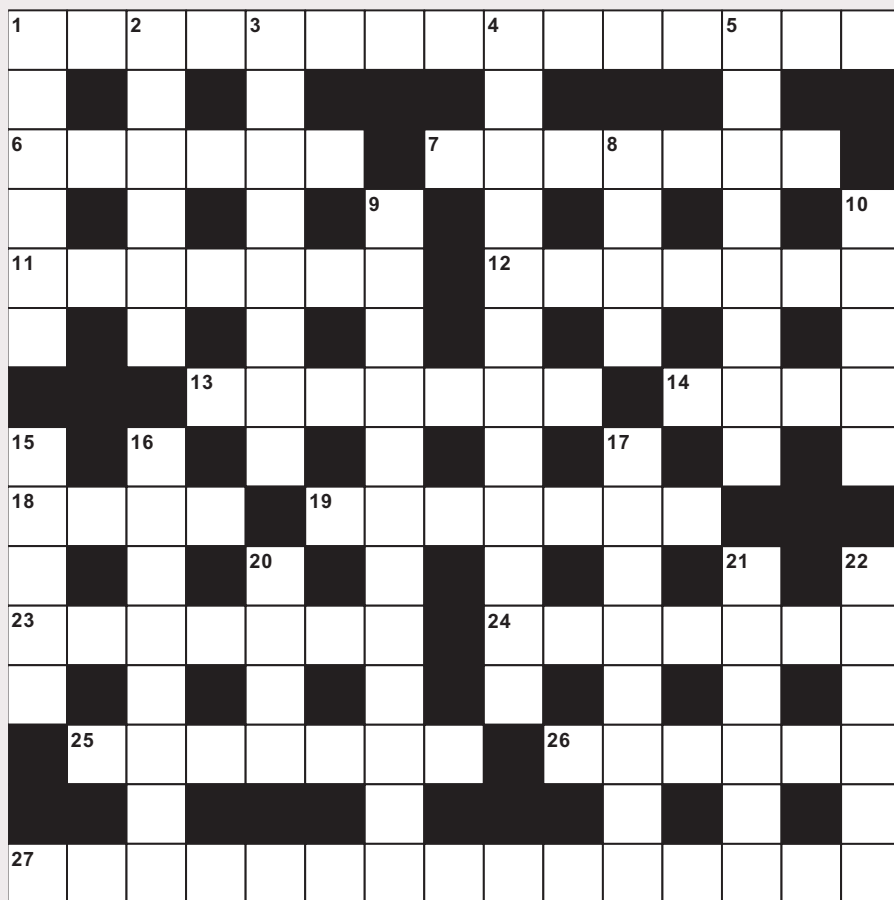
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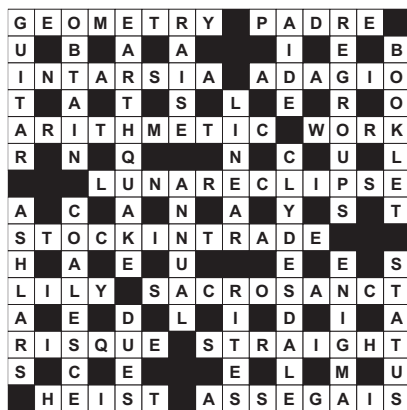
- 1 Teachers as tough as this, explain the hidden paths of nature and science (5, 4, 6)
- 6 Antagonistic as ever for a change (5)
- 7 Anita leaves antagonistic characters to become knowledgeable of spiritual truths (7)
- 11 Glasses sound like those I wear (7)
- 12 Nun lied about having no wrinkles (7)
- 13 Popes foreign representatives upset the heads of Catholic Service Union (7)
- 14 & 18 Cover one up and give it a quick inspection (4-4)

- 19 & 25 Reform, lest prank might upset those from the Great Priory (7, 7)
- 23 Old maxim in favour of part of speech (7)
- 24 Go on a binge with some who disapprove reattachment (7)
- 25 See 19 across
- 26 See 4 down
- 27 Oh, feel neglected about Jason's prize (3, 6, 6)

DOWN

- 1 Have two ways for Jacob's three principal ones (6)
- 2 Take every second quince vienna oddly (6)
- 3 Venus thinks he's super for a change (8)
- 4 & 26 across Spoken for favourably and displayed with fortune or top dog ego (6, 2, 4, 6)
- 5 Sitting or unbeaten sounds inclement? (8)
- 8 & 20 Helpless of me to lose some with an arrangement to look after myself (4, 4)
- 9 Its missing from abstraction grid exemplified as a lecture in all three degrees (7, 5)
- 10 This time the German production is a calculating snake (5)
- 15 A Justice of the peace involved a work in old Biblical Jaffa (5)
- 16 One reeks of jet fuel when agitated (8)
- 17 The English and Spanish are concerned with ghostly airiness (8)
- 20 See 8 down
- 21 Signify need to change (6)
- 22 Figurine discovered one fiesta Tuesday (6)

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| BARNES, Leslie | The Sir Walter Scott Lodge 123 |
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| BIRD, Eric | Lodge of Peace 120 |
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The benefits (?) of alcohol

It takes only one drink to get me drunk. The trouble is, I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or the fourteenth. *(George Burns)*

A woman drove me to drink and I never even had the courtesy to thank her. *(W.C. Fields)*

I envy people who drink – at least they know what to blame everything on. *(Oscar Levant)*

Alcohol may be man's worst enemy, but the Bible says love your enemy! *(Frank Sinatra)*

Alcohol is not the answer – it just makes you forget the question.

I tried cooking supper with wine tonight. Didn't go so well because after five glasses I couldn't even remember why I was in the kitchen.

Don't forget to buy a bottle for Mum on Mother's Day. Remember, you're the reason she drinks.

The secret of enjoying a good wine? Open the bottle to let it breathe. If it doesn't look like its breathing, give it mouth-to-mouth.

Don't use your bottle of wine as an inspiration to overcome an argument. Some very fine grapes have died in the making of this wine. Show some respect!



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