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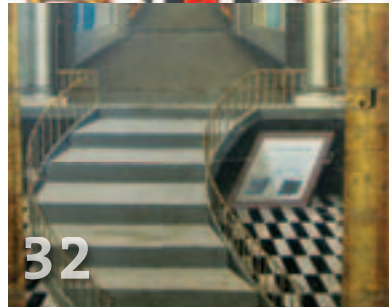
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for Lodge Kirrawee



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### Aims of the Freemason magazine

- 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.

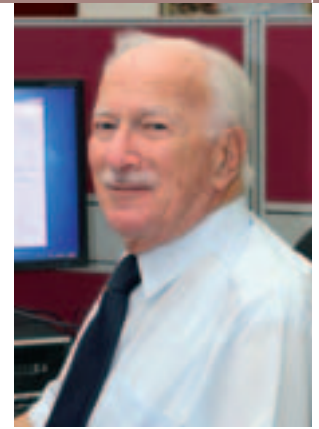
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Uncle Max Dulumonmun performing a smoking ceremony at Lodge Kirrawee

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# Remember humility?



Like so many other old-fashioned acts and words, the art of being humble appears to be slowly disappearing like the equally old-fashioned words of courtesy, manners and being polite.

I'm a great believer in checking the dictionary if I'm uncertain about a word or phrase. 'Humble' is described as – not considering yourself or your ideas to be as important as those of other people, to show that you are not too proud to ask for something or to admit that you are wrong.

There are a number of sayings that come to mind – be it ever so humble, there is no place like home, my humble opinion, to eat humble pie and in more ancient times to end a letter with 'your humble servant'.

The author CS Lewis once wrote that humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. Isn't that a peculiar idea to have in today's world where the accent is on praise and the desire for recognition or what I would call the 'me' world.

In our ritual at an Installation ceremony, the brethren are reminded to be meek, humble and resigned. How difficult should that be? Is it so hard to think more of other people than yourself, to give a little of yourself that other people may better enjoy their life, to give aid and kindly charity to those in need, to be a respected member of the community.

To be meek merely means to be quiet and unwilling to argue with people, humble has already been explained while resigned is to calmly accept a situation that may not be the best but is unlikely to be changed.


We live in a highly complex technological world controlled by social media and the 'me' generation where it's not hard to be humble, it's almost impossible. The need to shop-window ourselves seems to be creating a generation which works out

its value on external adulation, not personal integrity. It makes you wonder whether there will be any more great leaders like Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, our war heroes, those who put country ahead of self and didn't pursue glory over good.

Somehow we need to learn again the art of being humble. It costs nothing and yet it is priceless. In its own way it can give great pleasure and comfort to others, it can relieve tension and restore calm.

Remember the principles of Freemasonry and the reason you joined and stayed in the Craft, the friendships you have made, the pleasures you have

received. You didn't get them by thinking of 'me' all the time but by being meek, humble and resigned.

Being humble doesn't disqualify you from making progress or enjoying life. It merely makes you a better human being and a better Mason. 



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# March Communication

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM was re-elected for a third term at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge at the Sydney Masonic Centre in March.

MW Bro Robson, who was the only nominee, said it was an absolute honour to be standing before the brethren and pledged his loyalty to NSW & ACT lodges for many years to come.

'I have met many people over the past 18 months and look forward to continue serving them,' he said.

In his address, he paid tribute to the Past Grand Masters, gave a special welcome to three visitors, two from England one from the USA and spoke about the bushfires and floods which have devastated parts of Australia, and the Disaster Relief Fund.

'During the first months of this year, every news outlet was reporting on these natural disasters across the country. It was decided by the Australasian Grand Masters that a specific Disaster Appeal would not be launched but that we attempt to look after our own.

'To assist in this process, Masonicare will launch a Disaster Relief Fund Car Raffle in the Sydney region to raise funds over the next six months. Tickets will be \$2.00 each and I urge everyone to support this important initiative.'

In a change to the Secretariat, he announced Grand Lodge will revert back to one Deputy Grand Secretary with RW Bro Ken Taylor becoming UGL Operations

Manager and General Manager for Sydney Masonic Centre Pty Ltd.

The Grand Master congratulated Dr Yvonne McIntyre who stepped down from her administrative roles within the Grand Secretariat on 15 March.

**'I have met many people over the past 18 months and look forward to continue serving them...'**

'Those of you who know Yvonne know of the wonderful support she has offered the Masonic Widows and we owe it to her to continue to support her management amongst others of our Anzac Day Wreath-laying ceremony, the Lord Carrington Commemorative Dinner, Remembrance Day Service and the Children's Christmas Tree and Picnic. We all wish Yvonne well.'

He named 4 April as the closing date for the Literary Prize and advised that the College of Masonic Studies should soon have its registration form on the website. A Membership and Strategic Operations Review was announced which will look at how member services are delivered within the constraints of the projected capitation fees. Amongst the areas to be considered

are whether smarter and more efficient operational strategies could be employed, whether some functions could be electronically automated, outsourcing and what services need to be set aside or abandoned.

Members approved a recommendation from the Grand Treasurer, RW Bro Richard Collins, that proposed fees and dues for 2013-2014 remain basically unchanged. This included Grand Lodge dues, registration fees, service fees, documents and other fees, but a slight increase in fees for Conferred Grand Rank.

RW Bro Collins reminded members that capitation fees do not support the Castlereagh Street building but are used for the cost of the Board and the office. He added that any lodge having trouble paying fees on time can apply to the Grand Treasurer for consideration and assistance.

The Executive Council report said the project to upgrade the Castlereagh Street entrance has been passed to the UGL Operations Manager to investigate options. All attempts to recruit 'volunteers' from within the Craft to welcome and direct visitors at this entrance so far have not been successful. Those interested in volunteering should contact the Deputy Grand Secretary.

The Council has endorsed the introduction of an 'e-Newsletter' for monthly distribution to those who have provided email addresses to the Grand Secretariat. The newsletter is intended to communicate messages and information from the Board of Management. The Council was also pleased to endorse the Board's proposal to develop an Operational Review to enable members to contribute suggestions as to what functions, information and support is needed by the Jurisdiction for its sustainable future.

During the quarter, the Board approved Full Certification status to centres at Port Macquarie, Gosford, Uralla, Orange, Murrumburrah, Inverell and Bathurst and Preliminary Certification to Narromine, Hurlstone Park, Singleton, Gilgandra and Albany.

## Agenda for Grand Lodge June Communication

The Quarterly Communication for Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday 12 June at the Sydney Masonic Centre, starting at 7.30pm.

### Included on the agenda will be:

- > Reports of the Executive Council, Board of Management, Grand Charity, College of Masonic Studies, Grand Lodge Trustees, Committee on Foreign Correspondence;
- > Elections of and appointments of Grand Lodge Officers;
- > Conferral of Grand Rank and recipients of Grand Master's Awards; and
- > General business.



# Smoking Ceremony for Kirrawee

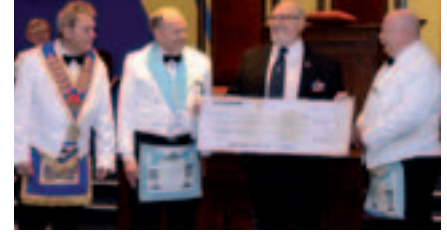
'It's wonderful that the masons are now part of the Aboriginal culture of this area.'

These words, spoken by Les Bursill OAM, an elder from the Dharawal nation, completed a Naming and Smoking Ceremony for Lodge Kirrawee at Sutherland in March.

Lodge Kirrawee was formed in 1956 and having an Aboriginal name, they designed a crest depicting an Aboriginal warrior overlooking a beautiful view. The crest appears on all notice papers issued by the lodge. Recently, an Aboriginal

Freemason, Bro John Patten from Lodge Independent Lewis, advised the lodge that the logo should bear an Aboriginal name.

The lodge agreed and on this special night, Uncle Max Dulumunmun Harrison, the only spiritual elder recognised in the Shire to perform the Smoking Ceremony, stood at the door of the lodge to conduct the Ceremony in which every member and visitor had to pass through the smoke before entering the room.



Inside the lodge room, Les Bursill presented the Welcome to Country section which included background on the Aboriginal people in different parts of NSW and details of his family who finally settled in the Hurstville area.

RW Bro John Denning, the WM, gave a special welcome in both Aboriginal and English language which said 'This is land sacred to the masonic people of Black Rocks, friends, strangers I see all of you. My people camped here at this place long ago. This is also the sacred land of the Noron Gera Clan, a place of the Cabbage Palm People. We embrace all of you, we open the door to all of you. We lend this place to all of you to live while we sleep. Here I see my country, welcome to the sacred place of the Noron Gera Gal'

In earlier discussions, the WM had received three names from Mr Bursill for the logo. One of the names was Bungaree who accompanied Matthew Flinders on the first circumnavigation of Australia. As Flinders was a Freemason, the lodge chose Bungaree as the name for their logo. It was also revealed that Bungaree was an unofficial harbour master in Sydney, guiding ships to a safe berth.

Members decided to commission a painting of Bungaree which was unveiled in the lodge room and to give a special toast to Bungaree at each meeting.

Following the first contact with the Dharawal Nation, the Sutherland Shire Freemasons became aware of the Sutherland Shire Reconciliation Group who run educational programs with the aim of fostering relationships, understanding and respect between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. A cheque for \$1,000 was presented on the night to representatives of the group to assist them with their project.



# Darren in the spotlight

W Bro Darren Allett is still slowly becoming accustomed to the fact that he has had a rapid rise to become the Master of his lodge.



**'My education has been from one of the world's oldest and foremost institutions, namely Freemasonry.'**

**A**t the age of 25 and still relatively new with only six years in the Craft, Darren has climbed rapidly in The Leichhardt Lodge No 133 and has had an equally swift rise in his business career.

'I believe we have one of the fastest growing lodges in NSW and ACT, having initiated six candidates in as many months,' he said.

'My initiation was into Sir Joseph Banks Lodge in June 2007, which is the same as my late grandfather, and I then served progressive office in the Cedars Lodge until I affiliated with Leichhardt.

'Having been involved in the 2020 program instituted by MW Bro Greg Levenston, it has been an honour to meet so many brethren ranging in age, masonic experience and more importantly life experience, all of which have been integral in my achievements.

'Freemasonry is often described as many things but it also fits the description of business education, due to many overlooking the lessons which are taught throughout our ceremonies and how they

are to be applied.

'One particular lesson which always comes to mind is the joint meaning of the First and Second Degree words. They tell me that when you go into business, or any other activity, you need to look to your strengths in laying the foundations to ensure that they survive the test of time. This is also apparent when considering the Address to the Wardens, so that if you find a fault in others, you need to correct it within yourself.

'To me this means that if I see someone who isn't a good communicator, it shows that I need to work on my communications skills as a businessman. There are so many similar lessons in each charge and in different aspects of our ceremonies.

'These many lessons have allowed me

to attain my position in the lodge and within private enterprise. However, without Masonry there is little doubt I would not be where I am today, and would probably still be working for a minimum wage.

Darren manages a partnership between a Global Financial Services company and an Australian retailing conglomerate and is responsible for the acquisition and management of customers across a growing national base of 27 channels.

So far he has achieved his position without a university degree, and according to his high school teachers, barely even a HSC.

'However I am not without an education, far from it,' he said.

'My education has been from one of the world's oldest and foremost institutions, namely Freemasonry. Even though Masonry provides an excellent business education, it also provides a fulfilling experience. We know we are all contributors to ensuring Masonry exists for our children's children and that we should be constant in our focus to do whatever necessary to ensure that the lessons of business and life can continue to be taught.'



# Every brother is welcome



Lodge St John No 1072, SC, in Bangkok

RW Bro Neil Atkins, PAGM Lodge Milton No 63, gives this **experience of visiting**.

**T**here is a maxim in Freemasonry which claims 'that in every clime a Freemason may find a home, and in every land a brother.'

This refers to the privilege of visiting lodges that is extended to every affiliated Freemason. During my years as a Freemason I have put this to the test and have never found it to be wanting.

Over the last few months I have twice visited Lodge Pattaya West Winds No 1803, Scottish Constitution, located in Thailand. This lodge was consecrated in February 1993 and meets on the second Saturday in the months of October to May in rooms provided by the Royal Cliff Grand Hotel at Royal Cliff Bay, Pattaya. As there is no Grand Lodge of Thailand, the lodge operates under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and is in the district of The Grand Lodge of the Middle East which covers lodges operating under the Scottish Constitution in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

Currently there are 15 Craft Lodges in Thailand operating under Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, Netherlands, National G L of France and Prince Hall. The longest operating lodge in Thailand is Lodge St John No 1072, SC, which was consecrated in Bangkok in 1911 and now meets

at the Masonic Centre in Bangkok. Lodge Pattaya West Winds was the second lodge to be established in Thailand with several more consecrated during the period 2004–2007. With the exception of Lodge Ratanakosin which is a Thai/English speaking lodge, other Craft Lodges are English speaking with some also French speaking. Four of the Craft Lodges are in country cities while the remaining 11 are located in Bangkok.

Lodge Pattaya West Winds, operating in a country city, is a strong and vibrant lodge with some 48 members but each meeting is swelled by visitors from other lodges. It is not uncommon to have visitors from lodges elsewhere in Asia as well as from Great Britain, Scandinavia, the USA and Australia.

In fact the United Press Lodge No 134 of Western Australia presented to Pattaya West Winds some 20 years ago boxes for the working tools to mark the occasion of the lodge's consecration.

The meeting I attended in March was the first meeting of the newly elected Master, RW Bro Gavin Hazelhurst and his officers since their installation a few weeks before. The work was the initiation of a candidate and the affiliation of a brother from a lodge in Scotland.

It was the first time I had attended a Craft Lodge operating under the Scottish Constitution and while the work is similar there are subtle differences.

Lodge Pattaya West Winds has adopted the policy of men wishing to be initiated to attend several Harmonies (better known in NSW as 'Festive Boards' or the 'South') before their names are put forward for initiation. As well each potential candidate is provided by the Lodge Secretary with a letter clearly outlining the process of becoming a mason and what the lodge expects of them.

As the lodge is a dining lodge the notice paper for each meeting states in part 'The Harmony ... is an integral part of the masonic meeting and you are encouraged to attend'. Although the Harmony was more formal than our Festive Boards, it was no less satisfying and friendly. Brethren are required to pay a dining fee for a quality three course meal prepared and served by staff of the five star hotel.

On charity, two notable causes supported by Lodge Pattaya West Winds are the Camillian Centre, an orphanage caring for children born with HIV/Aids, and the Karen Foundation which provides fresh water, education, sanitation and medical and welfare services to the Hill Tribes of Northern Thailand. The Karen Foundation is managed by a member of Lodge Pattaya West Winds. In addition the lodge provides help to deserving cases within the district.

The lodge also has a rich social side, holding beach BBQs, pub events, ladies nights and an annual Christmas party.

The welcome I received from the lodge was extremely warm and enjoyable and I would like to think I have made new masonic friends. Any brother who does not attend meetings other than their own lodge certainly is not experiencing Freemasonry to the fullest. Anyone visiting Thailand will not be disappointed if they attend a meeting of Lodge Pattaya West Winds.



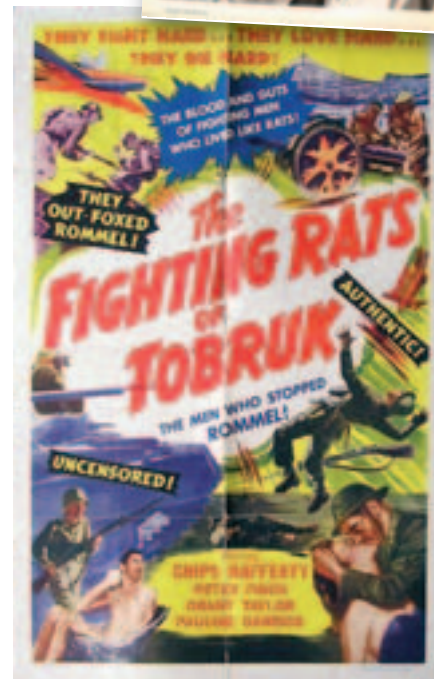


# Chips Rafferty

His real name was John William Goffage but to Second World War film fans he was much better known as **the typical Aussie bloke** Chips Rafferty.



‘He was too tall, not good looking, and lacked training..’



He was born on 26 March 1909 at Billy Goat Hill near Broken Hill, the eldest of five children. His father, John Goffage, had migrated from England, and was either a miner or a stock agent and a keen horseman. His Australian mother was Violet Maud Edyth, née Joyce.

The family moved often before settling in the early 1920s at Parramatta. Nicknamed ‘Chips’ by schoolmates, John Jnr was educated in various country schools before completing formal education at Parramatta Intermediate Boys High School. He learned riding, boxing, surfing, writing and showed particular talent in painting, which became a life-time love.

In 1925 he became an apprentice iron moulder at the Clyde Engineering works, and was the family provider on the death of his father. After a few years he left to roam through the eastern Australian bush as a drover, boundary rider, shearer, miner, fisherman, axeman and woodworker. He

worked as a deckhand on coastal boats and as an assistant in a Sydney wine cellar. He sold paintings, and poems and stories to newspapers and magazines, and drank regularly at the Black and White Club in Circular Quay, which was a favourite establishment for actors and artists.

On 18 November 1935, Rafferty married 19 year old dental nurse, Colina Ferguson at St Stephen’s Presbyterian Church in Macquarie Street, Sydney and they operated an icecream parlour until they divorced in March 1941.

Rafferty did not seem cut out to become an actor. He was too tall, not good looking, and lacked training, but for more than 20 years was Australia’s favourite movie star after starting in show business as a magician’s assistant. He was the Australian ideal of how people of the time

liked to consider themselves.

His varied life interested Cinesound director Ken Hall and in 1939 he made his film debut in small parts at Cinesound Studios at the age of 30, by which time he had created the image of a tough, laconic character, many roles based upon his own experiences.

His first film was as an extra in *Come Up Smiling*, produced in Sydney in 1939. He had a small role as a member of a bush fire fighting team in *Dad Rudd, MP* (1940) and was cast immediately as the comic lead in *Forty Thousand Horsemen* which was Charles Chauvel’s tribute to the Australian Light Horse in World War I. Chauvel changed Goffage’s name to the more lark-in sounding Rafferty.

Australian diggers were fighting in the Middle East when *Forty Thousand Horsemen* was released, and film audiences were eager to find a new hero to represent their soldiers. They found it in Rafferty, loving his screen toughness, authenticity and humour. >>>





# Meet Angelo

A desire to visit and explore other countries led new staff member, **Angelo Sanchez Sojo**, from Costa Rica to Australia looking for a new opportunity for life.

**H**e had been told that Australians were very friendly people who drank beer and mixed with kangaroos, crocodiles and large sharks.

'These are the ideas that people have about Australia but after more than a year here I've now seen a lot of the countryside and some of the capital cities. I've also seen kangaroos and crocodiles but I don't think I want to have a shark get too close to me,' said Angelo.

'Some of the countryside is similar to Costa Rica and I've been lucky to have met wonderful Australians who have given me support and encouragement.'

Born in Costa Rica with one brother and two sisters, Angelo studied administration at the National Institute of Technology. In Sydney, he found work in the hospitality area of the Sydney Masonic Centre and a recommendation led to his

appointment as the secretary for the Masonic Buildings committee.

He researched different countries for possible visits but the weather was a drawback for England and it was complicated getting a visa to the USA from Latin America which led to him choosing Australia.

Angelo still has four major hobbies – swimming, running, travelling and starting his own coffee business. He also enjoys drawing and music and formerly played the drums in a band.

'I run in local parks, mostly distances because sprints are too fast. I enjoy my swimming at local pools and like the beach but I didn't do too well when I first tried surfing,' he said.

'In Costa Rica I studied how to make and transport coffee and want to see if I can bring Costa Rican coffee to Australia.



There are many good brands and coffee is becoming very fashionable here. I'm still studying coffee and one day would like to open my own café/restaurant with my own brand of coffee.

'It will take a while for me to settle down in Australia and I'm prepared for that although travel to see other countries is still one of my main ambitions. But I enjoy the lifestyle of coastal living in Sydney and in addition, Australian wines are nice.'

Angelo's role on the Buildings Committee is to handle all inquiries and maintain contact with lodges and regions.

Rafferty joined the RAAF on 29 May 1941, the day after marrying second wife Ellen Jamieson, a 37 year old dressmaker, at the Registrar General's office in Sydney. She was known as 'Quentin' and was his close and constant companion until her death on 27 May 1964. They had no children.

Commissioned in the Administrative and Special Duties Branch, he entertained fellow troops in Australia and New Guinea. He acted in several Australian propaganda films, including *South West Pacific* (1943) and *The Rats of Tobruk* (1944) and became a relaxed and energetic actor, moulded by Chauvel's sense of the type of hero that Australian audiences wanted to see.

Rafferty starred in 1946 in Harry Watt's Australian classic *The Overlanders*. It began as a propaganda film, but became a representation of the independent Australian national spirit, which had matured during the war. Rafferty

was the drover who took a mob of 1,000 cattle from Wyndham to Rockhampton to save them from the potential invader. He was the leading man, rather than a supporting actor, and became a new kind of Australian hero. He was also in *Bush Christmas* (1947).

In the 1950s Rafferty teamed up with director Lee Robinson to make *The Phantom Stockman* (1953) and *King of the Coral Sea* (1954). He appeared in overseas productions, including *Smiley* (1956), *Smiley Gets a Gun* (1958), and *The Sundowners* (1960). At the end of his career, Rafferty appeared as a rough Sydney builder in *They're a Weird Mob* (1966) and a thirsty policeman in his last film *Wake in Fright* (1971).

Chips Rafferty joined Sydney's Lodge Literature No 500 in December 1957, was passed in February 1958 and raised in June. He was awarded the MBE in January 1971 and died in May that year of heart and lung disease.



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## should we help?

Freemasonry in NSW and ACT donates much to charity and there is frequent confusion over whom we should support and why.

**T**here are many tens of thousands of charitable organisations that merit our support but of course it would be totally ineffective if we were to donate a dollar or two to each charity.

So we have to be selective. This article promotes one particular charity. Future articles will examine others.

The Exodus Foundation and the Rev Bill Crews are synonymous.

Let's look at why The Exodus Foundation deserves our generosity.

We can afford to be members of the Craft. We can afford to put a roof over our head and 'a chicken in the pot'. Many in society cannot. Homeless people sleep outside the front of the Sydney Masonic Centre and under the windows of St Andrews Cathedral. Grand Lodge has considered methods of clearing and cleaning the area but perhaps we should look at organisations that don't 'move the problem on'; perhaps we should support

organisations that address the problems of the homeless.

The focus of The Exodus Foundation is the Homeless; has been from the very start and continues to be. Bill Crews says it best: 'It all started with a Monday-night roast for homeless and disadvantaged youth.'

Today, more than 25 years later, the Exodus Foundation's food services distribute about 800 free meals for disadvantaged Australians every single day of the week. But with the Exodus food service, easing hunger is just the beginning. Feeding the hungry helps to build a support community which gives those in need access to our other support services. This might include crisis intervention and support, legal advice, counselling, emergency food, utility relief or rent assistance. Exodus welfare counsellors are on hand at each meal service in order to provide support and referrals to those in need.

Exodus food services operate with a large amount of donated food, supplemented with purchased food, all of which is cooked fresh in the 'Loaves and Fishes' kitchen. Food is served by volunteers who are coordinated and overseen by Exodus employees.

It all started at Ashfield as an initiative of the Ashfield Uniting Church and Bill, to assist homeless and abandoned youth and other people in need. The Foundation has grown substantially since its inception and now administers the free 'Loaves and Fishes' restaurant which serves over 380 meals to the needy every day. Exodus also runs literacy and youth centres which help children and young people who have 'fallen through the cracks' in the education system, provides free dental and medical care and offers help and support services such as social workers, counselling and food parcel assistance.



### Exodus' Mission drives its future plans

The Exodus Foundation exists to meet the immediate material, emotional and spiritual needs of disadvantaged and marginalised people. Exodus seeks to empower young Australians through education and literacy and so protect them against the prospect of future unemployment and homelessness.

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- ▶ **Literacy Centre – Ashfield**  
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- ▶ **Food services – Marrickville ARC**  
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If you would like further information please call the volunteer manager on (02) 8752 4600.



# A MASONIC MENU

RW Bro Peter Scascighini from Lodge Army and Navy writes that this masonic menu was first presented on 25 July 1923 at the Dedication of the new Masonic Centre at Bexley. It is still a good 'value' meal.

## SOUP

The hidden mysteries of nature and science.

## ENTRÉE

Made of brass, one hand's breadth in thickness.

## VEGETABLES

Which ages cannot wither nor adversity decay.

## JOINTS

Which lie open in the lodge for the brethren to moralise upon.

## POULTRY

Which represents the advantages of discipline and education.

## PUDDINGS

Your duty to yourself you will best discharge by avoiding all irregularity and excess.

## SWEETS

I was taught to be cautious – but with you I will halve it.

## NUTS

Those nearest and dearest to him.

## COFFEE

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is.

## PORT

The brethren may now arise and proceed on their journey.

# Happy Birthday Canberra

When the Minister for Home Affairs, King O'Malley wrote his introduction to the milestone volume ***Canberra – Capital City of the Commonwealth of Australia*** he declared for posterity that 'Such an opportunity as this, the Commonwealth selecting a site for its national city in almost virgin country, comes to few nations and comes but once in a history.'

Canberra's foundation stones were laid and naming ceremonies were performed on 12 March 1913 and the capital has had a number of events to help celebrate its 100 years of existence.

The city did not begin as a compromise between feuding Sydney and Melbourne and unlike many major world cities, it was not created because of war, revolution, disease, natural disaster or to establish a convict settlement as was the case in different States.

Instead, it was a nation lucky enough to be looking for a capital city and the new Commonwealth of Australia wanted their future capital to be the treasure house of a nation's heart.

Prime Minister Andrew Fisher said he anticipated a city where the best thoughts of Australia would be expressed, a seat of learning as well as of politics and the home of art.

Now spread to over 100 suburbs, Canberra has grown to more than the scheme envisaged by American Walter Burley Griffin and his wife Marion, who were the chief and original architects of the city. In 1914, the couple moved from Chicago and made Australia their home for the next 20 years.

When the call was made for designs for the city, the winning entry was No 29, submitted by the Griffins and material drawn from the couple's practices in the US, India and Australia are showcased on display.

Wednesday 12 March 1913 was Canberra's first day of genuine national significance when Lady Denman, wife of then Governor General Lord Denman, stood at the newly laid foundation stones and announced the name of Australia's capital city as Canberra.

From this beginning have emerged the national political centre, the national



Prime Minister Andrew Fisher standing between Lord and Lady Denman and King O'Malley during the playing of the National Anthem, Canberra naming ceremony, 12 March 1913.

museum, library, arts gallery, arboretum, war memorial and many other attractions which bring thousands of visitors from interstate and overseas.

The original Parliament House became too small to accommodate the politicians and public servants required to service the needs of the nation. A new Parliament House was created and opened by Queen Elizabeth on 9 May 1988 and is designed to have a lifespan of more than 200 years.



ABOVE: The Foundation Stone with old Parliament House in the background.

RIGHT: Preliminary plan for the development of Canberra by Walter Burley Griffin and his wife Marion Mahoney.


BELOW: The Foundation Stone with the New Parliament House in the background.



Not even Canberra residents are aware that a great method to see the capital is from the roof of Parliament House where you can get an uninterrupted view across Lake Burley Griffin and up Anzac Parade to the War Memorial.

Visitors are especially made aware of Australia's copy of the Magna Carta which is one of only two held outside the United Kingdom. In 1297, the 'Magna Carta' established the rights of the English people and restricted the powers of the King.

Other treasures to see are the Great Hall Tapestry, based on a painting by Arthur Boyd, and Queen Victoria's writing table which she gave to the Australian Parliament when she gave her consent to the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Bill in 1900.

There are many theories on how the city's name was decided. The most popular is that it came from an old aboriginal word meaning 'meeting place' which is a good description for the existence of Canberra, the national capital of Australia. 




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There are many different reasons why families end up in this situation and on our waiting list. But they all have one thing in common – they want to turn their lives around.

*Demand for our support currently outweighs our capacity.*

Last month we received a request for support from Stephen, an exceptional 15-year-old with a fierce determination to succeed despite all the obstacles he has had in his short life.

You see Stephen was born with **cardiomyopathy** and received his new heart at just age seven. He is from an isolated Australian community and his transplant and ongoing medical care had to be provided in Melbourne. He was confined to a wheelchair for many months after the transplant and a parent was required to stay with him in Melbourne for that period of recovery.

**Sadly, just 12 months later when Stephen was eight his mother was diagnosed with cancer. His father had to give up work to care for his mother, who eventually passed**

away. The cost on this Australian family financially and emotionally has been immeasurable. Stephen has earned the respect and admiration of the community for his determination to succeed. Against all odds Stephen now plays golf and has become a member of the Jack Newton Foundation. He has also become a positive role model in his community. Stephen is currently on our waiting list; your support could make an enduring difference in this remarkable young man's life...

*"My Dad has been through so much and tries so hard to keep it all together. It's not my fault I needed a new heart, but it did cost a lot. There are things at school I would really like to be a part of now I have been given a second chance at life, but we can't afford it. I don't like asking Dad for money".*

**'Freemasonry does not exist to build Freemasonry but rather to build for the community and thereby, build Freemasonry'**

One of the prime purposes in life is to help and educate others.

Please send your appropriate gift to *A Start in Life* before June 30 to receive a deduction on your 2013 tax. Once again we thank you for your past support and sincerely hope it will continue for the next 90 years.

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or call 1300 676 046





# Masonic Outreach *Celebrate • Participate*



This article has been prompted by my attendance at an historic function on Sunday afternoon 24 February 2013 at the Bexley Masonic Hall with the official program proclaiming 'Celebrations to mark the 90th Anniversary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone of the **Bexley Masonic Hall**, 480 Forest Road, Bexley'.

The original Foundation Stone was laid by the then Grand Master, MW Bro William Thompson on 24 February 1923, 90 years ago to the same date. With the excitement evident of the people present, it appeared to me very appropriate to select an 'Anniversary Date' to make public to the community the local role of Freemasonry in a changing world.

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM was present and after his welcome address on masonic growth achievements of this centre, unveiled a 90th Anniversary Commemorative Plaque and a restored War Memorial Plaque for the Hall of Remembrance. The WM of St George Lodge No 328 then presented two cheques to the Grand Master who then presented the cheques to the Principals of the St George Girls High School and the Sydney Technical High School (both high schools being in the St George District) for two educational Scholarships sponsored by St George Lodge No 328.

As Grand Chaplain, I was then invited to offer a 'Prayer of Dedication.' The challenge was to decide 'what to dedicate?' The hall was filled with many people from the 'St George District.' The initial welcome included a short explanation of the lodge's new Strategic Plan to reach out to the wider St George community.

A representative of the City of Rockdale Council had spoken of the importance of the Freemasonry building and its outreach activities over the many years. A senior officer of the local police force outlined the changing nature and living standards of the several different cultures over recent decades. Reference was made to changing youth interpretation of responsibility and current efforts in the St George District to maintain law and order.

I had previously read a press release

for this celebration activity and had particularly noted the challenge to me and to Freemasonry, and the significance of the following sentence:

'The Lodge consolidated in 2000 with Rockdale United and became the **St George Lodge No 328** and today has some 60 members all involved in community affairs and local charity work for the good of the St George community.'

My 'Prayer of Dedication' was to *Celebrate the Dedicated Activity* of the masonic brethren and their ladies over the past 90 years, particularly in their charitable community outreach and to be aware of the Masonicare current campaign to raise awareness and funds for critical mental health commitments in our community. This time of prayer also included appropriate reference to the unveiling of the restored War Memorial Plaque for the Hall of Remembrance.

For myself, the declared lodge commitment of significant personal brethren involvement in community affairs and local charity work is to be commended as an appropriate and effective means of outreach commitment. The alternative of the often lodge approach of delegating a lodge committee to raise money and select a charity to receive raised funds remains helpful, however I believe brethren should actively participate in outreach towards meeting today's social needs.

Over the past ten years I have been involved in several studies of masonic brethren involvement in understanding social needs and raising funds for support of the particular need. It has always been important that emphasis be given to brethren 'understanding the nature of the social need.' Times of presentation of raised funds have given the recipient an appreciation of the outreach work of Freemasonry



and brethren an ongoing interest in the particular social need.

Following is one example of masonic brethren deciding on a different approach resulting from an increased understanding of a particular social need.

A local District of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, over recent years, have as their 'charity' role, raised funds to support research into Alzheimer's Disease. At a luncheon a presentation was made to the Chief Executive Officer of Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA). His response of appreciation and the ongoing need for continuing funds challenged all present to decide, at a following District Resource meeting, to continue financial support and also asked **how can we, as masons, be associated with an outreach program including both Masonry and the community?**

As a result a Seminar is being planned for later in this year involving the cooperation of Neuroscience Research Australia and Alzheimer's Australia, both having agreed to work together in supplying education material leading to the Seminar and the release of suitable material at the Seminar.

**As a Grand Chaplain, I commend appropriate education of brethren for their effective participation in outreach involving social needs.**

*NSW State Emergency Service*

# Ready to Rescue!

Photography:  
Eliot Cohen and  
David King from  
the NSW SES

Whether it be saving the life of a person stuck in flood water, chain-sawing through a large tree which has fallen onto someone's home or rescuing a victim of a road crash, the volunteers of the New South Wales State Emergency Service (NSW SES) are always ready to come to the rescue.

**T**he legislated combat roles for the NSW SES are response to storms and floods, including flood rescue, and also tsunamis. Few people however appreciate the diverse supporting roles that the organisation undertakes in assisting other emergency service organisations and the community.

Of the 228 NSW SES Units located around the state, 76 are accredited Primary Rescue Units. This means they are the dedicated first response for road crash and general land rescues in their area. There are also 11 NSW SES Units with highly trained and well equipped Community First Responder teams which were established in partnership with the Ambulance Service of NSW to provide remote rural communities with an improved initial medical response.

Specialist vertical rescue teams can be

found at 31 of the NSW SES Units. These primary response teams are on call to undertake rescue at heights and from depths under a range of conditions. Most Units also have accredited Flood Rescue personnel, including Flood Boat Operators and Swiftwater Rescue Technicians. All NSW SES volunteers are trained in General Rescue and First Aid.

The NSW SES assists the NSW Police Force with land search for missing persons and evidence searches, plus provides a variety of support roles to the NSW Rural Fire Service during bushfire operations. There is even a NSW SES Alpine Search and Rescue capability, and more recently the NSW SES Canine Unit has been established as part of the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Taskforce led by Fire & Rescue NSW.

This is in addition to the incident man-

Re-supply operations at Moree

agement roles – including logistics and equipment maintenance, communications and operational tasking, flood planning and intelligence gathering, media liaison, community education and many more.

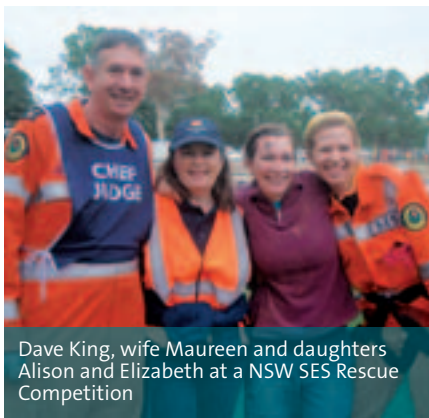
Outdoors or indoors, there truly is a role for everyone in the NSW SES!

Volunteers range in age from 16 up to 90 and come from all walks of life. They are bound together by a dedication to their community and as many will tell you – the thrill and challenges of assisting in emergencies.

Dave King, the Deputy Controller from the NSW SES Hawkesbury Unit, is just one of those people.

Dave's passion for volunteering started in 1977 when he joined the NSW SES Gosford Unit as a 16 year old. 'I was a pretty





Dave King, wife Maureen and daughters Alison and Elizabeth at a NSW SES Rescue Competition



Animal rescue of cow



keen Venturer Scout and needed to join either the NSW SES or a Bushfire Brigade as a part of completing my Queen Scout Award and as soon as I got a taste for the NSW SES I loved it so much I never left.

The NSW SES Hawkesbury Unit is a busy Unit north west of Sydney providing a General Land Rescue & Vertical Rescue capability to the Hawkesbury district, as well as maintaining traditional flood, storm and search roles. Although they haven't had a 'real' flood since 1992, the Hawkesbury River provides one of the largest flood risks in Australia, with the Hawkesbury Unit maintaining a fleet of eleven flood rescue boats.

Large animal rescue is another area that Dave's Hawkesbury Unit have been specialising in for many years now. Working in conjunction with equine vets and organisations such as the RSPCA, they have developed successful rescue techniques and training packages that they deliver through hands-on workshops.

Some 36 years on, Dave is still as passionate as ever as he trains and mentors new recruits to the Service, enthusiastically passing on his expertise and experience.

Speaking of recruiting, Dave is not the only member of the King family that has been drawn to the call of the orange. Dave's wife Maureen and their two daughters Elizabeth and Alison, are often working side by side at the variety of rescues that Hawkesbury Unit attends. Be it a road crash rescue on the Bells Line of Road or a large animal rescue involving horses or cattle, a weekend rarely goes by without one of the family's pagers going off and a quick dash out to a rescue.

For the King family and the other 10,000 NSW SES volunteers, the last three storm seasons have brought considerable work in the combat roles of flood and storm response. The widespread flooding

across much of NSW saw many volunteers not only activated in their own home Region but often travelling to other Regions to assist – sometimes for weeks at a time. This out of area assistance extended to inter-state deployments assisting with the flooding in Queensland and Victoria and in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Yasi which impacted on Northern Queensland.

The broad range of training offered to the NSW SES volunteers makes them a very multi-skilled and versatile team. The NSW SES is a registered training organisation and has over 20 courses ranging from the basics of General Rescue, First Aid, and Storm and Water Damage, to more specialist skills including Chainsaw operation, Vertical Rescue, and Swiftwater Rescue Technician. These are conducted during the weekly training nights at the Units, or at venues such as Penrith Whitewater Stadium for the Swiftwater Rescue courses. Sometimes too, multi-agency exercises are undertaken with other emergency service organisations to practice response to large scale disasters.

Some volunteers go on to make emergency services a career, joining the 350 strong staff in one of the 17 Region Headquarters or in their State Headquarters located in Wollongong. Some too, join other emergency services such as the Police or Fire Services, where their rescue training and experience is highly valued.

The NSW SES is a dynamic organisation, ever evolving and adapting to the needs of the community. New members are always welcome – all that is required is a willingness to learn and be part of a team plus a 'can do' attitude!

For more information on becoming a NSW SES volunteer please go to: <http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/volunteering/>



## 2012 Statistics

- 493,112 hours of dedicated service by the NSW SES volunteers to the community
- 144,452 calls to the NSW SES last year
- 58 Flood Evacuation Orders were issued
- 31,000 residents affected by isolation
- 3,604 aviation support tasks undertaken within flood affected areas of the state
- 444 flood rescues undertaken
- 661 Road Crash Rescue Units incidents attended
- 381 Land Search tasks
- 415 Community First Responder tasks



# From the Grand Secretary



## MORE ON THE UGL WEBSITE

The new 'Lodge Directory' is now available on the website and, in the very short time since its inclusion, it has been more than well received. A new feature added is the availability of a Google map to show the exact location of the Masonic Centre where the lodge being viewed meets.

The overall search function is speedier and yet so very easy to use. I invite everybody to now take the time to research the UGL website and to see what is actually available, as even now after almost a year, some members are not aware of the various publications and other forms of literature that are on offer for perusal.

With the exception of ritual, practically everything members need to know about the Craft is at their disposal.

Whilst on the web, don't forget to visit the Museum of Freemasonry Shop and especially the 'gift shop' and view the terrific range of products. Your regalia needs are particularly catered for and you will find the shop stocks the best quality regalia and other masonic items – and at incredibly competitive prices.

Whatever you may need, masonically, the MoF Shop can help you and is the first place you should visit.

Most importantly ALL profits stay within Freemasonry!

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Unfortunately, news is reaching the Secretariat that some new members are not being registered with Grand Lodge and the first disadvantage with this, of course, is that they will not receive this magazine.

Please take the time to ask our newer members if they are indeed receiving the Freemason magazine and if the answer is in the negative, can you ask your lodge Secretary to follow this up with the Secretariat?

All brethren should have the opportunity to not only read the magazine but to see what the Craft is doing in general and

they may even consider making a realistic contribution themselves.

## OUR REGIONAL GRAND COUNSELLORS FOR 2013/2015

We of course extend our heartiest congratulations and special wishes to our four newly appointed Regional Grand Counsellors who will soon embark on their term in the newly created structure. Whilst the presence of RGCs may not be so prominent at lodges in the future as it has been in the past, you can be assured that each of them will be kept constantly engaged in their most important administrative positions – for the general benefit of this jurisdiction. Brethren, please give them all the support you can.

We must also congratulate those brethren who will soon retire at the close of their 2011/2013 term and there is no doubt each will look back with very fond memories. I personally will miss my close interaction with each of them – an experience I have had the pleasure of enjoying with all past RGCs since I started in this role. I know this will continue with the forthcoming term – and well into the future.

The position of RGC requires the brother appointed to have a special and unique quality to carry out the role and the calibre of those brethren who recently applied for the position certainly indicates that the Craft has plenty of 'talent' available to it.

## TRAVELLING OVERSEAS

The Secretariat constantly welcomes visitors from overseas who especially want to tour our magnificent Sydney Masonic Centre. More often than not these visitors include brethren who also wish to attend a lodge meeting – and naturally we accommodate them to suit their schedules. Those who can do so are never less than very impressed.

If brethren from this jurisdiction of NSW & ACT have the opportunity to visit an overseas country and wish to attend a lodge meeting they are encouraged to do so. Also, there are some other beautiful Masonic Centres to be seen around the world which are most impressive – the two that readily come to mind are Freemasons Hall in London and the Grand Lodge in New York.

It is important, however, that brethren only visit lodges holden under a Grand Lodge recognised by the United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT. This can be readily verified by contacting the Secretariat. At the same time, take the opportunity to purchase a 'Travelling Certificate' which confirms your membership and acts to introduce you to those lodges you may visit.

## The Secretary

*He just can't win!*

If a secretary writes a letter, it is too long; If he sends a postcard, it is too short; If he issues a bulletin, he's a spendthrift.

If he attends a committee meeting, he's butting in; If he stays away, he's a shirker.

If he offers a suggestion, he's a know-all; If he says nothing, he's useless.

If attendance at the meeting is slack, he should have called up the members; If he calls them he's a pest.

If he asks a member for his dues, he's insulting; If he doesn't, he's lazy.

If the meeting is a big success, the committee gets the praise; If it is a failure, the secretary is to blame.

If he asks for advice, he is incompetent; If he does not, he is swollen-headed.

*Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.  
If the others won't do it,  
the secretary must.*

# Have your say



John and Bettina Gorton in the early 1950s.

## Sir John Grey Gorton

Another great read from FREEMASON NSW & ACT.

In your Famous Mason item re. Sir John Grey Gorton you have listed his lodge and initiation date and prompted the question was he passed and raised.

Sir John's records show that he was initiated in Kerang Lodge 100 on 5 February 1948, passed on the 12 June 1948 and raised 21 October 1948.

He did not aspire to be a master, but we are informed that he was a regular attendee in the early days of his masonic life.

**Jim Spreadborough**

Grand Librarian, Freemasonry Victoria

## An open ceremony

A few years ago a very novel and attractive change to our ritual proceedings was introduced to permit an opening and

viewing of a portion of our 'Closing Ceremony' in the installation program.

This necessary feature gave a window of opportunity for the ladies and non-masonic friends to enter the lodge room at an appropriate time and thus be able to witness the investitures and closing sequences. It was colourful, dignified and well attended.

Those I knew who attended and the lodge members were of one voice in their appreciation of being permitted to witness and demonstrate what would otherwise be another of those issues deemed to be a part of the so-called 'secret society',

For some reason or another, the Board saw fit to erase this feature and the lodges were thus made to revert to the standard procedure and lots of us saw this as a somewhat backward step.

In more recent times, we have occasions where Grand Bodies virtually open the doors to the respective Installation ceremonies, and the colourful display depicted by the invitation of other Orders to be in attendance in their various colourful regalia further adds to the dignity and beauty of the relevant ceremony. And the ladies and non-masons attending these performances are without doubt singularly impressed.

I cannot see why we in our Craft cannot now re-introduce such a segment. I agree there may need to be a few refinements to ensure that no infringements occur. But as we have now entered into an albeit open canvas to attract people to our Order and at the same time entered into the field of marketing in a big way by internet etc., then there doesn't really seem to be a great inhibitory reason not to readjust this almost forgotten display of one of the best traditions of the Craft.

I am sure that a vote by the membership would indeed support this submission. And only by doing it will the advantage and success be forthcoming. After all, this is 2013 – not 1717. And what a boon this would be for those struggling country lodges to make themselves known.

**RW Bro W Richards OAM, PSGW**

## Bob hits a roll

There may not be many members of the Craft who follow tenpin bowling but it has been part of my family's life for many years.

On 10 March, I received a call from my mother who excitedly told me that Dad (W Bro Bob Harrison), who was bowling at Lidcombe, had just bowled a 300 game (the maximum possible score for one game).

I've not been able to put my hands on the standings, but I know Dad followed with another gallant effort the following day to make the state team in the ATBSO seniors classic division.

But it got even more exciting for me because Dad contacted the officials to confirm that he is the oldest bowler (at 75) in Australia to bowl 300.

I'm not sure if this would make a story worth sharing, but I know what it means to Dad and the Harrison family.

**Bro Matthew Harrison (EAF)**

## Period Drama

On **17 September 1802**, the first Masonic Ceremony in Australia was conducted on board the French expeditionary ship La Naturaliste in Sydney Harbour. The candidate was Anthony Fenn Kemp.

On Tuesday **17 September 2013**, on board the James Craig anchored at Pyrmont, a ceremony to celebrate the anniversary of this occasion will be conducted by the brethren from Lodge Como.

The brethren, dressed in period costume, will perform an exemplification of the First Degree from the 1780 ritual book. Following the ceremony a supper of food and beverages familiar to that period will be served.

The Sutherland Shire Freemasons Charity Committee will run the event. Admission will be \$60 per person with numbers restricted to 90. Dress: lounge suit.

For further information contact John Denning at denningj@optusnet.com.au



# The Queen, a nurse and a buckle

When **Queen Elizabeth II** left the King Edward VII hospital earlier this year, accompanied by a nurse, the event was covered by British television.

**W**hat may not have been immediately noticeable and which is of interest to Freemasons was the buckle on the belt worn by the nurse and the badge above it. This was picked up by W Bro Stephen


Blinkhorn of Lodge Carnarvon who provided the following information.

The Nurses Badge and Buckle were given to nurses who trained at the Royal Masonic Hospital, which was one of the best hospitals in England, as was its training.



The Queen leaving hospital accompanied by an 'Elite' Nurse.

The Sterling Silver Buckle was awarded after three years training as a State Registered Nurse and the Badge was awarded after working for a further year as a Staff Nurse, a position which, of course, many did not obtain. Both were 'prized' possessions.

Although the Royal Masonic Hospital was sold in 1992 to the Hammersmith Hospitals NHS Trust, its belt buckles are still worn by what are known as 'Elite' Nurses – who trained at the RMH. 

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## Newly formed Masonic Care Alliance brings bright opportunities to aged care

**A newly formed alliance among Masonic aged and community care providers is bringing new opportunities to the changing realm of aged care.**

The Masonic Care Alliance (MCA), formed by The Whiddon Group, Royal Freemasons, Masonic Care Western Australia, Star Aged Living, Masonic Care Queensland, Masonic Home Retirement Living and Masonic Homes Northern Tasmania, offers its member organisations an opportunity for collaboration to improve aged care policies and quality of care for older Australians. The MCA is the first organisation in Australia to represent aged care providers with a Masonic heritage, and is unique in its representation of all Australian states.

The Whiddon Group has been instrumental in identifying the need for a Masonic representative organisation and in forming the MCA. The Whiddon Group is currently working with the member organisations to formalise the MCA's 2013-2014 agenda, and strategically plan for the changes to aged care in July under the Living Longer Living Better reforms. The member organisations gathered in early 2013 after identifying that there was a need for unified representation among Australia's Masonic aged care organisations.

The seven non-profit organisations have demonstrated great foresight in identifying the need for increased collaboration to achieve better outcomes for Australia's ageing population. The MCA has combined assets of more than \$1.2 billion and provides home care packages to more than 700 clients, residential care to more than 4000 clients, and manages more than 3000 independent living units. The MCA is a formal alliance and a registered company.

*"The Masonic Care Alliance's vision is to become a reference point for stakeholders and the Australian Government on the provision of quality care and housing for older people in Australia" said Lee-ann Irwin, Chief Executive Officer of The Whiddon Group.*



Regan Stathers, Chris Mamarelis, and Lee-ann Irwin (The Whiddon Group), pictured with Nigel Faull (CEO Star Aged Living) and Felix Pintado (CEO Royal Freemasons).

## Making a Bequest

Through your compassion and planning you can help us provide care to future generations of older Australians. Your support for The Whiddon Group through a Bequest will help us build upon the achievements of today and allow for innovation to take us to tomorrow.

There are a number of ways in which you can do this:

1. The gift of a specified amount of money;
2. A percentage of your estate;
3. The residue of your estate once you have provided for family and friends;
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# VESPASIAN TRILOGY

Robert Fabbri's *Vespasian: Tribune of Rome* was a publishing highlight of 2011, becoming the United Kingdom historical fiction book of the year.

Vespasian (11–72 AD) before becoming a Roman emperor was a great administrator, a builder of Rome's most glamorous monument, the Colosseum. Before he came to power, Vespasian led armies to victory in Britain and Judaea and, even more impressively, survived the imperial reigns of Tiberius, Claudius, Caligula and Nero, right under their noses. A consummate politician and strategist in every way.

*Vespasian* is an immensely exciting book; full of military clashes, mixed with intense hours of waiting for the first blows. The first half, however, can match it, notably with a brutal chariot race, and the machinations of court life, and a semi-private love life. The book is full of meticulous and fascinating detail that brings the streets and blocks of the city of Rome to life, as well as the countryside, roads and military camps of the empire.

*Vespasian: Rome's Executioner* picks up the story in 30 AD. The battle scenes are equalled by the extraordinary sequence of events in Rome. No one could make these people up and it is incredible to think that these men and women in power had such control over the lives of so many.

Vespasian, as we learn from his first book, is a friend of Caligula and so we see a side to this famous demon that is less familiar. But Tiberius is another alarming story altogether. Here the author doesn't just present a monster, he shows a man distorted and warped by mental illness



and absolute power. Conversely, Vespasian is an interesting yet complex man. Likeable, as one would want from the subject of a series of historical novels interspersed with true events.

*Vespasian: False God of Rome* follows Vespasian in 34 AD, possibly either the luckiest or sharpest General/Emperor Rome ever had. The man outlived one of the most insane periods of Roman history as well as being a very successful General; history records he then went on to become one of the greatest Emperors of Rome.



The pace as usual is electric; it's a series of books that you have to force yourself to put down to do other things.



# The Templars History & Myth

by Michael Haag

Examination of the autumn 2012 issue of the *Freemason* magazine page 32, readers will find reviewed an account of the Templars fictionalized in the fast-paced trilogy by Robyn Young. Conversely, in this recent publication titled *The Templars: History & Myth* by Michael Haag you have part guide and part history woven into one fascinating story.

Haag over many years became totally intrigued by this wide-ranging band of warrior monks. Here he investigates in depth, based on considerable research, the Templars origins, legends and legacy through to present day.

Founded in Jerusalem on Christmas Day 1119 at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the very spot which marks to this day the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ – from the mysteries

of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem, via nineteenth century development of the Freemasons, through to recent evidence discovered by the Vatican that the Templars were not guilty of heresy.

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*Michael Haag, an established author, has written widely on the Egyptian, Classical and Medieval worlds.*

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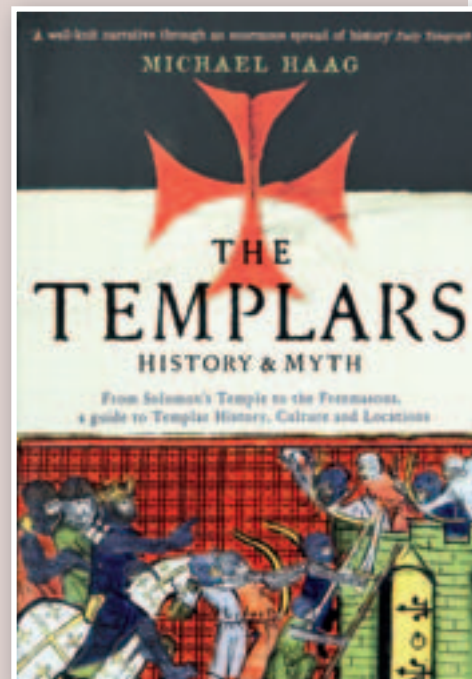
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Robert Fabbri as ever brings the roman world to life, the heat and size of its empire, Jerusalem, Alexandria and the depth of character of the great names involved in the tale. The pace as usual is electric, it's a series of books that you have to force yourself to put down to do other things.

Robert Fabbri read drama and theatre at London University and has worked in film and TV for 25 years. His life-long passion for ancient history inspired him to write the *Vespasian* series ... He lives with his family in London and Berlin.

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## Hugh's Three Good Things... on a plate

by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

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# Grey and Scarlet

Since the days of Florence Nightingale, **nursing has been an admired and respected profession**, saving lives and bringing care and compassion to untold millions of people.

**I**ts history has been well documented in major conflicts but little has been told of the efforts and conditions under which nurses worked in the Boer War.

Major Barbara O'Keefe, Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps (RAANC) (Ret'd) and Senior Vice President of the RAANC Association, gave an enlightening overview of *Nurses in the Boer War – A Nurses Perspective* in an ANZAC Day address to Lodge Artarmon United No 285 in April.

This was the first occasion a woman has given the ANZAC Address in the lodge and it had previously been presented to an audience of parliamentarians, government officials, Boer War descendants and Reserve Forces Day personnel at Parliament House, Sydney in November last year.

This is a summary of Major O'Keefe's address.

'I wish to thank my Colleague-in-Arms, Dr Yvonne McIntyre, RAANC Association, for recommending me for this address and to the Worshipful Master of Lodge Artarmon United, RW Bro Bruce Sheldrick and members of the lodge for the opportunity to address them. I am honoured to be the first woman to address the lodge at its ANZAC Commemoration meeting.

'One of the least publicised of all army Services is the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps which, since its inception as an Army Nursing Service has given more than 100 years of dedicated service in the care of Australian Servicemen during time of war and peace. Since the formation of the Australian Nursing Service (ANS) Reserve in 1902, Australian Army Nurses have served and are still serving in many areas of conflict, under banners such as the Australian Nursing Service New South Wales (ANSNSW), the NSW Australian Nursing Service Reserve (NSWANSR), the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS), the Royal Australian Army Nursing Service (RAANS) and from 1951 as a Corps of



An artist's impression of the Boer War Memorial, Canberra

Nurses, the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps (RAANC).

'The purpose of my address is to highlight the involvement of Australian nurses in the Boer War. Historically we are talking about a period prior to Federation.

'Key dates leading to the departure of Australian nurses from Australia to serve in South Africa are:

- 1898 Formation of the ANSNSW in Sydney on 13 August 1898 as a 'reserve' service comprising 24 nursing sisters and a Lady Superintendent;
- 1899 Formation of the NSWANSR in Sydney on 26 May 1899 with 26 nurses;
- 1900 Fourteen of the original ANSNSW members who were now members of the NSWANSR sailed for South Africa on 17 January 1900 on board the SS *Moravian*; and
- 1902 Following Federation, the Commonwealth promulgated a General Order giving effect to the Australian Army Nursing Service Reserve (AANSR).

'It was from the first batch of "volunteers" of the Australian Nursing Service in New South Wales that 14 women sailed from Australia for South Africa. It has to be remembered this was the first group of military female nurses sent to a war by any of the Australian colonies. Until this time it was thought to be "not a proper place" for women in wartime. The Lady Superintendent who sailed with the first contingent of Australian military nurses to serve overseas was Matron EJ (Nellie) Gould.

'The NSW Government was the only Government of all colonial governments to pay the fares and salaries of nurses for South Africa.

'South Australian citizens and nurses raised funds to pay for the return passages, uniforms, salaries etc. of up to six nurses. The nurses sailed from Melbourne on 21 February 1900.

'Up to 10 nurses from Victoria accompanied the Third Contingent and sailed from Melbourne on 10 March 1900. Of these, Sister Frances Hines was the only nurse to die during the conflict.

'Western Australians supported 11 nurses by a public fundraising scheme to pay for steerage, surgical scissors and other





Above: Sisters of NSW Contingent  
Below: NSW Contingent



equipment. The group sailed from Albany on 21 March 1900.

‘Can you imagine the conditions that nurses were called upon to endure?’

‘Their dress was of dark grey serge (made in Australia) which brushed the dirt floor. A huge three quarter length cape of the same material draped over the uniform and a clumsy bonnet for outdoor wear with long ribbons tied coyly in a bow beneath the chin with another ribbon down the back anchoring the bonnet to a wide leather belt. A red cape was worn over the grey cape. The trimming was brown as worn by the Royal Australian Medical Corps. The working uniform was of grey zephyr, washing capes (scarlet) and the regulation muslin hemstitched square caps. Serviceable raincoats were added for the Boer War. Buttons were as worn by the military forces in NSW. Two travelling trunks and strapped rugs and bedding with other travelling gear were provided.

‘Ms Nellie Gould was in charge of the “infamous” hospital at Bloemfontein with Ms Julia Bligh Johnston as Superintendent (Matron).

‘It was described as having an “all per-

vading faecal odour” filling the makeshift hospital.

‘Dead horses and human sewage had infected the water and the army.

‘No 9 British General Hospital (BGH) treated 7,800 wounded, sick and fevered cases between 20 April and 27 July 1900. Between 16 March and 27 July, they had 1,134 recorded deaths in Bloemfontein, 964 being from enteric fever.

‘The following is an extract from Matron Gould’s notes from 1919 (Ref: AWM 41-975) and provides an insight into the conditions faced by the Australian nurses. ‘The extract refers to the nurses leaving Australia with the Second Contingent:

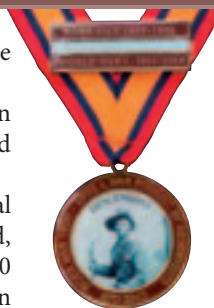
*... not one of the Nursing Sisters had less than seven years’ experience.*

*Within twenty-four hours of arrival, four Sisters left to help at No 1 British General Hospital (BGH); a few days later, the rest disembarked at East London where four more Sisters were left in charge with Sister Bessie Pocock; the remainder commenced duty at a Stationary Hospital at Sterkstroom near Stormberg. Here we met and nursed our first Australian soldier who passed on. He was only with us for five days ... Thirty-one graves mark our short stay of three months ...*

*Three months later, we were transferred to No 6 BGH in Johannesburg – this was a tent hospital with 1,200 beds and we worked in the General division with 500 beds – we stayed 18 months ... and never once felt we were not wanted, for there were only 35 sisters for the 1,200 beds.*

*When 6 BGH was closed, we went to Ermelo in the Eastern Transvaal to No 35 Stationary Hospital – a bare hillside at the end of sixty miles of blockhouses. We were nursing the sick from 2,000 troops – mostly typhoid and yellow jaundice. Here we saw the start of seven columns which took part in the last drive of the war and here we saw the Boers come in to surrender arms.*

*2 August 1902 found us landing in Australia from the SS Montrose – the Boer War ended.*



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The Queen’s  
Medal and  
The King’s  
Medal

‘The contribution made by the Australian nurses was recognised with the following decorations:

Three were awarded the Royal Red Cross – Sister Martha Bidmead (SA), Sister Elizabeth Nixon (NSW), Sister Marianne Rawson (Vic.), as well as Sister Emma Maud McCarthy in British service;

Three were Mentioned-in-Dispatches – Sister Isabel Ivey (Vic.), Sister Mary Annie (Bessie) Pocock (NSW), Sister Rose Shappere (Vic.) as well as Sister G Roberts in British service; and

Six received the Devoted Service Cross (SA) – Sister Bidmead, Sister Glenie, Sister Cocks, Sister O’Shanahan, Sister Watts and Sister Stephenson (SA).

‘The Australian Army Nursing Service has a proud history. It is the oldest nursing service, a service set apart and different from any other. You and I know it, but in particular, the soldier knows it. I hope you believe as I do, the worth of nursing sisters in the field was proven then as it continues in today’s conflicts.’

Major O’Keefe completed her nursing training as a general registered nurse at Repatriation General Hospital (Concord Hospital) in 1969.

After graduating, she joined the 2 RAANC Training Unit and was one of the first to join the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corp Association, when the Association was formed in 1980.

She has been the NSW/ACT Branch Senior Vice President since 2011.

She has served as an officer in the CMF then later Army Reserve, in a number of postings including Ward Sister (Lieut), Training Officer (Capt) and Senior Nursing Officer (Matron, Maj), 1 General Hospital.

Major O’Keefe was posted to an administrative position at Moore Park Barracks in a role selecting ‘Direct Entry Officers’ for the university regiments. Not long after she went on the ‘Reserve of Officers’, and is now retired.

In private life Major O’Keefe worked with Standards Australia, the last eight years as Project Manager in the Health area, where she facilitated committees in the development of health care standards.



# Disaster Relief

## Car Raffle

Masonicare has launched a Disaster Relief Car Raffle throughout Sydney's CBD and surrounding suburbs to raise funds for the Masonicare Ready Relief Program.

This will enable Masonicare and Freemasonry to be better prepared when responding to disasters impacting our communities and spread the word about how Freemasonry works to better our community.

All profits raised from the raffle will

go directly to the Disaster Relief Fund to provide much needed support to victims of disasters such as flood, fire and drought. Tickets are being sold for \$2.00 and the prize will be a Ford Fiesta LX Automatic. The draw will be held on 30 September 2013 and the winner published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 5 October 2013.

And we need your help to make this project a huge success. You can help us by

selling raffles in your community or you can volunteer in one of the locations that we have organised to sell the Raffle tickets.

In light of the floods and fires occurring over the past few months you can appreciate the important function the Masonicare Ready Relief program plays in supporting our local communities in need. Please get involved and support our Disaster Relief efforts.

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	12 July – Friday	13 September – Friday	22 August – Thursday	
	30 July – Tuesday	14 September – Saturday		
	31 July – Wednesday			

## \$5,750 for Hunter Connect

The newly opened Stockton office for Hunter Connect received a much needed helping hand on 11 April when they were presented with a cheque for \$5,750 from Masonicare.

Hunter Connect deals with a range of issues, supporting and connecting families impacted by Autism, Asperger, ADHD and related Development Disorders and the role of agencies such as these in our local communities is important.

A large part of the service offered is the Secret Agent Society (SAS) Program,

a fun, interactive detective style aid that costs \$300 per pack. The program is facing some funding challenges; the masons contribution fills some of the shortfall.

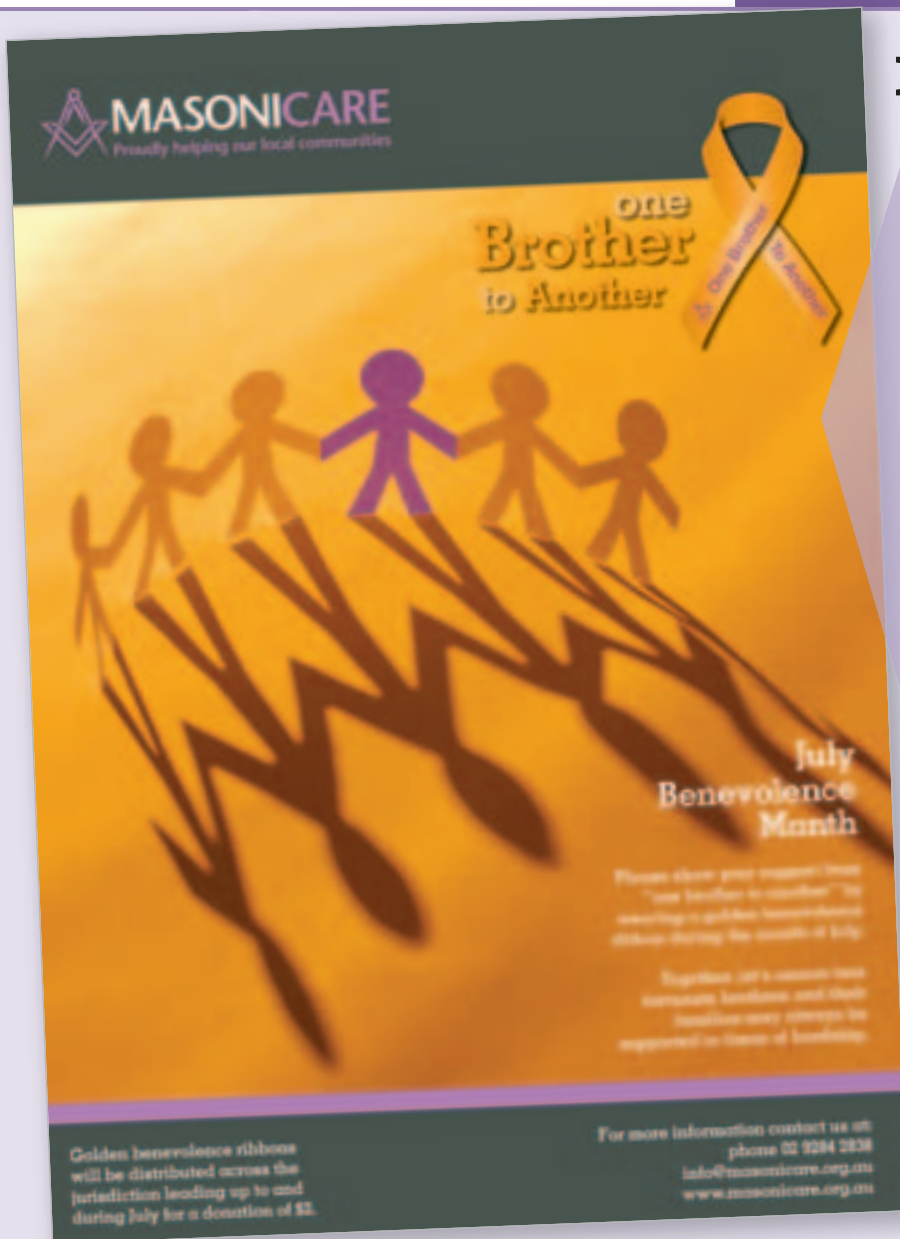
There are only 14 trained facilitators in NSW for the SAS program, with local Hunter Connect Development Clinician Rachel Corrigan being one of them.

Rachel acknowledged that the program



VW Bro Don Andrews, D44 Association, RW Bro David Robertson MRR, Rachel Corrigan of Hunter Connect, VW Bro Greg Scott-Pacey DGIW 44.

would not have been possible without the assistance of Port Waratah Coal Services, the Freemasons and Stockton Public School.



## Benevolence Month

# One Brother to Another

Show your support for your fellow brethren by purchasing a Golden Benevolence ribbon for \$2 during Benevolence month in July. Benevolence month is an annual Masonic initiative to help create support and awareness of benevolence amongst Freemasons and their families.

All money raised goes directly back to brethren and their families to overcome difficult times and financial hardship. Leading up to the month of July we will be selling Benevolence ribbons within lodges across the jurisdiction.



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▼ Lookout (L to R) David Jenkins, Simon Davis, Alex Slater  
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# Ride for your life



In the current times of expressing a desire to be healthy in mind and body, it is fitting to see that a young group of masons, family and friends participated in the **Sydney to Wollongong, 2012 MS Gong Ride**. Supported by the STEP program and Lodge Capitol 612, in Canberra, this team diligently met their fundraising requirements, as a token to participate.



◀ The team at the start (L to R): Simon Davis, Adrian Davis, David Jenkins and Alex Slater  
Photo by Supersport Images  
◀ Brother Cameron Bennett  
Photo by Supersport Images

On 4 November 2012, five riders and two volunteers supported the team of David Jenkins, Cameron Bennett and Alex Slater. Brothers David Jenkins and Alex Slater are from the supporting lodge – Lodge Capitol 612. Two friends of Alex, Simon and Adrian Davis (brothers), joined the team to assist and promote the Craft. Our volunteers on the day, VW Bro David

Slater and his sister Ruth, were able to assist at the finishing line.

Cameron and the rest of the team had a beautiful ride along the coast road, over hill and dale. The overall course is well suited for all ages and fitness levels, some people start from Cooper Street Reserve, Engadine, while most commence the ride in Sydney Park, St Peters, Sydney. The ride is completed in Stuart Park, Wollongong, where the team was met with a large party of music, food, drink and cheer! En route, some stops were had to refresh, drink and recover if necessary.

A big amount of over \$5,900 was raised, which could not have been achieved without the generous sponsors and supporters. Bro Slater would like to particularly thank Lodge Capitol 612 for hosting this

initiative and everyone who came on board, the

riders, donors and Grand Lodge for everything that was provided for the team as well as the STEP program for its immense support in organising advertising and media. The whole event was made possible by people working together and it is an activity when one can reflect and say they are proud to be a mason and proud to have a working relationship with people who act for the same cause of good and happiness amongst society.

A Freemasons team will be competing in the 2013 MS Gong Ride in November this year. They will be looking for brethren, families and friends to participate, volunteer or sponsor a rider in the event and make an impact on the community involved around MS. Their aim is to provide assistance where possible and to show we care immensely as Freemasons and good people.

As well as the assistance provided to the MS Society, a Freemasons team in this event is advocacy for Men's Health and a good reason to keep fit, use exercise as transport and promote a healthy lifestyle.

The ride this year will be on Sunday, 3 November 2013. For more information, please contact Bro Alex Slater at alex@slaters.id.au or by mobile on 0406 376 341 who will answer your questions and provide information regarding this year's ride.

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## Tip Card #15 Mentoring

**AIM:** To give us an insight into what a mentor is and the benefits of mentoring.

### Target

During our masonic journey it is possible that any one of us could be called upon to (a) be mentored or (b) to mentor another brother or brothers. Mentoring is for use now and is good preparation for the future.

### Reasoning

A 'mentor' is variously described as an advisor, a preparer, a teacher and a wise man. A person with such qualities is a welcome addition in any masonic lodge where our constant aim is to strive for self-improvement and to study and learn. Each one of us will undoubtedly require some assistance and guidance from perhaps one or several such members on many occasions as we progress in our acquisition of knowledge-growing in wisdom.

Any lodge which fails to provide a mentor, or advisor and teacher to any newly initiated brother would be negligent in their duty to him by failing to explain the responsibility he has just assumed and an explanation of what is expected of him as a mason. A wise and experienced member must be appointed to prepare your new member for his future in your lodge.

This same criteria should be applied to any brother but especially as he moves through progressive office in the lodge – even as he prepares for the position of Worshipful Master. Not every candidate for Master is thrilled by the prospect of accepting the position; particularly if he knows from his past observations that

once he is placed in the Chair of King Solomon he is, literally, on his own with little or no help and guidance plus he has to face an East full of critics as well! Representing King Solomon is a big ask for anybody but to do so without the help of a good mentor to initially prepare him for the position and then to advise him during his term would be pure folly on the part of the lodge.

### Methodology

Generally there are many experienced senior members in any lodge who can mentor any of the brethren, new or old; it can help keep them happy too by having a meaningful job to do. Mentoring should not stop when a brother is raised; an experienced and wise mentor could teach and guide his student or several students for many years. Avoid appointing a less wise teacher, even if he is a friend, as he can do more harm than good to both the brother and the lodge. If there is not a firm bond between any pair don't be afraid to change the mentor as failure to do so could impair progress or cause the newer brother to leave.

### Conclusion

A lodge, any lodge, which has a mentor program will stand a better chance of retaining members and of being a happy lodge because to mentor is to guarantee having a lodge full of wise men, good and happy masons.

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- Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off
- You can live without sex but not without your glasses
- And finally – you can't remember where you read this list.



# Freemasons tribute to the fallen

Approximately 50 brethren and ladies gathered in Martin Place at 7am on ANZAC Day to **pay tribute to those who gave their lives that we may live in peace.**

The masonic contingent under the command of RW Bro Major Douglas James, RFD (Ret'd) PJGW marched along Martin Place to the Cenotaph where wreaths were placed by the Grand Master MW Bro Commander Derek Robson AM, RAN Ret'd and the President of the Freemasons' Association, Dr Yvonne McIntyre, Royal Australian Army Nursing Corp Association.

The Wreath Laying Ceremony has been organised by the Freemasons' Association since 2008 and each year the numbers have increased. The 2013 contingent is the largest to participate in the short but impressive Ceremony and included the Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Secretary and many other distinguished masons.

As with previous years, RW Bro Graham Berry, PSGW, President of the NSW Masonic Club, provided morning tea and made the facilities of the Club available to those attending the Ceremony. Most of the contingent returned to the club to take advantage of RW Bro Berry's generous offer.

The Association's Committee of Management is most appreciative of the support received by the Grand Master, RW Bro Major Douglas James and senior masons and in particular, the NSW Masonic Club.



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# Our new Coat of Arms

Soon after its formation, the Grand Lodge of NSW adopted 'assumed Arms' (i.e. commenced using a Shield and a Crest without applying for a formal Grant of Arms).

These assumed Arms were known to thousands of masons in the jurisdiction and the fact that the Grand Lodge had assumed Arms was not an issue. However, the fourth Quarter (i.e. bottom right) of that Shield displayed the Royal Arms doubtless to acknowledge the Grand Master of the day usually held a Vice-Regal appointment, but a Warrant from the Monarch to use the Royal Arms was never granted. As the Royal Arms are personal to the Sovereign and also represent the British Government it was considered inappropriate for them to remain on this Grand Lodge's Arms. Accordingly, the Grand Master of the day initiated a project to design new Arms for this United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT.

The Arms of the Grand Lodge were formally granted by the College of Arms in London. The official blazon (or description) of the Arms is (note that 'Or' is a heraldic word meaning gold):

- **Shield:** Checky Sable and Argent on a Cross Gules four Mulletts of eight points Or over all on a Chevron Argent a pair of Compasses Sable.
- **Crest:** Upon a Helm with a Wreath Argent and Sable A Masonic Square apex downwards Or in front of a Waratah Flower Gules slipped and leaved Vert in front of a pair of Compasses Or.
- **Supporters:** On the dexter a Kangaroo pendent from the dexter forefoot a Junior Warden's Jewel and sinister a Lion guardant pendent from the sinister forefoot a Senior Warden's Jewel all Or.
- **Motto:** JUNCTA JUVANT

- **Badge:** A Sun in splendour Or charged with a Masonic Square apex downwards in front of a pair of Compasses Sable.

The Arms were designed by William Hunt CSTJ TD FCA, Windsor Herald, who is a Freemason. The symbolism behind each of the elements in the Arms is as follows:

## Shield:

The background black and white checkerboard pattern represents the Mosaic Pavement found in all lodge rooms. The red cross with an eight-pointed gold star on each arm is taken from the Arms of the State of NSW and is reminiscent of a similar device found in the Grand Lodge's previous Arms. The inverted V, known as a chevron, on which is superimposed an extended pair of compasses represents the Square and Compasses and is taken from the Arms of the United Grand Lodge of England. It is also found on the Arms of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Whilst the Shield itself is unique it clearly states its owner (this Grand Lodge) is connected with Freemasonry and with the Premier Grand Lodge.

## Crest:

Mounted on top of an appropriate helmet and 'on a wreath of the colours' (i.e. the principal colours found in the shield, in this case black and white) is a conventional representation of the Square and Compasses in gold (as gold is the distinguishing colour for Grand Lodge jewels) superimposed on a red Waratah with green leaves which is the NSW State flower and which appears on all Grand Lodge collars.



## Supporters:

The animals either side of the Shield are known as Supporters. On the viewer's left (a position known as 'dexter') is the Kangaroo holding the jewel of the Junior Grand Warden whilst on the right (known as 'sinister') is a Lion holding the jewel of the Senior Grand Warden. The Supporters are taken from the Arms of the State of NSW but their respective positions have been exchanged and they each hold a jewel; this is to differ them from the State's Arms. The granting of Supporters is a reflection of the status of Grand Lodge as these are only granted if the College of Arms is satisfied it is appropriate (e.g. few individuals and only major corporations are entitled to a grant of Supporters).

## Motto:

The motto JUNCTA JUVANT is translated from the Latin to mean 'Unity is Strength'. It is taken from Grand Lodge's previous Arms.

## Badge:

The blazing Sun (known formally as 'the Sun in its splendour') is in allusion to the rising Sun found in the Arms of the State of NSW as well as in the Grand Lodge's previous Arms. The symbolism of the Square and Compasses is self-explanatory; however the colour black has been chosen simply for the purpose of differentiation. The Badge is available for the Grand Lodge to use where the use of the entire Arms or even the Crest would be inconvenient or inappropriate.



# The Faithful tracing boards

Some lodges in different countries have similar names and numbers. **Lodges Number 85 in England and Australia** have recently come under discussion and correspondence.

The original name of Lodge 85 in NSW was the Oxford Lodge who sent food parcels to England during World War II. After the end of the war, it is not known if an English member visited Australia or if an Australian visited Norwich but Lodge Faithful 85 in England was presented with an engraved WM's gavel, made from Australian hardwoods, by members of the Oxford Lodge in NSW. The gavel is used at the installation of Lodge Faithful each January as a tribute to the close association the two lodges enjoyed and a special toast is given at the Festive Board.

W Bro Derek Carr of the Faithful Lodge wrote to the *Freemason* to seek information, pointing out the last contact was in 2001 when it was reported Oxford Lodge was closing. However, research has revealed that the Oxford Lodge consolidated with Lodge Middle Harbour which now carries the number 85.

'I am sure the members of Faithful would be only too delighted if we could again honour that traditional toast each year at the Installation Festive Board,' he said.

A major point of interest between the lodges has been the Faithful Tracing Boards. The following information was prepared by W Bro Tim Baldry PPDGDC, PPGStwd, Past Master of The Faithful Lodge No 85 English Cons.

A little background to the lodge – The Castle & Lion Lodge, now The Faithful Lodge No 85 (English Constitution) was created under deputation – (not a Warrant) – on 10 November 1753, a treasured document and due to its age is very difficult to read.

A Deputation was considered a more powerful document than the later Lodge

Warrants. It enabled lodges to work many other degrees some of which are now lost to us.

The Faithful deputation was given under the authority of Baron Carysfort – John Proby of Wicklow in the Kingdom of Ireland, Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons. This Deputation was petitioned by several brethren residing in or near the City of Norwich; the lodge was to be convened by RW Bro Robert Jollins who was the first master of the lodge.

**These tracing boards are acknowledged to be the oldest dated boards in Great Britain**

So the lodge was created in Norwich – the first reference is The Castle and Lion Lodge No 232. In 1753, Norwich was a city of some 30,000 people, the main trade was in textiles and times were prosperous. There were many public houses, transport was horse drawn, lighting was by candle and oil, heating by log fires and some coal.

As part of the lodge's 250th Anniversary Celebrations held in Norwich on Monday 10 November 2003, the exact date on the Deputation, as secretary of the organising celebration committee I was charged with undertaking further research into the tracing boards and discovered more information on their origins, and possibly identified the artist.

The original three boards are dated 1800 and signed by the artist. Their cost is unknown as some of the earliest minute books and registers were lost.

In 1755 the number for The Castle & Lion Lodge was recorded as No 169 but after seven changes an official notification in the minute book for 1863 from United Grand Lodge dated 6 July confirmed the number as 85. The name The Faithful Lodge is first recorded in the minute books in 1796.

As to the 1800 Boards, the first thing that strikes you is the size of each! The first is 75.5 x 36.5 inches, The second is 58 x 37 inches and the third 75.5 x 36.5 inches.

They are in thickly painted oil on canvas and were originally floor cloths, being rolled and un-rolled as required. It is believed that floor cloths came into use towards the latter half of the 18th Century. The signature on each board reads 'Barlow' Pixit (Painted) and dated 1800.

The lodge has throughout its history met at several inns in the City, indeed returning on occasions to previous venues, initiating as necessary the landlords of the hostelries. In 1800 at the time the cloths were painted the lodge was meeting at 'The Buff Coat' in Cattle Market Street, Norwich.

The Norfolk Museums Service says: 'The Faithful Lodge is most fortunate in possessing these boards which apart from their importance to masonic history, are a rare survival of provincial decorative oil painting. Evidence points to their having been produced in Norwich, where the lodge was located. Records at the Castle museum contain references to an artist named R Barlow working in Norwich at this period.'

An article said that Barlow, a former school master, held exhibitions of draw-





LEFT: The 1st Degree Board  
CENTRE: The 2nd Degree Board  
RIGHT: The 3rd Degree Board

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ings by himself and his pupils in his girls school and taught various other art and craft techniques.

There are no identified examples of Barlow's work in the collections of Norfolk Museums Service and these boards appear to be the first identified works to have come to the attention of the art department. The apparent lack of signed work by Barlow is not surprising. These works were produced at a time when oil painting in a provincial city was still largely a decorative craft and works were hardly ever signed.

Whether this is the Barlow who painted the tracing boards, he is certainly the prime candidate. The artist was a very competent technician and the paintings are of good quality.

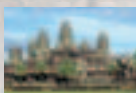
These tracing boards are acknowledged to be the oldest dated boards in Great Britain – this fact is noted in the lodge minutes by way of a letter from W Bro E H Dring of the (Premier Masonic Lodge of research) Quator Coronati Lodge in 1915.

The general practice of conferring the first and second degrees on one evening in the 1700s confirms a belief that these

two degrees originally combined many of their features into one ceremony, which is also supported by the fact that the individual boards portray emblems of two or more degrees.

The photographs are the latest available for the 1st and 2nd degree boards and show the paintings in a cleaned and stabilised state. To get them to this state has cost in excess of £5,000 per board. The 3rd degree board is shown out of its protective casing and before any conservation work but that work has now been finished.

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# There really was a Lady Mason!

When writing my recent book, *Education by Degrees* (Authorhouse, 2012), I included a chapter called ‘Women in the Lodge’.

I referred to ‘stories, how true we cannot be certain, of a woman (said to be a Miss St Leger) gatecrashing a lodge meeting (possibly in County Cork) and then being hurriedly initiated in order to keep the Craft’s secrets intact...’

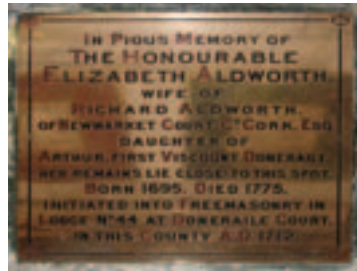
Thanks to the further research spurred on by a reader, I can now confirm that there really was a Lady Mason, the Hon. Elizabeth St Leger-Aldworth, and her masonic membership was no mere legend.

The reader who contacted me on the subject wrote that she was ‘a regular and enthusiastic lodge attender even though she was given no preferment after her (some-what enforced) initiation.’

I found a full study of the lady Mason in an article in *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, volume 8 (1895), written by Bro Edward Conder. Later scholars endorse much of what he wrote, though they corrected a few details.

Elizabeth St Leger (born in the 1690s, died 1775), came from an aristocratic family. Apart from her Freemasonry, little is known of her life. She was the daughter of Arthur St Leger, first Viscount Doneraile and first Baron Kilmayden of Doneraile Court, County Cork. In 1713 or later she married Richard Aldworth.

In unusual circumstances she was initiated into a private lodge holding a warrant from London in or soon after 1710 when she was still a young girl.




It seems that the lodge – apparently composed mostly of family and close friends – was holding a meeting in her father’s house and she had fallen asleep whilst reading in the adjoining room, the library. Renovations were taking place in the house, and some of the brickwork was loose. The light coming through the cracks,

and the sounds of talking in the next

room woke her. Looking through the holes in the bricks she saw what was going on in the lodge.

Realising that she had no business witnessing the ritual, she tried to escape, but was caught by the tyler, who was the family butler. Elizabeth screamed and fainted; the butler summoned his master. In the pandemonium the lodge members decided to bring her in and initiate her to prevent disclosure of the proceedings.

Thereafter she attended lodge meetings regularly, though some scholars dispute this. There is a portrait of her in middle age wearing a masonic apron and jewel and holding her arm in a masonic pose. When Bro Conder wrote the story, the apron was still in existence. There are views, not accepted by all scholars, that at some stage she held office as WM of her lodge and took part in masonic processions. But there is also a strong argument that the rank she attained was that of a Fellow-Craft; at that stage the three-degree system had not yet fully developed. 



MRS. ALDWORTH  
THE FEMALE FREEMASON

# Maitland's Jewish History



Maitland Synagogue

Maitland Historical Society recently joined brethren of Lodge Wallis Plains No 4 for a most interesting address by Dr Janis Wilton, Associate Professor of Humanities at New England University on the **Jewish community in Maitland during the 19th century** and the unique relationship of that community to Freemasonry.

Professor Wilton complemented her address with Powerpoint material sourced during the research for her book on Maitland's Jewish cemetery in 2010.

The 'stand-alone' Jewish cemetery is the largest of only three such cemeteries in NSW, unique with its blend of English and Hebrew inscribed headstones and complemented by the local synagogue by Bro James Wiltshire Pender, the same architect who designed Maitland's magnificent lodge room.

Maitland Lodge of Unity No 547 (EC), the first lodge outside Sydney, was formed on 28 December, 1840 and first met in the 'Rose Inn', the licensee being the foundation Master, W Bro Philip Cohen. There were four Cohens present at that inaugural meeting, three recognisable as principals in the famous firm of David Cohen and Co. W Bro Cohen later became an important figure in the establishment of the Great Synagogue in Sydney.

The foundation stone of the lodge room was laid in 1886 by the wife of Bro Levy, another principal of David Cohen, the facade being described as 'Moorish' and representing the three monotheistic religions.

MW Bro John Goulston, initiated into Freemasonry in Maitland Lodge of Unity

in 1894 became Grand Master in 1924 and has cousins interred in the local Jewish cemetery. Despite the demise of Maitland's Jewish community, the synagogue and cemetery remain as permanent reminders, now protected, of what was once a vibrant community with a special relationship to Freemasonry.

As an aside, the Jewish cemetery was re-dedicated in 1979 by RW Bro Rabbi Raymond Apple. The last interment was in 2010 in somewhat controversial circumstances after a lapse of 76 years.



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# In the good old days...

**Memories are great to have** and W Bro Robert Swift, now of Noosaville in Queensland was prompted to put pen to paper to send this story to the magazine.

**T**he story on the Roaming Lodge in the March issue of the *Freemason* was of great interest to me. It was such a good idea to bring brethren together and meet as a lodge in the West Darling where distances are so great.


In the article, it mentioned lodges that existed around the turn of the 20th century. My grandfather William Swift, was WM of Lodge Kararo at White Cliffs in 1916. I have his WM jewel which is engraved on the back 'Lodge Kararo No 239, UGL NSW, presented to W Bro W Swift by the Brethren 1916.'

My grandmother, Sarah Swift, used to talk about my grandfather Bill going to lodge. He would ride a horse 26 miles into White Cliffs to lodge and after the meeting would stay at the hotel. Next day he would

ride his horse back to the property.

The Swift family left White Cliffs around 1917 and moved to Trangie in NSW where they purchased a property 'Tarawera'. My grandmother drove a horse and buggy from White Cliffs to Trangie. She had the two youngest children with her; William and the three older children rode horses, hunting along spare horses and a few cattle. The trip is now 600km by road and I don't know how long it took to travel in 1917.

William Swift was one of the founding members of Lodge Trangie in 1952. My father, Clarence Swift, was WM of Lodge Trangie in 1952 and I was WM of the lodge in 1969-70, 78-79, 79-80 and 88-89.

Lodge Trangie 377 amalgamated with Lodge Narromine No 236 in 1990 and I am still a member. 

## MEMORIES OF OLD



Do you have any interesting or humorous memories of the former Sydney Masonic Centre in Castlereagh Street.

Already mentioned have been the 'lights out' call each night from the caretaker to make sure you didn't over-stay your welcome, the ancient lift with the metal frame door and the basement where the stewards were required to go to pick up deliveries for the Lodge South.

Any contributions will be welcomed.



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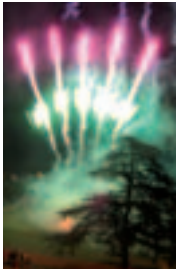
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# Masons help Goulburn celebrate



Goulburn city celebrated in fine style, on Saturday 16 March, **the 150th anniversary of being the first declared inland city in NSW** in 1863 with the Freemasons of Goulburn playing a pivotal role in the celebrations.

A parade was held through the city streets with 17 masons led by RW Bro Ken Bellingham PDGM (Lodge William Ross) marching under a banner declaring Freemasonry started in Goulburn with the formation of the Goulburn Lodge of Australia in November 1849, which was 14 years before receiving city status. The banner carried the sign '1840' to represent all the groups and organisations that formed or started in the decade of the 1840s.


Masons from District 102 Association took part in a number of events to help celebrate the history of the city and to promote Freemasonry in the district. About 12,000 people lined the streets to watch the parade.

Following the parade the Masonic Centre was opened to the public with visitors conducted through the building and given information regarding Freemasonry and where RW Bro Bellingham gave an impromptu talk on the regalia in the lodge room.

At 5.30pm an organ recital conducted by Dr Paul Paviour and Mr Greg O'Keefe took place on the pipe organ in the lodge room in the presence of nearly 80 members of the public and masons. Among two of the compositions performed by Dr Paviour were 'The Goulburn Waltz' which was performed for only the second time in 160 years (a rare and little known composition), and a three part composition he wrote for the 150th Celebrations which he simply titled 'Goulburn – Past, Present and Future'.



At 7.30pm the public again entered the lodge room when an address on the History of Freemasonry in Goulburn was delivered by RW Bro Bellingham. A cocktail party South followed where many favourable comments regarding Freemasonry were received from persons not having previously been associated with the Order.

The evening ended with a fireworks display held on the grounds of St Saviour's Cathedral across the road from the Masonic Centre and the Goulburn masons are very proud to have been part of this celebratory event. 



## Laurelbank Market

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# Know your words

'He fell flat on his face' ... 'The skin of my teeth' ... 'A still small voice' ... 'From time to time' ... 'know for a certainty' ... 'how the mighty are fallen' ... 'A man after his own heart' ... 'As a lamb to the slaughter' ... 'A thorn in the flesh' ... 'Get thee behind me'.

So many phrases, so frequently used but do you have any idea where these phrases originated. Were they made up by kings, politicians, businessmen, ordinary people?

Actually, these phrases and many more came from the King James Bible which is credited with creating more than 250 phrases, many of which are still commonly used.

Even in today's society, they are still popular with 'from time to time' the undoubted leader as far as usage is concerned.

It's hard to imagine that a book written more than 400 years ago still has an impact. It was not a new book but a revision of Bibles which had existed for possibly 2,000 years throughout Europe and the Middle East. These books were written in Latin, Greek, Hebrew and local languages but were restricted in the early years because of the limited number of scholars who could read and write. Hieroglyphics, papyrus, manuscripts, scrolls – whatever could be used to record was used by the ancient scribes to preserve this information for posterity.

This changed dramatically when in the 1400s Gutenberg invented the movable type press and introduced books to the world. Prior to his invention, only the rich, powerful and learned people were able to have books but the Gutenberg Press opened the doors to a new world for a myriad of people.

The King James Bible started on its path in March 1603 and has had more copies printed than any other book. When Queen Elizabeth I died, the Scottish King James VI ascended to the throne and into a confused nation. England had been split

between Protestant and anti-Protestant religions, each with its own version of the scriptures.

In 1560, a group based in Geneva produced the Geneva Bible which was approved by the Puritans but was also anti-Royal. In contrast, the Elizabethan church came up with the Bishops' Bible which was pro-Royal.

King James established ground rules in 1604 for a new Bible which had a true and accurate text and was accessible to the common people. A translator wrote of the 1611 Bible: 'that it may be understood even of the very vulgar.'

Six sub-committees were formed, each member translated an entire section and brought it to a meeting where the different versions were compared and discussed until one version was accepted. This version went to a Committee of Review where the suggested versions were read aloud so that the listening members could hear the work and determine if it sounded right. A final version was then presented to two Bishops, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the King.

But when it was first printed, the new Bible was not a huge success because the people preferred to stay with the book they knew. In addition, some of the printers were heavily fined because of errors in their publication, including the famous Wicked Bible of 1631 which left out one highly important word from Exodus which resulted in the sentence reading 'Thou shalt commit adultery.'

It took time to be accepted but by the mid-1600s, the King James Bible had gradually replaced all of its predecessors to become the Bible of the English speaking world.

## The Rite Stuff

A very special evening was held at Narromine Sovereign Chapter on Saturday 9 March 2013 to honour Illustrious Bro Keith Croxon 30°.

Ill Bro Croxon was presented with a Medal and Certificate on achieving 50 years membership in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite by the Regional Commander of Region 6, Most Illustrious Bro Gregg W Summerhayes, 33°.

Ill Bro Croxon has an enviable record in Freemasonry with a total of 62 years in the Craft and 50 years membership of the Rite.

He was initiated into Lodge Timor as a Lewis in February 1951 when his father was a Past Master of that lodge.

Keith was installed as Worshipful Master of Lodge Timor in 1961 and joined Lodge Narromine in 1989, where he was installed as Worshipful Master in 1991 and again in 2004, being elevated to PAGM in 2012.

Keith was perfected in Chapter Castlereagh at Coonabarabran in 1962, joined Chapter Narromine in 1989 and was elevated to the 30° at the Dubbo Sovereign Council in 2009. In 2003 the then Grand Master, MW Bro Tony Lauer presented Keith with the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award.

Throughout his long involvement in Freemasonry Keith has been ably supported by his wife Betty, whose family was also active in Freemasonry.



Ill Bro Keith Croxon 30° (left) and MI Bro Gregg Summerhayes 33°



# Regional Roundup



## Lodges sponsor sailors

Lodge Swansea Belmont and Lodge Chelmsford partnered to donate \$1,000 each towards the funding of volunteers to travel with four boats, disabled sailors and carers from Belmont 16s Sailability to the National Titles in Canberra over the Easter break.

Newcastle masons led by Lodge Swansea Belmont have now been associated with the Belmont 16s Sailability for over 10 years and have donated towards equipment and paying the costs of the volunteers' accommodation when representing at away regattas. Sailability Australia's key objective

is to encourage and facilitate sailing and boating throughout Australia for people with disabilities in social, recreational and competitive activities.

Without the ongoing aid of the volunteers who assist in rigging, launching and help in the boats, the sailors would be left high and dry. The Belmont volunteers wear the square and compasses on their shirts with pride although none are masons!

Both lodges held a picnic at the State titles in Gosford. This picnic marked the 56th year of the friendship chain held by the Masters of the two lodges.

LEICHHARDT LODGE No 133

## Vic reaches sixty

The Leichhardt Lodge had three reasons to celebrate at its February meeting.

It had its first official visit from a Grand Master, two members achieved 60 years in Freemasonry and two candidates were passed to the Second Degree.

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM attended the meeting and took great pleasure in presenting a 60 Year Certificate and Jewel to RW Bro Vic Totman. He detailed Vic's career in Masonry as well as his service in the Merchant Navy during World War II and also made a special presentation to a very proud and emotional recipient.

At the meeting, the WM, W Bro Darren Allett, after welcoming the Grand Master, proceeded with a faultless display in Passing Bros Edmond Saouma and Harry Kariatlis. Another highlight of the evening was the delivery of the Second Tracing Board charge by RW Bro Totman.

The following week, a small deputation of members travelled to a retirement home on the North Coast to present the second 60 years Certificate, this time to W Bro Herb Harvey, in the presence of his wife and daughter.

## Northbridge opens its doors

Members of the public will be invited once a month to attend 'Open' days at the Northbridge Masonic Centre.

In honour of the suburb's centenary celebrations the 88 year old lodge rooms, nearly unchanged since construction in 1925, will be opened on the first Saturday in each month where visitors can inspect the building and contents.

Hard work by the DGIW, VW Bro Jason Plumridge and Bro David Nicholls resulted in a full page report in the *North Shore Times* which also listed the visiting hours.

'The Centre has many uses apart from Freemasonry and we want to show that to members of the public as well as satisfying their curiosity,' said Bro Nicholls.



The Grand Master, RW Bro Vic Totman (centre) and the WM, W Bro Darren Allett



LODGE INDEPENDENT LEWIS No 592

# A helping hand for a Fiji school

**W**Bro Geoff Ferguson of Lodge Independent Lewis 592 has extended a helping hand and a load of books to a needy school in Fiji.

On a visit to Malolo Island Resort, he and his wife Judi visited the primary school on the island which is half an hour by boat from the resort.

The school has about 140 students and is situated on the edge of a beach, consists of eight classrooms, the teachers' common room and a small room with seven books which is used as a library.

'We became involved by supplying them with books and on our next visit met the headmaster, Mr Filipo Tuitani and the staff,' he said.

'The reception was overwhelming and they were so proud to show us the library



and all its new books. The school put on a singing and dancing concert and afternoon tea and we later met the Paramount Chief who also thanked us and provided a kava ceremony.

'We have now sent more than 300 books to the school, many from the Lithgow Primary school library with the assistance of Bro Howard Fisher, who helps with the collecting and sorting.'

The Fergusons are now helping the 'Treasure House' orphanage in Nadi, Fiji.

# Bexley celebrates

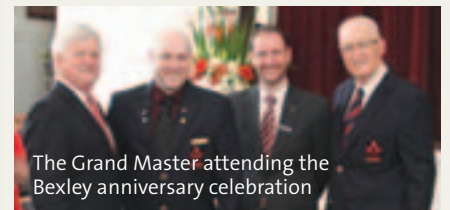
**A** record crowd of well-wishers, including the Grand Master, attended the 90th Anniversary celebration of the Bexley Masonic Centre on Sunday 24 February.

MW Bro Derek Robson AM spoke on the future of Freemasonry in the St George area and acknowledged the wonderful work being done by the St George Freemasons for local charities and benevolence fund issues. He unveiled the two magnificent plaques to mark this special occasion and witnessed the official launch of the new Strategic Plan to reach out to the St George community.

Speeches were also given by the WM of St George Lodge, W Bro Murray Henstock, Councillor Andrew Tsounis, Detective Superintendent Dave Donough of St George Police and Grand Chaplain RW Bro Rev Dr Jack Hely CBC.

The Belle Singers excelled with a fine program of music and their wonderful charity work for the St George Hospital has raised over \$82,000 since they were formed some years ago.

A new High Schools Educational Scholarship at St George Girls High School and Sydney Technical High Schools was launched and the Grand Master presented the first awards to each high school representative.



The Grand Master attending the Bexley anniversary celebration

time traineeship in financial services and is also a distance education student of Charles Sturt University at Wagga Wagga where she is studying the Double Degree of Bachelor of Business/Finance Banking and Bachelor of Agricultural Science.

'I didn't even expect to be nominated and was shocked but honoured when my name was read out,' she said.

RW Bro Alvarez said he was proud to have nominated such an outstanding young personality and delighted with the honour she has received.



Malolo primary school children

LODGE BROUGHTON No 131

# Jessica is the tops

**B**ro Frank Harris of Lodge Broughton 131 and his wife Janice were very proud spectators when granddaughter Jessica Monteith was elected the Shoalhaven Young Citizen of the Year on Australia Day.

Jessica, from Berry, has been a long-term advocate for rural and agricultural issues and received congratulations from Senator

Paul Green and the Mayor for Shoalhaven and Federal MP Mrs Joanna Gash.

Her nomination was submitted by RW Bro Juan Alvarez, PDGM, who was also present at the Nowra Showground to see the award given to Jessica.

Jessica, who worked in the hospitality service for six years, is completing a full





# CanDo Cancer Trust Rottnest Swim

The Can Do Cancer Trust held its third annual Rottnest Channel Swim at the Coffs Harbour Memorial Swimming Pool aided by members of the Coffs Coast Freemasons Association. CCFA members were kept busy cooking and serving at the barbecue, while other CCFA members had the important job of counting laps to ascertain which team swam the most laps.



Ms Julie Jardine and RW Bro Norm Standing

The winners' trophies were awarded to the HTW Valuations team who swam 42 laps in the Main Lane and the HQB Blue team who swam 37 laps in the Community Lane.

Over \$6,400 was raised on the day plus a \$5,000 Masonicare Interaction Grant which brought the grand total to over \$11,400. All proceeds generated will go to assist patients attending the North Coast Cancer Institute.

On 10 April, RW Bro Norm Standing presented the Masonicare Interaction Grant cheque to Chairperson Ms Julie Jardine.

Since its inception in 2010 the Trust has given over \$111,700 to assist 278 patients attending the Coffs Harbour Cancer Institute.

LODGE CONDOBLIN No 185

# Special service for Condoblin

There was a special touch to the Anzac ceremony at Lodge Condoblin during its April meeting.

The guest speaker was Bro Michael Wighton, who gave details of his service time in Vietnam and the choir sang 'Looking at the Moon', the music and words from a book of music composed by prisoners of war while in Changi. It was followed with 'Songs from the Trenches'.

The WM, W Bro Scott Chamney and special guest Keith Hartin, president of the RSL Sub-branch, laid the wreath at the Memorial Fire Place.



L to R: Bro Michael Wighton, Keith Hartin and W Bro Scott Chamney



CCFA Members assist at the barbecue

LODGE WARRAGAMBA No 541

# A proud day for the Fosters

It was a big moment for RW Bro Kevin Foster OAM PDGM and his daughter Yvonne when he was presented with his 60 Years Certificate and Jewel.

By special invitation, Yvonne took her seat beside her father on the dais for the presentation at Lodge Warragamba's April meeting.

RW Bro Oliver Bergstrom PAGM and former president of *A Start in Life* made the presentation after detailing portion of Kevin Foster's long and productive career in Masonry.

Apart from 53 years involvement with the Scouts, RW Bro Foster had a role in organising the Grand Lodge Museum and was an active member of a number of lodges.



RW Bro Bergstrom presents RW Bro Kevin Foster with his 60 year jewel.

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LODGE KENSINGTON No 270

# A big night for Sam

**V**W Bro Sam Morgan was all smiles when he was presented with his 60 year Certificate by W Bro Craig Pendergast, the WM of Lodge Kensington 270 at their April meeting.

Sam was initiated into Lodge Yarraville, Victoria in 1953 and in 1963 he joined Lodge Kensington, becoming WM in 1977. He was the lodge secretary for 11 years and in 2007 received conferred Grand Lodge Honours.

He worked for C.S.R. Distilleries in the 1960s where he obtained his engineering diploma and was promoted to manager until his retirement.



L to R: RW Bro Peter Zeilic RGC 12, VW Bro Sam Morgan, W Bro Craig Pendergast and VW Bro Sam Young DGIW 122

Sam has worked tirelessly to further the cause of Masonry and its benefits to the community in general, helping many masons and non-masons in the local area.

One example concerns a Russian couple and their three daughters who were gifted pianists and about to be deported because they had entered Australia without official approval. Sam decided to step in and was able to convince the Magistrate of their predicament and with the help of Masonry the family was saved from deportation and granted Australian residency.

In this and other cases, Sam Morgan did more than just ask the lodge to help; he was personally involved, sometimes on a daily basis to make sure everything was going as it should for people in need.



THE PEEL LODGE No 209

# 60 years

**R**W Bro Wally Cookson, was presented with his Sixtieth Anniversary Jewel by his son, W Bro David Cookson, at The Peel Lodge No 209, in Tamworth in February.

Both father and son were initiated in Lodge Castlereagh No 72 when it was located in Coonamble. They have retained uninterrupted membership of that lodge, which now meets in the SMC.

W Bro Bob Lloyd presented RW Bro Cookson with his certificate. Bob is also an initiate and a continuing member of Lodge Castlereagh.

Letters of congratulations were read in open lodge. They were received from our Grand Master, the Worshipful Master of Lodge Castlereagh and the Regional Grand Counsellor of Region 7, RW Bro Lex Bramble. Wally and Lex are long-standing friends having served simultaneous terms as District Grand Inspectors of Workings.



W Bro David Cookson with his father RW Bro Wally Cookson PJGW

THE MAROUBRA LODGE No 725

# Vince is the Master

**I**t was a big occasion for two different masons at Kensington in March when W Bro Andrey Kandic installed Bro Vince Labbozzetta as his successor at The Maroubra Lodge No 725.

Andrey gave a faultless performance as the Installing Master and Vince was equally impressive in his new role,

watched by three fraternal and a large number of visitors including his father-in-law, an uncle and a cousin, as well as the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Jamie Melville.

Even more pleasing was the appointment of seven Master Masons into office, ensuring a good future for the lodge.



LODGE LAKE MACQUARIE No 243

# A short step, a little longer than most



W Bro Clark presenting RW Hall with his 80 year Certificate.

**R**W Bro William (Bill) Charles Hall, PJGW, an affiliated Past Master with Lodge Lake Macquarie No 243, reached a couple of milestones during the course of 2012. He not only celebrated his 100th birthday but he also celebrated the anniversary of 80 years since his initiation into Freemasonry.

RW Bro Hall was initiated on 5 July 1932 at Lodge Abermain No 642 in the northern coalfields town of Weston. He was installed into the chair of that lodge on the first occasion in 1939 and then went on to occupy the chair on two further occasions.

He affiliated with Lodge Fidelity No 163 (now consolidated as Lodge City of

Newcastle No 1035) and, when Lodge Abermain relinquished its charter, he affiliated with Lodge Caledonia No 447 at Cessnock. From Lodge Fidelity he was appointed DGIW of No 41 District for the term 1980-82 and when Lodge Caledonia consolidated with Lodge Cessnock No 252 he affiliated with Lodge Lake Macquarie No 243 where he remains a very active and enthusiastic member.

RW Bro Hall also occupied the respective chairs of Kurri Kurri RA Chapter No 75 and Kurri Kurri Manning Mark No 38, as well as being a member of Ark Mariners.

To mark his 80th year in Freemasonry, on 10 March 2012, he was accorded the honour of representing the Grand Master at the re-installation of W Bro John Clark, being accompanied by a fine delegation of 31 present and past Grand Lodge Officers.

On 30 November 2012, RW Bro Hall celebrated his 100th birthday with a group of about seventy family and friends at the Silver Dolphin Restaurant, Cardiff.

W Bro John Clark, Worshipful Master of Lodge Lake Macquarie, presented RW Bro Hall with his 80 year certificate at the Installation meeting held in March, where he was formally congratulated on his Masonic achievements.

LODGE CALEDONIA OF CANBERRA No 938

# Chile night in Canberra

**L**odge Caledonia of Canberra held its Installation ceremony in its new premises at the Canberra Masonic Centre, Mawson, on Saturday 23 March, when W Bro Carlos Alarcon was installed as Worshipful Master.

It was a memorable occasion, being the first Installation held in the brand new Centre.

A highlight of the evening occurred when Carlos's son Bro Daniel immaculately delivered the Address to his father. This was kept a secret from the new Master and this was obvious in the very emotional way in which it was received.

The ceremony was carried out in an exemplary fashion, and the brethren and guests were entertained in the South by a group of Carlos's musical Chilean friends.



W Bro Carlos Alarcon and Bro Daniel Alarcon with the DGIW, VW Bro Graham Moller.

LODGE WARRINGAH No 83

# A double

**A** resurgence in Freemasonry in District 16 and at Lodge Warringah No 83, has again seen a double First Degree of a calibre true to our Craft.

The Worshipful Master, W Bro Campbell Reade, had the pleasure of initiating both Bro Matthew Vandenberg and Bro Bradley Taylor, much to the delight of the Senior Warden, Bro Bill McKendrick, who is Bro Taylor's father-in-law.

It was a great meeting with all the lodges in the District represented, and an attendance of 42 at and within the doors of the lodge.



L to R: W Bro Campbell Donald Reade, Bro Bill McKendrick, Bro Bradley Taylor, Bro Matthew Vandenberg and the IPM, W Bro Ian Shanley



# Freemason welcomes new members to the Craft

<b>Name</b>	<b>Lodge</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Lodge</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Lodge</b>
ABINYA, Nathan	The Sydney Lodge 1020	GHASHGHAJE, Daniel	The Maroubra Lodge 725	MIRZAI, Martin	Lodge Burnside 729
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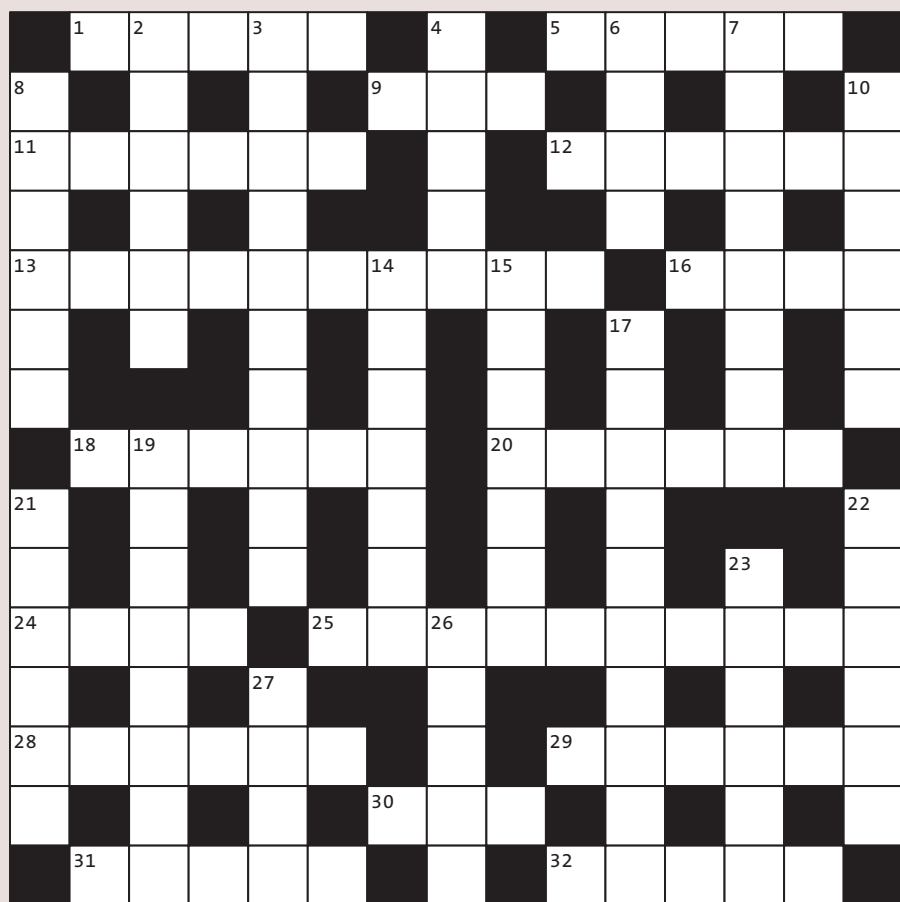
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- The first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin in World War II killed the only elephant in Berlin Zoo.
- In the 1400s, a law was established that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. This created the saying 'the rule of thumb'.
- The number of possible ways of playing the first four moves for each side in a game of chess is 318,979,564,000.
- The first novel ever written on a typewriter was Tom Sawyer.
- Women invented bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers.

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