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- o To foster a better understanding of Freemasonry within the general community.
- o To provide a forum for discussion on masonic issues.
- o To publicise the charitable works of Freemasonry.
- o To provide articles of interest and education and to disseminate masonic news and views.
- o To recognise masons who make significant contributions to the Craft and the wider community.



Farewell and congratulations

William Shakespeare, the famous English author and poet, left to posterity **plays, books and items of interest** which are as **applicable today as they were in the past.**



Let us consider this item from his considerable repertoire which says: 'as in a theatre, the eyes of men, after a well graced actor leaves the stage, are earnestly bent on him who enters next.'

And so we apply these words to our departing Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM and his successor MW Bro James Melville.

Each Grand Master in his term of office, leaves an indelible mark on the Craft with his decisions, appearance and actions as its leader.

Some like to travel, some prefer to work behind the scenes to achieve their objectives while others mix frequently with the brethren to listen to their problems and suggestions.

In today's changing world, leadership is vital to any organisation and demands many qualities. A new term of office brings hopes of new initiatives, otherwise a sense of indifference will begin to affect the organisation and hinder progress.

The simple fact is that every organisation and its members, from the largest to the smallest, needs leadership. The qualities of understanding, clear and plain speaking, being able to inspire members, teamwork and an abundance of management skills

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rank highly on a leader's calendar.

There are two old sports sayings 'there is no "I" in a successful team' and that 'a champion team will always beat a team of champions.' And so it is with Freemasonry where it is essential that everyone works together to maintain the principles of the Craft.

MW Bro Robson, in his travels around the state and to other areas, established a connection with members and local


communities where the word Freemasonry was frequently used and spoken of with appreciation and interest. Local dignitaries greeted him and his friendly and unassuming attitude in meeting non-masons and other members of the community, left a positive reaction.

It also made members of lodges in country areas feel more strongly that they are part of NSW Freemasonry and eased the divide that sometimes exists when distances prove an obstacle to attend special functions in Sydney.

'Every foot soldier carries a Field-Marshal's baton in his knapsack' is an old war saying to indicate that every person is a potential leader. Our new Grand Master, MW Bro James Melville now has the immediate responsibility for the management of the Craft in NSW and the ACT by giving direction, outlook and enthusiasm. He has risen through the ranks and has accepted an obligation as a long-term commitment.

He will have to cope with and understand the criticism that comes with responsibility, as his predecessors have done. One of the easiest actions is to criticise a leader. Many critics have destructive ideas and say what should be done but rarely present constructive suggestions.

Grand Masters and other leaders realise most members are grateful for good leadership and by using teamwork and co-operation can bring about a happier and more enjoyable organisation.

And so it is time to say farewell and congratulations to MW Bro Robson for a job well done and to say welcome to MW Bro Melville as he steps into the spotlight with the words of the poet Byron, who wrote 'Salute and pay homage to these your chosen chief'. 

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The Grand Master Speaks

MW Bro James Melville paid tribute to many people and organisations when he made his inaugural speech as **Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT** at the Sydney Town Hall last month.

He began by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, and paid his respects to their elders past and present.

His address then extended to Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, leaders of associated orders, ladies, gentleman and brethren.

'I stand here before you, with a feeling of humility and pride as this month also marks my 23rd anniversary as a Freemason,' he said.

'I am honoured that the members of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory have placed their trust in me to lead this jurisdiction.

'Seeing our Sydney Town Hall so full, makes me feel proud that Freemasonry today has made and is making a tremendous contribution to society. We should all be proud of our history, but also be excited about our future. I would also like to thank all of our friends and families who are here today to witness this wonderful ceremony.

'The strength of any organisation is of course, its membership. Our biggest assets are our members, and I thank those brethren from New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory who have made the trip to be here today. Many masons have travelled great distances to be here, from Bondi to Broken Hill and I thank all of them.

'Our Grand Lodge will continue to work with lodges across the state, recognising that some feel the tyranny of distance. We are a great fraternity, and geographical divisions between good brothers, must be bridged.

'The connection with our local community is something we have done well and community leaders after joining our ranks have become wonderful examples for all of us. After travelling extensively within our state and being received by these leaders, I feel a great sense of pride on how our image is presented as a whole.

'Just 126 years ago we became known as the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales; several years later we included the words Australian Capital Territory. We

originally became a United Grand Lodge, when the English, Irish and Scottish lodges came together to unite the different ceremonies and degrees that were being worked. Our society, the family unit and the way we lived our lives was so different to how we see things today.

'Today I see the word "United" as embracing all cultures and religions that now make Australia their home. Our specialised and cultural masonic lodges are maintaining growth, and I will continue to support those lodges with the Freemasons Annual Multicultural Exchange nights (FAME)

'One initiative in my statement to the jurisdiction when I nominated for Grand Master, was to have a Masonic Open House. A date in 2016 will be set to welcome the community inside our doors. I will encourage all city and country Masonic Centres to take part in this special day. Every centre will receive the literature and marketing tools which are readily available in our Grand Lodge. I want to encourage and involve other community groups to participate in this event.

This is not only to assist Freemasonry, but to promote that community spirit many of us have. The Chairman of the Board of Management, RW Bro Bruce Munro PSGW and the board members have already accepted the challenge in this and other programs.

‘As masons, on the night of our initiation we are taught about the grand principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Relief or charity is something that masons have done well and through our involvement with our Grand Charity, Masonicare, we are now able to provide substantial donations to those nominated charities through our interaction grants.

‘During my term, it is my desire to support the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. This is a serious men’s health issue. Freemasons have supported this program through local initiatives and their involvement with the Movember campaign. Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in males and will affect one in seven men by the time they turn 75. This risk increases to one in five by the age of 85. I wish to thank the chairman of Masonicare RW Bro Andrew Fraser MP PDGM and the board of Masonicare for their support. The Prostate Cancer Foundation has also provided their support to Freemasonry. I wish to thank Mr Tony Sonneveld OAM and Miss Cassandra Birch from the Prostate Cancer Foundation for their attendance here today.

‘To assist in our fundraising efforts, it is my wish to have a masonic cruise. This cruise will be of five to seven days duration. Many masons I speak to have recently returned from or are going on a cruise, so I see this as an opportunity for further interaction. The cruise will include a masonic meeting and a number of group activities.

‘There are many people whom I wish to thank for making today possible.

‘To our Immediate Past Grand Master MW Bro Derek Robson AM, I am honoured to have been a part of your leadership team. There have been many initiatives and programs that have been undertaken and I intend to continue with this momentum. I have my own

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directions that I wish to pursue during my term which I hope will inspire masons to higher endeavours and shake any thoughts of masonic apathy. On behalf of all the membership, I would like to thank you for your guidance and leadership of our Grand Lodge over the last four years. To both you and Gael, I thank you for your friendship.

‘To our retiring Grand Secretary, RW Bro Kevin McGlenn PDGM, I thank you for your commitment in having served this Grand Lodge for the past 11 years. The role of Grand Secretary involves many aspects and your skill and expertise has provided great leadership and stability for the staff within Grand Lodge. I

wish you and Irene all the best for the future.

‘To our outgoing Chairman of the Board of Management, RW Bro Greg Mason PDGM, I thank you for your dedication and commitment to Freemasonry. The Board has worked well under your leadership. I wish both you and Barbara all the best in your move to Victoria.

‘I would like to acknowledge our retiring Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, RW Bro Peter Ratcliff PAGM and RW Bro Peter Howlett PJGW. Thank you for your service and commitment to the Ceremonial Team.

‘To our Grand Director of Ceremonies, RW Bro John Begbie, I thank you for continuing in your role. I particularly would like to offer you and the ceremonial team my congratulations for the way they performed today. The rehearsals started many weeks ago and involved many people – thanks for putting it all together and making this possible.

‘And to all the staff and volunteers in the Sydney Masonic Centre who have worked so hard to put the events over the weekend together, I thank you for your dedication and the many hours that you have spent for all of us.

‘I would like to thank the ladies for the time they dedicate to Freemasonry. I would especially like to thank my partner Yuana who has always been a great support to me and I thank her for being there with me in this journey.

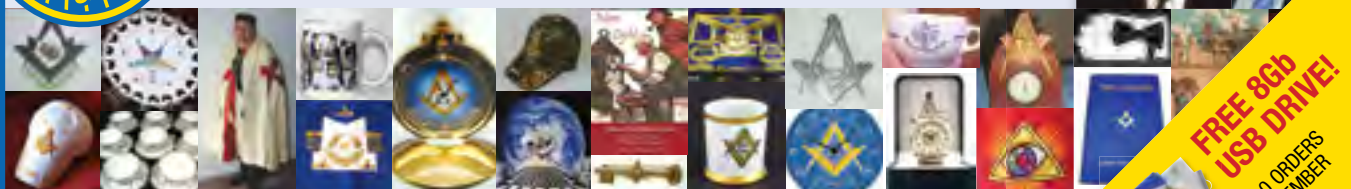
‘And finally, I am excited to be your 38th Grand Master. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Craft.

‘To conclude, I wish to announce my theme during my term will be: *FREEMASONRY – DIVERSITY, UNITY, MATESHIP!*



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Moving Forward



I am writing this in July – a cold month, **and one in which large areas have received heavy falls of snow – the heaviest for many years.** I am also writing this as a resident of the Blue Mountains and **accordingly recognise that you did not receive snow at Bondi.**

It has been an exciting few weeks. As Police Chaplain, I attended the Police Officer of the Year evening at Springwood, organised by the local Rotary Clubs headed up by Retired Detective Sergeant John Wakefield – a Past District Governor of Rotary. I was deeply impressed by two of the finalists: one a group of four young officers who arrived at Wentworth Falls Lake where a young man who had gone for a swim had disappeared. Without hesitation they entered the lake, fully clothed, and searched in vain for the missing man. His body was later found by searchers equipped for water rescue. The initial search may have been a failure, but it was testimony to the courage and determination of four young police officers.

A young constable, was recognised for determination which resulted in a life being saved.

He was called to a mountain lookout where a woman had scaled the safety fence and was sitting, ready to jump to her death. For two hours he talked to her in an

effort to get her back to safety until trained personnel arrived. He was asked to continue, and the woman decided to return to safety. He goes through life, knowing that he persuaded a woman to move from death to life and hope.


The previous issue of the *Freemason* had an article relating to 100 years of policing in NSW. In July I attended a celebration of this event at Katoomba where police and representatives acknowledged the important contribution made by women police officers.

By the time you read this column Freemasonry in NSW will have taken another vital step as a Grand Master concludes his term and a new Grand Master is installed with all the dignity and ceremony which this office demands. As masons, we look back with thankfulness on four years of leadership by MW Bro Derek Robson AM. Such a path is never smooth but we are grateful for the strong and intelligent leadership which our Craft has needed.

Our new Grand Master, MW Bro

James Robert Melville comes into the office with the goodwill and support of the brethren. Many of us have known him over the years as a Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team member and have learned to respect and appreciate him as a friendly, helpful and diligent colleague. We wish him a fruitful term in this challenging position of leadership. We pledge our loyalty and support to him as leader of our Grand Lodge.

Change is an important and necessary part of life. The challenge for us is to cope with change in home and work life situations as well as in our lodge and Grand Lodge. I thank our retiring Grand Secretary, RW Bro Kevin McGlenn PDGM, for the phone call which led to my present office, and for his spirit of helpfulness over the years. At the same time I wish his successor, RW Bro Stephen Green PDGM, a fruitful and satisfying term of service.

Change is an essential part of growth. May God help us all as we move forward and change. 

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Meet the new Grand Secretary

Newly appointed **RW Bro Stephen Michael Green** can boast of a varied career which has included **specialist work as a dental technician** and **success in different sports**.

Stephen received his initial learning at Bexley North Public School and then Newington College. He gained a Craftsman's Certificate of Dental Technology in February 1977 before taking his first job as a dental technician leading to his current position as proprietor since 2008 of an orthodontics company.

He was also a senior technical officer at the University of Sydney where he spent 16 years as an orthodontic and dental technician specialist. His work included setting up and managing an Orthodontic Department computer service and programs and to develop and facilitate undergraduate and post-graduate orthodontic technical/laboratory programs. Stephen was also a foundation member of the Australian Orthodontic Institute and provided management and technical support to Orthodontic Study/Didactic courses.

The Australian Orthodontic Institute also conducted programs in Vietnam, and Stephen has travelled there on two occasions in a voluntary capacity to assist in the technical/laboratory aspects of the course and active training in orthodontics of dental technicians.

These positions required a skill in communications, supporting budgets, trading results and business plans as well as preparation of budgets and estimates.

'A number of significant milestones, life goals and achievements have been reached apart from my dental career which will help me in my role as Grand Secretary. These include 20 years each in Rugby Union and Little Athletics,' he said.

'Further contact with people was established in my term as president of the P&F and member of Inaburra School Board and as inaugural Co-ordinator of Illawong Neighbourhood Watch Program.'

In his rugby career he was coach, referee and referee's coach which culminated in refereeing five Grand Finals and being a touch judge in six Grand Finals. In 1993, he was awarded the Oatley rugby club 'Dick Adams Trophy' for service to the club and rugby and in 1997 and 1999 was named Referee of the Year by the Southern Districts Rugby Association.

He was further honoured in 2010 when nominated as a Life Member by the Sydney South Referees Association and has been the referee's coach at Newington College since 2013.

His time in Little Athletics has been just as fruitful with a 20 year career as a starter at club, zone, regional and State level. He was chosen as chief starter in 1992 for the Southern Metropolitan Zone and Region 3 in 1995.

A member of the State Starting Panel for more than 18 years since 1996, he was selected to officiate at the National championships in 2005 and 2011 and appointed the Little Athletics Association NSW chief starter in 2013.

His role as president at Inaburra School was to manage the affairs and activities of the Parents and Friends Association, to report any concerns or issues of parents to the School Board and report the Board decisions and findings to the parent body.

It was a similar situation at the Illawong Neighbourhood Watch program where he was nominated and elected as the first co-ordinator. In the early 1990s, the police and NRMA were actively involved in setting up these programs within local communities.

The role required him to liaise between the group and police and/or the local Sutherland Shire Council as well as tasking committee members to visit residents



throughout the suburb and promote the scheme and active participation.

Residing at Wattle Grove, Stephen is married to Robyn with sons Andrew and Timothy. He has had an extensive masonic career starting with his Initiation in July 1979 in The Scots Lodge, held the position of WM on three occasions, the first in 1986 and was DGIW in 1998. He is currently a member of Lodge Double Bay, the Royal Arch and the Secret Monitor.

He was the Lodge Representative to the Double Bay Masonic Centre from 1996–2009 and is still secretary of that centre's Board of Management.

In 2000, he was appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the Grand Lodge Board of Management which followed with election to the Board the following year. Included was a term on the Ritual Advisory Committee as well as chairman of the Private Lodges Committee from 2002–08.

A number of programs at that time included the Accreditation Policy, MAS review and revision, Lodge of Instruction policy, Preceptor's course, the Festive Board, Lodge membership officer and a guide for the WM and Management committee.

'This has allowed for improved public relations, both within and without the Craft. I believe we have taken our profile/community awareness from obscurity to a more open and recognised position,' he said.



June Quarterly Communication

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM, welcomed all members and visitors to the June Quarterly Communication held at the NSW Masonic Centre.

‘I have had wonderful opportunities over the past four years and I thank you for making the time and effort to enhance my experience. There is no doubt the office of Grand Master is a privileged one and I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment.

‘One of the lasting memories I will always hold is the magnificent way in which you honour the obligation you made to charity and each other. I have regularly met with civic leaders and it is wonderful to hear their glowing appreciation and heartfelt thanks for all that masons do in their communities.

‘To assist you in your charitable endeavours, your Grand Charity, Masonicare, continues to upgrade its website and I encourage you to visit the site at www.masonicare.org.au. It will acquaint you with everything that is happening around the jurisdiction on the charity front, including lodge charitable events and fundraising activities which have already been approved for InterAction Grants.’

The Grand Master also said he wanted to commend the Museum of Freemasonry for the magnificent display presented on the Museum floor during and after this year’s ANZAC reflections to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing.

Items were carefully presented in several large display cases, including servicemen’s uniforms, examples of Working Tools, gavels and batons fashioned by men in the field, and rituals typed into old correspondence logs.

‘All of these items gave further insight into life in the Service of our Nation, and particularly into the service of the 361 masons, whose names are forever etched

I thank all of you for your ongoing support and loyalty...

on the Honour Board here. I thank RW Bro Chris Craven, the Museum Director and all those who contributed to the dignified reflection of this wonderful period in our history.

‘In similar vein, I thank all who participated in the masonic tribute we made at the Cenotaph in Martin Place on this year’s very special ANZAC Day.’

It was announced that RW Bro Antoine Georges would be the new Deputy Grand Master and RW Bro William Driver the Assistant Grand Master, VW Bro Phillip Miller Senior Grand Warden, VW Bro Grant Singleton Junior Grand Warden and RW Bro John Begbie Grand Director of Ceremonies.

In its report, the Executive Council stated the Operational Review team is currently reviewing the roles of members of the Board of Management. It also reported the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has produced a draft booklet on ‘Being a Representative of a Sister Grand Lodge’ which will be distributed and that the Council has noted the new/revised regulations by the UGL of England on such issues as photographs and use of electronic devices at lodge meetings.


The Board of Management has agreed that work be done to compile an agenda and proposed course of action for Regional Reform which will identify strengths and weaknesses and action to assist Freemasonry in different areas.

In another report, the Grand Lodge Trustees have decided to introduce a

Scholarship for secondary school students progressing from Year 10 to Year 12 at a high school in NSW. Scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to one boy and one girl for each of the two years. They will replace the James Sidney Miller Scholarship which ceased several years ago.

‘Brethren, at every Quarterly Communication, and in other places, I welcome the opportunity to proudly acknowledge the presence of our Past Grand Masters. I have regularly acknowledged their wisdom and commitment and it has been an honour for me to have followed in the footsteps of our Past Grand Masters. I will continue to gain much from that as I make my own way into the future,’ said the Grand Master.

‘I acknowledge the fantastic support I have so freely received from my wonderful partner Gael who has been a great asset to this Grand Lodge and enormous strength to me. And finally, I thank all of you for your ongoing support and loyalty and for allowing me the privilege and honour to serve this Grand Lodge. For me, this has been a very significant night.

‘May you all continue to enjoy Freemasonry and the wonderful example it projects into our broader community.’ 

Agenda for the Grand Lodge September Communication

The Quarterly Communication for Grand Lodge will be held at the Sydney Masonic Centre on Wednesday 9 September 2015.

Included on the agenda will be:

- > Grand Master’s Welcome
- > Reports from the Executive Council, Board of Management, Grand Charity, College of Masonic Studies
- > Conferral of Grand Rank
- > General Business

A century of service

This issue brings to a close the untiring work and service of **two very committed Freemasons who have given between them more than 100 years of service** to the UGL of NSW & ACT.

RW Bro Kevin McGlinn PDGM has stepped down as the Grand Secretary and RW Bro Dr Frank Radcliff PDGM, CMH has finally decided it is time to take a break and resigned from all masonic duties and responsibilities.

MW Bro Derek Robson AM made the announcements at the June Quarterly Communication where he had high praise to describe the efforts of both brethren.

'The Office of Grand Secretary is very challenging and it can also be very rewarding,' he said.

'RW Bro McGlinn has achieved much in the role and he deserves considerable credit for the fine state that the Craft is in today. With a role which requires considerable entrepreneurial skill and innovative thought, coupled with a requirement to ensure that we all maintain adherence to our Obligations and our Constitution, the purposeful, dignified and compassionate manner he has displayed during his tenure, is to his absolute credit.

'He will always be respected and appreciated by all of us who demand and appreciate good governance and sympathetic consideration. Thank you for the wonderful service you have gifted the Craft, and may I also wish you and wife Irene all the very best for the future.'

RW Bro McGlinn, who has been a mason for more than 40 years, started his appointment as Grand Secretary in May 2004. During his early career in Masonry, he had served as WM three times, was DGIW in 1984, a lodge secretary for 15 years and in 1980 served as Office Manager in the Grand Lodge Secretariat. In his professional life, he had extensive experience in publishing and the media, communications, sport and the hospitality industry.

MW Bro Robson also acknowledged the remarkable service given to the Craft and Associated Orders over the past 50 years by RW Bro Radcliff.

RW Bro Radcliff, a Past Most Excellent First Grand Principal and Grand Master of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of NSW and ACT, was initiated into Freemasonry in December 1948 and has been a member of Lodge Harold Herman Unity since 1988.

He was the principal mover behind the unification of various Associated Masonic Orders in NSW and the ACT and was the foundation Grand Master of the newly unified body from October 1980 to 1984.

'RW Bro Radcliff was appointed as Principal Adviser to the Grand Master on matters concerning the Associated Orders, and also as Chairman of the Committee considering our relationship with the Associated Orders, by then Grand Master, MW Bro Tony Lauer, in April 2004,' MW Bro Robson said.

'He has held these appointments throughout the tenure of four Grand

Masters, uninterrupted for the past 11 years. During this time, he acted as principal negotiator for 19 different Agreements, of various individually suited formats, with all of the Associated Orders working within our jurisdiction.

'Since RW Bro Radcliff's first appointment as an Official Grand Lodge Lecturer in 1962, he has never been without an office or appointment to some Committee under the authority of this Grand Lodge. Many of his tasks have been delicate, difficult, and onerous, and they have always had some considerable degree of responsibility.

'We have appreciated the thorough, respectful, and totally dignified manner in which he has approached all of his duties. There is little else we can offer such a respected mason, other than our heartfelt thanks, sincere appreciation and best wishes for all that might come his way in the future.'



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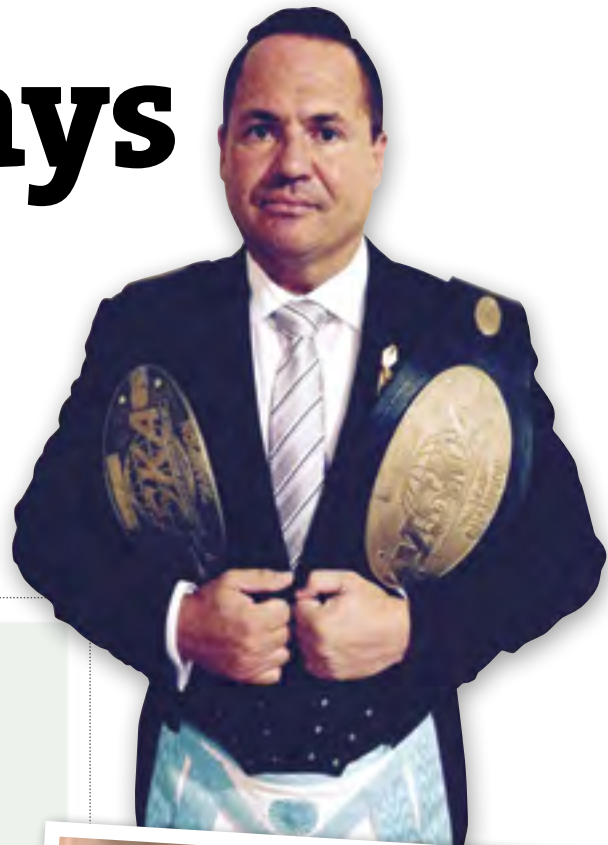
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Mason repays Muay Thai

Parramatta City Daylight Lodge's **Junior Warden and former World Kickboxing Champion Jason Edwards** has completed a **personal journey to repay people who helped him** achieve his dreams.



In April, Bro Jason, his wife Jodie and daughters Kya and Tia embarked on a journey to visit his past as a professional fighter and to do some charity work for the people of Thailand at the Rawai Muay Thai Camp, Khao Lak. This was the training camp which helped him achieve his International Sport Kickboxing Association (ISKA) World Title.

First on the agenda was to visit the Light of Siam Lodge No 9791 E.C. at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort for a well performed ceremony of initiation followed by a formal dining occasion in which an Anzac Day tribute was given.

Bro Jason then visited various camps around Phuket to gain fitness for his new position as Head Instructor at Elite Martial Arts & Fitness in the Sydney suburb of Minchinbury. At the end of the second week they travelled to the mainland, Rawai Muay Thai Camp in Khao Lak to give presents and 9,000 Bhat (\$350) to the kids who live and fight at the camp.

'The presents were donated by my wife's work and my family and the money by the owners and parents of Elite Martial Arts & Fitness. To see the smile on the faces of these kids was well worth the effort; they live a simple and hard life. They train twice a day for six days a week around going to school and fighting in stadiums for money when the opportunity arises. What a strange world we live in, I lived to fight whereas these kids fight to live,' he said.

'It was certainly a humbling experience, one where we are dedicated to continue our giving.

To see the smile on the faces of these kids was well worth the effort...

The last week was for touring and seeing the sights in what was a wonderful trip and experience? 🏠



It's never too hard to visit

Balancing distance with work commitments against the joys of **seeing other lodges present their work** and enjoy the friendships you develop in the South **makes visiting worthwhile.**

Lodges are sparse in my area and some country lodges require an overnight stay to attend. But with modern transport and travel companions, your visit and hospitality can be enjoyed and appreciated.

When I had an opportunity to visit lodges overseas, I took my apron, a copy of a reduced sized MM and PM Certificate. My first visit was to the Grand Lodge at Boston USA where I was told that Major General Henry Knox Lodge would be held that evening in the Grand Lodge building.

The lodge was formed in 1926, which was 150 years after the evacuation of Boston, and the Charter was signed on the gun deck of the Frigate *Constitution*. Membership totalled 250 in 2002, from members and veterans of the US Armed Forces, comprising Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guards, Maritime Service and Air Force.

Major General Henry Knox was a hero of the American Revolution, a Bostonian, the First Secretary of War and a mason.

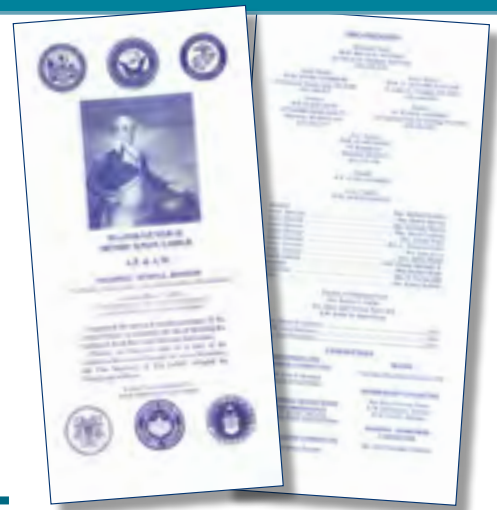
The work of the evening was to vote on the affiliations of a Coast Guard, three Navy and three Army personnel and a total of 22 were seeking affiliation at the next meeting. Most lodge members wore the respective Defence Force dress uniforms and also pledged allegiance to the flag.

This was followed by the reception of the District Deputy Grand Master of the Chelsea Third Masonic District, a survivor of Pearl Harbour, and this was his last visit. I thought he was more of a DGIW and his attire was capped with a stovepipe top hat.

Other visitors included a Past Grand Master, Assistant Grand Masters, a Grand Lodge mason from Wales in the UK and

myself from NSW Australia! It was a brilliant spectacle for me, at that time a WM from Lodge Brewarrina!

The evening continued with a Second Degree after which the lodge adjourned to a large banquet. On our return, two columns of members were formed to clap and welcome the visitors.



Before closing, the two overseas visitors received a Token Badge from the Lodge as the culmination of a memorable night I'll never forget.

I encourage brethren to open their eyes and experience being a proud mason representing your lodge, thereby meeting some wonderful and friendly masons by doing what I did – travelled and visited.



The *USS Constitution*, upon which the Bostonian Lodge's Charter was signed in 1926.



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Australians at AASR world conference

Sovereign Grand Commanders and their Grand Secretary Generals of the **Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite from over 40 countries** met in Lisbon, Portugal in May to **discuss issues, renew friendships and build the bonds between countries.**

This group meets every five years; Australia hosted the 2005 Conference in Sydney and Toronto, Canada hosted in 2010. The theme of this year's Conference was 'New Ways to a More Humane Future; Contributions of the Scottish Rite.' One of the aims was to groom leaders able to find new ways based on solid ethical and moral principles.

With many languages used it was a true test for the translation service to provide accurate translations of unfamiliar masonic terms and titles but delegates managed to make their thoughts known to each other. Three days of discussion and paper presentations took place but often informal discussions at social events and over meals were just as effective and much was learned.

Highlights of the social program were a Gala Dinner in the Grand Dining Room of the historic Queluz Royal Palace, the summer residence of the Portuguese Kings dating to the 17th century. We were received via a red carpet entrance with two suitably clad heralds to trumpet our entry and a Master of Ceremonies who looked as if he had stepped out of the pages of history.

A day trip to the Sintra area included a visit to the masonically significant 'Quinta da Regaleira' where mystic initiations took place in a cavern or well.

Delegates were late arriving for dinner next to a historic lighthouse at the Cascais

Naval facility because buses were caught up in traffic congestion caused by the 'Lisbon Colour Run' where over 70,000 people walked or ran a five kilometre course. They all started with clean white shirts but were bombarded with coloured dye with a different colour for each kilometre travelled.

'While the men attended their meeting, our ladies were well entertained. On the day of arrival in Lisbon my wife Roslyn was invited at 10am to go for an unplanned walk with a group of ladies. She reappeared at 6pm saying 'we did some shopping and had a long lunch'. Good thing they eat late in Portugal as dinner was scheduled for 9pm.'

The Australian Sovereign Grand Commander, MP Bro Ian Tilbury and Grand Secretary General Dominic De Candia completed a day trip to visit Knights Templar castles prior to the Conference and it was a day well spent discovering the history of the Knights Templars in Portugal.

After leaving Lisbon, they took advantage of a brief stay in London to attend different meetings of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, at Duke Street, St James, the home of the Rite in the United Kingdom.

'We were made most welcome and will both treasure the memory of our visits. I was welcomed in the South with *Waltzing*



Matilda and when I commented that I would have expected *Bound for Botany Bay* they admitted that it was considered, but not sung. Perhaps they did not know all the words,' said MP Bro Tilbury.

Dominic visited his counterpart in Duke Street, Dr Giles Shilson, and attended a 30th and 31st Degree; both conducted by the nine Members of the Supreme Council for England and Wales. The Refectory was well attended; the first toast of the evening was given to the visitor from 'down under' where 120 members of the Rite took wine with Dominic.

'Overall, it was a great opportunity to meet representatives from across the world, from both large and small countries and to find we all share the same issues and promote the same ideals. I met some friends who visited us in Sydney in 2005 and took back fond memories of Australia.

'However, some who have not visited us yet are very nervous of sharks, crocodiles, spiders and snakes, so I did not mention box jellyfish and bluebottles, but assured them there was little chance of meeting the other deadly creatures in Sydney,' he said. 🗡️





Oppy – from pedals to politics

Hubert Opperman was a 'man for all seasons', an ornament to every organisation of which he became a member.

Opperman was born in Rochester, Victoria in 1904 of British-German descent. His father, Adolphus Samuel Ferdinand Opperman, had worked as a butcher, miner, timber-cutter and coach driver.

In 1912 fate entered his life in the form of a bicycle when he got his first job as a Post Office messenger.

In 1921 his cycling career truly started when he came third in a race and formed a business and friendly relationship with Bruce Small, the founder of the Malvern Star brand. His loyalty to Malvern Star continued throughout his life – as did his loyalty to every cause that he espoused. His cycling success was brought about by his endurance and determination. This success was matched by his popularity amongst the cycling fraternity – both in Australia and in Europe.

He won the Australian Road Cycling championship in 1924 and followed by winning again in 1926, 1927 and 1929. In 1928 he won the prestigious Bol d'Or in Paris and three years later took out the 1,265 km road race from Paris to Brest and return. He was also voted Sportsman of the Year by a Paris paper.

The year 1928 was another big occasion for Oppy when he married Mavys Craig, and they had a son and a daughter.

At the age of 21 in December 1925 he was initiated into Stonnington Lodge No 368, Grand Lodge of Victoria.

His successful cycling career was interrupted by World War II when Oppy joined the RAAF. He served with distinction and was discharged as a Flight Lieutenant. He retired from racing in 1940 and celebrated by taking part in a 24 hour marathon in Sydney. During his racing career, he set 101 records.


In 1949 new challenges beckoned and he embarked on a successful career in politics as the Liberal member for Corio ending as Minister for Immigration in the Menzies and Holt governments.

His distinguished political career was capped by appointment as Australia's first High Commissioner to Malta in 1967. Further honours were awarded when he was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1953 and then conferred as a Knight Bachelor in 1968.

He retired from public life in 1972 but kept himself busy by writing his autobiography appropriately titled 'Pedals, Politics and People.' Sir Hubert 'pedalled on' for another three decades although Lady Mavys banned him from further cycling when he reached 90!

He had one further honour to receive when in 1991, he attended the centenary celebrations of the Paris to Brest race and received the Gold Medal of the City of Paris.

Among his road records were the 24-hour with 461.75 miles and the 1,000 miles in 3 days, 1 hour and 52 minutes. His track records ranged from five miles to 24 hours, and inter-capital events included Sydney to Melbourne in 39 hours, Freemantle to Sydney in 13 days and Adelaide-Melbourne-Sydney in two days.

Sir Hubert Ferdinand Opperman died on 18 April 1996 at Wantirna, Victoria. He was 91 and he died on his exercise bicycle. 



A portrait of Greg

A stunning portrait of Past Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston was unveiled to the instant approval of a large gathering of masons and guests at the Grand Lodge Museum in early June.

The portrait maintains the tradition of the Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT of displaying in portrait form those members who have led the Craft in the State. It will be alongside and on display with those worthy members who have preceded him.

Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM, told the assembled guests that it was great to have so many Past Grand Masters present for the unveiling.

‘This showing sees us on the threshold of a changeover in Grand Masters and presents a wonderful opportunity to look at the past and the future. I am privileged to acknowledge our Past Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Greg Levenston, and I hope he enjoys his portrait as it joins the ranks of other Past Grand Masters. I would also like to compliment the artist, Sam Wade on his work.’

A quiet and subdued MW Bro Levenston thanked everyone for attending and especially Sam Wade, a friend of long standing.

‘It is an honour but it took me a while to become involved in this daunting task of having my portrait painted,’ he said.

‘To me, it represents an era of many teams with the regular changes to GL officers and boards and committees. However, I had to finally stop complaining about having my portrait painted and decided to live with the continuity of dis-



playing previous Past Grand Masters.

‘I didn’t have any problems sitting for the portrait although I first thought my daughter Harriet, who is a portrait painter, could do it but she was too busy with her studies so an approach was made to Sam Wade who accepted the task. Sam came from Tasmania to join the Julian Ashton Art School in Sydney where he is now a teacher with Harriet as one of his pupils.’

A proud Judith Morrice, Greg’s partner, was delighted with the portrait.


‘I know he’s extremely happy, and to me the portrait encapsulates everything that Greg is, even to his hands which he uses a lot to emphasise points,’ she said.

‘It’s a true portrait, how he stands, showing his hands moving, how he is. It has balance and displays both his formal and informal self. He had to accept that he will become part of the history of Grand Lodge because he doesn’t like to be in the

limelight. But he also realises that this is keeping with the history and tradition of the office.’

It was not a difficult project for Sam Wade. He said most of the sitting was completed within a week but he had to spend about four months studying Greg and photos as part of the preparation.

‘I tried to get something of his character in the portrait and he was one of the easier persons to deal with. When it was almost completed, I invited Greg and members of his family to view it to get objective and open comments before applying the final touches and changes.’

However, the final word came from a startled Greg Levenston when asked whether the portrait would be a possible entry into the prestigious Archibald Prize and his instant and firm response was a shocked ‘No, No, certainly not’ but who knows what the future holds. 

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Walkabout beckons

Australians have **earned a reputation around the world** for being the most curious of people in seeking what **other countries and their people are like.**

We love to travel – whether on foot, on wheels, by train, plane or ship and to any part of this world. Maybe it's a hangover from the early days of deportation from England but the horizon has always beckoned and Australians love to accept a challenge.

This has promoted travel and holidays to become one of the biggest industries in Australia and the envy of many other countries. It has also brought problems with the advent of bigger liners and the prediction that within three years a third of the cruise ships visiting Sydney will be too large to fit under the Harbour Bridge.

But it is the cruise industry which has rocked the system as the latest figures reveal our love of cruising has reached a new milestone of more than one million Australians taking a cruise holiday in 2014.

The record result confirms Australia's position as the world's fastest growing source of cruise passengers, with numbers surging 20.4% last year to reach 1,003,256 cruisers.

for market penetration, with the equivalent of 4.2% of Australians taking a cruise last year, significantly ahead of the well-established North American market, which ranked second with a market penetration rate of 3.4 per cent.

Cruise Lines International Association Australasia Chairman Gavin Smith said Australians' enthusiasm for cruising was unparalleled around the world, with France the only other major world market to achieve double digit growth (13.6%) in 2014.

'These figures show that more and more Australians are realising that cruising is an easy, relaxing way to holiday which represents incredible value for money,' Mr Smith said. 'The expansion of our industry in recent years means there's now a huge range of ships and itineraries on offer across the globe and I think Australians, who are inveterate travellers, are responding by increasingly factoring a cruise into their holiday plans.'

'Five years ago, the industry thought that it might be possible to achieve one million passengers a year by 2020 – to reach that number in 2014 is an amazing result. If our growth rate continues at just 12.5% for the next six years, we will reach two million passengers by 2020,' Mr Smith said.

The market report said the most popular cruise destination for Australians was the South Pacific, attracting more than 390,000 passengers (39% of the market) while cruises from domestic ports to

Maybe it's a hangover from the early days of deportation from England but the horizon has always beckoned...

This landmark achievement of one million passengers in a calendar year comes six years before originally anticipated, and has been driven by an impressive 20% annual average growth for the past 12 years.

The new figures also show Australia has retained its position as the world leader



Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific accounted for 67% of Australian passengers in 2014 (671,030 cruisers).

Europe accounted for 93,529 passengers, river cruising surged by more than 60% to 79,530, destination Asia rose to more than 55,000, cruises of 8–14 days remained the most popular attracting 54% of passengers, NSW had 41% of the market and Australians spent an estimated 10 million days at sea in 2014.

A study of the value of cruising revealed that cruise passengers spend an average of \$371 a day in Australian ports, helping push the cruise industry's total economic contribution in Australia to an impressive \$3.2 billion last year.

Topping the list of big spenders were international passengers who ring up an average \$756 a day on accommodation, shopping, dining and transport. NSW totalled 75% of the national economic contribution by the cruise industry, Queensland 15% and Victoria 5% while NSW also accounted for 37% of cruise visit days (309) across the nation and 55% of passenger visit days (1.1 million).

Figures also show cruise lines had 36 ships cruising Australian waters between


1 October 2014 and 30 April 2015 making a total of 642 calls to Australian ports. Three ships made their maiden visits to Australia and there were an impressive 38 maiden port calls to a range of cities and regional towns including Busselton, Eden, Esperance, Albany, Port Hedland and Geelong.

The willingness of Australians to travel, and sometimes under cramped conditions, is indicative of their interest in getting around. There is none of the stress of air travel and being cramped in a seat for hours with little to see, while train journeys, although allowing delightful scenery views, also take up time.

This is where the cruise industry highlights its advantages – you unpack once when on board, new ports are there to visit, families can travel as children are kept entertained and fares can be as low as \$50 a day.

Cruising has not diminished the interest in flying to other destinations or seeking a relaxing journey on a train but its rise has certainly put the other travel organisations on notice that there is a big market available to be tapped.

Whichever system the intending traveller takes – sailing on the high seas, flying high, or rattling along in a comfortable air-conditioned carriage – the Australian

curiosity for other places and willingness to travel or just take a holiday break, looks set to stay and become a permanent part of the make-up of the average Australian. 





When charity comes full circle

W Bro Adrian Webb gives back to *A Start in Life*, the charity which helped him and his siblings in their time of need.

Since 1923, *A Start in Life* has assisted young Australians in need to overcome the barriers to their education, enabling them to reach their potential. By supporting disadvantaged students to remain engaged in their education and improving their educational outcomes, the charity has given over 6,200 young people hope for a brighter future.

Whilst *A Start in Life's* earliest beneficiaries were the offspring of Freemasons who died or were incapacitated during the wars, the charity is now committed to supporting any young person whose circumstances are identified as 'necessitous'. *A Start in Life* regularly accepts referrals from the lodges where the referred youths meet their stringent criteria for support. Inspired by the benevolence of the masonic fraternity, which contributes over 40% of *A Start in Life's* total fundraising income, many of

these referred individuals have gone on to become masons themselves.

One of these is W Bro Adrian Webb of Lodge Woden Valley.



Adrian and his siblings were supported by *A Start in Life*, then known as the *Masonic Youth Welfare Fund NSW & ACT*, in the early 2000s following the unfortunate death of their father. The financial assistance, encouragement and practical support which the charity provided to the Webb children enabled them to complete their studies during what was an incredibly difficult time for this rural family. 'It helped me set the foundation for my future achievements,' said Adrian. 'The assistance ... helped me to become the man I am today,' he added.

After finishing his Higher School Certificate, Adrian was granted a place in his 'dream course' at the Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE), completing an Advanced Diploma of Computer Game Programming in 2008. He then secured a job at the AIE assisting students and families in their course selections, later becoming a teacher at the Institute.

After his time at the AIE, Adrian commenced work in the Department of



Defence in its Simulation Department, where after four years he was promoted to Manager of Virtual Worlds. This, he proclaims, is 'one of the greatest jobs in the world'. His siblings, meanwhile, have all completed their studies and forged meaningful careers in nursing, teaching and fitness instruction. 'They are with me in thanking *A Start in Life* for the opportunities that might have been denied to them without the support,' said Adrian.

Successful in his chosen field, Adrian is also actively involved in the masonic fraternity. Having admired the work his own father and other local masons did for their communities, Adrian decided to join as soon as he was able. In 2005, on the day of his final Higher School Certificate exam, Adrian signed up to Lodge Barham in Bathurst, later joining Lodge Cae Glas during a 'gap year' in England, and then Lodge Namoi in Narrabri upon his return to Australia. 'It has been a great experience and allowed me to meet amazing people,' he said of his involvement in Freemasonry.

After moving to Canberra to take up his role in the Department of Defence, Adrian joined Lodge Woden Valley, where he has recently finished a two-year stint as Worshipful






Master. As a result of Adrian's advocacy for *A Start in Life* within the lodge, Lodge Woden Valley recently contributed over \$600 to the charity's annual Tax Appeal. 'I hope it will help another student as much as other lodges' donations have for me,' he said of the donation.

On the home front, Adrian and his partner have recently welcomed a baby boy into the world and are in the process of building a house for their small but growing family. Trying to get used to the life and title of 'Dad', Adrian feels fortunate to be in a position where he can offer his son the security and stability that many other children, by no fault of their own, are denied. He credits the support of *A Start in Life* and the masonic fraternity for giving him the chance to reach his true potential.

For *A Start in Life's* CEO, Neil Robinson, stories like Adrian's reassure him that the charity's program works. 'The successes of our former students demonstrate the effectiveness of our program,' said Neil. 'Some have gone on to have stellar careers and live extraordinary lives; some have in other ways contributed to the creation of a diverse and vibrant society. Each of these is an amazing outcome,' he added. 'If we prevent our students from falling into a life of poverty, then we have done our job.'

For information on how your lodge can help young Australians in need, please contact *A Start in Life* on (02) 9264 3017 or email communications@astartinlife.org.au. 

Queen's Birthday Honours List

We celebrate the achievements of these Freemasons who have earned the honour of being recognised in this year's Honours lists.



Member (AM) In the General Division

Bro John Elliott Kilpatrick OAM
The Waratah Lodge 170

Bro David John Tongway
Lodge St John's 16

Medal (OAM) In the General Division

RW Bro Kevin John Andrews
The Central Coast Lodge 2001

RW Bro Graham Leonard Berry
Lodge Kingsford Smith 1028

Bro Paul Thomas Biscoe
Lodge Nepean 29

Bro James Henry Day
Lodge City of Newcastle 1035

VW Bro Brian Kevin Dunn
Lodge Federal United 193

W Bro Ricky Bruce Firman
Lodge Temora 168

Bro Charles William Frew
The Schools Lodge 639

VW Bro Joseph Karl Kaplun
Lodge Army and Navy 517

W Bro Ian Herbert McKinnon
Lodge Nowra Unity 60

Bro James Bernard Mooney
Lodge Gowrie of Canberra 715
W Bro Robert Browning Mummery
Lodge Hurlstone Park United 288

W Bro Gordon Leslie Nay
Lodge Middle Harbour 292

Bro Douglas Coulton Nolan
Laurelbank Kuring-gai Daylight Lodge 230

Bro Kenneth George Shadie
Sphinx 413

Bro John Armour Sullivan
Lodge Leopold 128

Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM)

W Bro Mark John Black
Lodge Fire Brigades 940

W Bro Paul James McGuiggan
Lodge Fire Brigades 940

Bro Kim Christian Reeson
Lodge Fire Brigades 940



Chairman's Message

Dear Brother,

Every year, many masons and their families find themselves in dire financial hardship. What can quickly become a debilitating and overwhelming condition is often near impossible to overcome without the support from those who care.



No mason or his family should feel helpless or alone in these times of need. As a fraternity based around the principle of brotherly relief, we all have a responsibility to look out for one another.

Your support over the years, through Masonicare's benevolence fund, has been helping masons and their families by providing financial assistance and other services to those who need it most.

We ask you to show your support by purchasing a **Purple Benevolence Pin** for \$10 during Benevolence month this September.

Benevolence month is an annual Masonicare initiative to create support and awareness of benevolence amongst Freemasons and their families. All money raised goes to needy brethren and their families.

Please support this worthwhile cause so that less fortunate people may always be comforted in the knowledge that masons will always be there for them.

Yours fraternally,

RW Bro Andrew Fraser MP PDGM
Chairman

Lodge Coeur de Lion Narooma and Masonicare to the rescue

The members of Lodge Coeur de Lion – Narooma No 84 who meet at Moruya on the far south coast became aware that 'Broulee Surfers' Surf Life Saving Club had 144 nippers (boys and girls 8 to 14 years old) in their training program and not enough surfboards to accommodate them.

Members of the lodge started to raise funds and with the assistance of Masonicare

they matched their fundraising total. The lodge was able to present \$6,000 to the surf club, enabling them to purchase six nippers training boards.

Surf club president Allan Veness said the additional training boards would make a big difference to the training program.



Nippers, officials and the new training boards.

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Rite honours

There were ten happy faces (one surprised) at the annual meeting of the **Supreme Council for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia** in Sydney in June.



Nine members were elevated to the 33° and locally installed as District Commanders in charge of a District for a five year term, with NSW represented by V.:Ill.: Bro John Craft (NSW Central Western Plains) and V.:Ill.: Bro John McMaster (NSW Northern Tablelands). The other interstate 33° candidates were installed in the Districts of Tasmania Derwent, Vic Eastern, WA Central South, WA Central East and WA Great Southern, SA West and Brisbane South.

The big surprise of the meeting was when Supreme Council recognised the work of the Grand Secretary General, Dominic de Candia, by making him an honorary member of Supreme Council. Dominic is still trying to find out how it occurred without his knowledge.

The NSW Masonic Club was again the centre of activity, with members from all states staying at the Castlereagh Inn to attend the many social and masonic gatherings.

Visitors and local members attended the Prince Charles Edward Stuart Council Wednesday meeting to witness the Installation of Ill.:Bro Rusty Shore, 30° as Grand Commander and the investiture of his officers.

This was followed by an educational tour of the Great Synagogue while on



Thursday an Exchange of Views session gave the members of Supreme Council a chance to communicate with senior members and respond to many 'questions on

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notice'. A planned guided tour of the Sydney Masonic Centre for interstate visitors also took place in the afternoon and the night was taken up with the elevation of the new District Commanders.



Main: The Nine Candidates wearing 32 Degree Regalia prior to entering the Annual 33 Degree Ceremony and their elevation to that Degree.

Inset: The Supreme Council team

Whilst the men enjoyed their masonic evening the ladies dined at City Tattersall's Zest Restaurant and reported they had just as good a time as the men.

On Friday night, the end of conference dinner was held in Cello's Restaurant with magnificent entertainment from vocalist Adam Wasiel and pianist, Daniel Rojas with songs from the thirties that many of us fondly remember. It was a great way to end a busy week for the 33° members across Australia.



Touring the Great Synagogue



Freemasonry – Diversity – Unity – Mateship. This is the theme for Freemasonry in NSW proposed by MW Bro James Melville when he was installed as the **37th Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT** in a glittering ceremony before a nearly packed Sydney Town Hall in August.

And in a break from traditions of past years and to bring Masonry more publicly into the community, MW Bro Melville forecast that among his plans were a Masonic Open Week throughout the State and a masonic cruise.

The Town Hall stage was a sea of colour, dominated by blue, gold and other colours of representatives from the various Australian states, New Zealand and New Caledonia with the Grand Organist and the majestic pipes of the organ providing a memorable background.

Masons in formal clothing, ladies in their finery and visiting gentlemen filled the multiple upstairs rows of seats looking down at the ceremony while hundreds of other attendees gathered on the main floor of the Town Hall to present a mass spectacle to match the pageantry of the occasion. Because of repairs and

renovations, it has been a decade since the Sydney Town Hall has been available for a Grand Installation.

Proceedings began when MW Bro Derek Robson AM, the Installing Grand Master was admitted with his Officers and opened the Grand Lodge. He started the less formal proceedings with a welcome to everyone, particularly the ladies whom he thanked for their continual support of masons and their lodges throughout the state.

‘The following ceremony is simple but memorable. I trust you will enjoy the day and once again thank you for your wonderful support,’ he said.

Leaders and representatives of the various Associated Orders, clothed in regalia or robes in the multiple colours of their Order, were then announced, admitted and greeted by MW Bro Robson as they took their places on the Town Hall stage.

They were followed by the Grand Masters or their representatives from the Sister Constitutions of each Australian State as well as New Zealand and New Caledonia who were also given a personal welcome by MW Bro Robson who congratulated them for their leadership and thanked them for their support during his term of office. The assembled masons then accorded the special visitors with Grand Honours. When the reception had concluded, the Grand Master requested sponsors MW Bro Ron Johnson AM PGM and MW Bro Noel Dunn OAM PGM to present the Grand Master-Elect.

A fanfare preceded the delegation of 11 who escorted RW Bro James Melville to the stage where he was presented to and welcomed by MW Bro Robson who said: ‘RW Bro Melville, the exalted station of Grand Master involves a great and serious responsibility. The powers and

prerogatives of the Office will cease upon the expiration of your term but the honour and dignity will never cease, except by your own act. I therefore call upon you to take the Obligation appertaining to the duties of the Office to which you have been elected.'

RW Bro Melville then gave the Obligation of Grand Master and was invested with the Apron, Gauntlets and Chain of office. He was also decorated with the Grand Master's Centenary Jewel which is to be passed on to his successor at the time of his Installation.

'The very consciousness of holding a position of great power moves the cautious man to be tender and generous in its exercise,' MW Bro Robson said. 'To rule has been the lot of many, to rule well is the object of noble men. It is not by strong arm, iron will or threatening tone that obedience is best obtained, but by holding the key to the hearts of men. Be it your aim to reach these standards so that you shall be a bright and shining example to all.'

MW Bro Melville was then placed in the Chair of Grand Master where he was hailed, saluted and proclaimed as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT. The Address to the Grand Master was then delivered by MW Bro Rev Raymond Green PGM. This was followed by the appointments and investiture of the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Antoine Georges, the Assistant Grand Master, RW Bro William Driver, the Grand Wardens and the remaining Grand Officers. The Address to the Brethren was delivered by VW Bro Scott Mayer.

MW Bro Melville welcomed the visiting delegations while further greetings were extended by MW Bro Anthony Lauer PGM on behalf of the Sister Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, MW Bro Steven Jancec said: 'It is with great delight we extend to the UGL of NSW & ACT our warmest fraternal greetings and congratulations. These occasions afford us the opportunity to re-affirm and further strengthen the unique bond of friendship and affection that has existed between our Constitutions since the consecration of the Grand Lodge of WA 115 years ago.'

MW Bro Hillel Benedykt, the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria said: 'I wish you every success as

you undertake this challenging and rewarding leadership position. We look forward to sharing your thoughts and company over the ensuing years. I would also take this opportunity to acknowledge the magnificent contribution made to Freemasonry by your Immediate Past Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson for his leadership, guidance, support and friendship and wish him well for the future.'

Most Excellent Companion Robert Peattie, the First Grand Principal and Grand Master of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of NSW & ACT pointed out that modern Freemasonry today faces many challenges.

'These challenges will require strong leadership and an awareness of what the modern mason requires in order to satisfy

his interest and to encourage his participation in our assemblies. You come to our Grand Master's Chair with a rare mix of a long record of proven masonic service to the Craft combined with arguably a relative young age. The combination of these two assets will no doubt serve to provide you with a strong platform from which I believe you will lead Freemasonry to an unprecedented level. I look forward to working with you in this jurisdiction and to assist you whenever needed to ensure Freemasonry under your stewardship flourishes and advances.'

Throughout the evening, music was presented by the NSW Masonic Ensemble under the direction of RW Bro Ian Cox with a special vocal item by RW Bro Colin Gill and Margaret Gill before Grand Lodge was closed.





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Meet the new leaders

We congratulate the hard-working masons who have been appointed to these roles, and present the opportunity to get to know the new officers as they take up their duties.

Antoine Georges



ANTOINE GEORGES Deputy Grand Master

Antoine has enjoyed the full support of his wife Margarita and children Sara, Christina and Moussa, throughout his masonic career, to his present appointment as Deputy Grand Master.

He was born in Lebanon and came to Australia in 1975 to take a position as a community youth worker. He then worked in the public welfare sector, where he served for 24 years in various positions.

Antoine has supported several community groups, and served on committees and boards at the Marrickville Legal Centre, Marrickville and Newtown Neighbourhood Centres, Centre for Human Services, the Arabic Community Welfare Council and assisted people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

He was initiated into Lodge Punchbowl

on 11 January 1996 and affiliated with Lodge Kilwinning, Lodge Hellenic Arcadia and the Grand Stewards Lodge. He is also a member and the Foundation Installing Master of The Cedars Lodge and a member of other Associated Orders.

As his ritual ability grew, so did his progress. After moving through various offices, he became the WM of Lodge Punchbowl in 2002. He continues to support the Lodge and is one of its Caring Officers. He is currently the WM of Lodge Kilwinning and the Director of Ceremonies and Team Mentor for The Cedars Lodge.

His Grand Lodge career began when he joined the Ceremonial Team as a Grand Steward in August 2004. He was elected as Grand Pursuivant in 2005 and moved on to the roles of Grand Standard Bearer, Senior Grand Deacon, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and finally as the Grand Director from 2010–12. He was appointed Senior Grand Warden in 2012 to complete a nine year run of continuous service. During his last year in the Ceremonial Team, he was invested and served for two years as a Grand Visitor for Area 2, in the Order of the Secret Monitors.

Antoine also served on the Grand Officers Committee for three years and participated in the Demonstration Team Preceptors Course.

WILLIAM DRIVER Assistant Grand Master

Diversity has been a key word for RW William Driver during his working career and as a Freemason.

William Driver



The newly appointed Assistant Grand Master can boast of interests ranging from transport, community work, offshore fishing and Masonry.

Bill was raised in the Hills District, was a member of the local Boy Scouts including Scout Leader, educated at Westmead Technical College and joined the NSW Government Railways in 1954 as an apprentice fitter.

He studied mechanical engineering at Sydney Technical College and held a number of senior engineering/management positions in the NSW Railways mechanical and workshop branches.

In 1989 he transferred to the Bus/Ferry division of the NSW Transport Authority to occupy various senior positions until his retirement in April 2000. He was involved in community activities from 1985 as a volunteer to the Hills Family Centre, St Michaels Family Centre, Baptist Community Services bus driving, Anglicare Village work and Uniting Care. From July 2005 he co-ordinated the Hills Seniors Day Club caring for the senior residents of the District.

He was initiated in Lodge Burnside in 1975, installed as WM in 2007 and re-installed in 2011. He became the Masonicare Caring Officer for the lodge and the Masonicare representative for Districts 32 and 25 where he co-ordinated fundraising for charity, families in need and a sausage sizzle program.

He affiliated to Lodge Baden Powell in 1978, inducted into the Order of the Secret Monitor in 2003, perfected in Macquarie

Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix in 2008 and advanced to the Mark Degree in Parramatta City Daylight Chapter in 2015.

The rank of Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies was conferred in 2010 and Past Junior Grand Warden in 2013.

His sporting activities involve competition shooting, golf, offshore fishing and restoration work on steam locomotives and associated rolling stock.

PHILIP MILLER *Senior Grand Warden*

Philip Leith Miller was born at Rockdale, Sydney in 1947, marrying Pamela in 1969 and making their home in Revesby where they still reside. They have three married sons, Leith, Wade and Justin, and Philip and Pamela are grandparents to seven grandchildren.

Philip attended Bexley Primary and then Kogarah High School. After leaving school he joined the printing industry and worked for firms such as the Daily Telegraph, Fairfax Newspapers, and the last twenty years of his working career with Amcor Packaging as a printing machine operator. A couple of years after retiring he began working as a school crossing supervisor and thoroughly enjoys this position.

Following his father W Bro Harry Miller, Philip became a member of Lodge Bexley in February 1965 joining as a Lewis. During the years 1973–74 he was installed into the Chair of King Solomon as Worshipful Master and later took the position of Lodge Secretary. He was



appointed DGIW from 2006–10 and then became a member of the Ceremonial Team.

He is a member of Lodge Thespian, The Baden-Powell Lodge of NSW, the Grand Steward's Lodge and is a member of the Order of the Secret Monitor.

A 50 year Certificate was recently awarded to Philip for his service to Freemasonry.

His wife Pamela is also involved in Freemasonry serving on the Board of Masonicare and as a Committee Member of the Freemasons' Association of NSW & ACT. Pamela was awarded the Grand Master's Bronze and Silver Awards for Services to Freemasonry.

Philip's interests outside Freemasonry are his family, supporting St George Rugby League team, numismatics, travelling and enjoying a game of golf.

GRANT SINGLETON *Junior Grand Warden*

Grant was born in 1968 at The Royal Hospital for Women in Paddington and grew up in the South Sydney area around the suburbs of Alexandria, Waterloo and Beaconsfield. He attended Waterloo Primary School, Cleveland Street Boys High School and Newtown Boys High School where he attained his school certificate.

Joining the workforce in 1984, Grant then held various office positions until taking up a position in spare part sales in the motor industry. From there he moved into the security industry as an alarm monitoring operator with MSS Security, which then became Chubb Security. Grant then applied to become a Correctional Officer with the Department of Corrective Services and was successful in 2005, where he was posted to the Long Bay Correctional Complex.

Grant was invited to the Lodge Alpha Burns Night in January 1997 by a work colleague and enjoyed it so much that he submitted his application for initiation, and was initiated in that Lodge on Friday, 13 June 1997.

Grant showed an aptitude for Freemasonry and picked up the ritual quickly, so much so that one lodge was not enough. He affiliated with his local lodge, The Sir Walter Scott at Granville in 1999 and due to circumstance, became the



Worshipful Master in 2001. He then became the Worshipful Master in Lodge Alpha in 2003. That same year he affiliated with Lodge Kingsford Smith and became their Master in 2004; he also became the Secretary of The Sir Walter Scott Lodge in the same year and held that position for just over 10 years.

Grant responded to MW Bro Greg Levenston's call for past masters to join the Ceremonial Team, which he did in 2009. He immediately affiliated with The Grand Stewards' Lodge and became Secretary in 2013. He progressed through the Ceremonial Team becoming Deputy Grand Pursuivant in 2011, Grand Sword Bearer in 2012, Senior Grand Deacon in 2013, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2014 and Junior Grand Warden in 2015.

Grant was also the foundation Tyler of the newly consecrated Lodge Corrective Services in 2007 and will be installed as Worshipful Master in November this year.

In his spare time, Grant enjoys computer programming, attending and organising trivia nights and electronics, which he managed to combine by writing the software and manufacturing the required hardware to create a *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* type trivia night that he completed successfully for the Garvan Institute in 2001 and 2002.

'I'm honoured to be invested as Junior Grand Warden by our new Grand Master and look forward to the promising year ahead,' he said.



John Begbie

JOHN BEGBIE

Grand Director of Ceremonies

A mixture of English and Australian Freemasonry has given John Begbie plenty of experience to perform his repeat role of Grand Director of Ceremonies.

John, who was born in Newtown, spent 35 years in England when his parents decided to return home in 1970 after travelling to Sydney as post-World War II migrants. He decided to come back to Sydney with his wife Tisha and their young family in 2004.

He was educated in Croydon, South London before moving to Hastings, East Sussex, where he studied mechanical and production engineering and business and management. He was employed in a local engineering company, specialising in the manufacture of small electrical motors and gearboxes, working through various departments to finally hold the position of production/operations manager.

John was initiated into The Hastings Lodge (EC) in 1994 and became WM in 2003. He decided to return to Sydney where he joined Lodge Horizons in 2004 to become Secretary before being re-installed as WM in 2008. He had joined the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team in 2006 and is a member of the Royal Arch and the Secret Monitor.

A keen sports enthusiast, John became a member of the Concord Junior Soccer Club where he served a term as club president and continued to work on the committee to improve the development of junior players.



Bruce Munro

BRUCE MUNRO

Chairman Board of Management

Bruce Munro was born in Sydney in 1956 and is married to Sue. They live at GyMEA and have daughters Jacqueline and Kristina. Bruce is a member of Lodge Sylvania and foundation member of Lodge Sir James Hardy. His father and grandfather were masons and he is well supported by his wife.

He became an apprentice greenkeeper at 17 and gained full qualifications after three years before joining the transport industry in 1977. He progressed into sales, customer service and managerial roles within the express freight sector and in 2000 took on the role of general manager. He is now part-time in transport fields, specifically in his own company promoting safety compliance and electronic tracking.

He has a graduate Diploma of Transport Management, Institute of Transport Studies (University of Sydney) and has marine qualifications as a commercial Master Mariner (Master V) and Marine Engineer (MED III).

Bruce has served on boards and committees in road transport, academia (Sydney University, Master of Logistics Management), NSW Freemasonry (Board of Management) and Yachting (Commodore Coastal Cruising Club of Australia).

He entered Freemasonry on 17 June 1986, became WM of Lodge Sylvania in 1997, DGIW District 26 (Sutherland Shire-Helensburgh) in 2000–02, Deputy Preceptor of Sutherland Lodge of Instruction 2000–11, member of the Demonstration Team and the Ritual Advisory Committee 2008–10. He was chairman of the Private Lodges Committee, and Deputy Chairman of the Board of



Andrew Fraser

Management 2009–10. He is also a member of The Royal Arch and Rose Croix.

In his early years he enjoyed playing and coaching rugby and his current interests are yachting, caravanning, cooking and playing the ukulele. Sue and Bruce are volunteer members of the Sydney Heritage Fleet and work on several heritage ferries.

ANDREW RAYMOND FRASER

Chairman Grand Charity


Charitable works and actions are nothing new for RW Bro Andrew Fraser MP, the Chairman of the UGL Grand Charity.

He was a member of Apex for 19 years, including as president, Youth Director and Community Service Director of Coffs Harbour Apex, past president of Tyalla Primary school P and C Association and past chairman of Coffs Harbour Australia Day Awards Committee.

He has also had an extensive political career and has been the member for Coffs Harbour in the NSW Parliament since 1990. He has held numerous shadow portfolios since 1998, including Road Safety, Forestry, Primary Industry and Local Government and Housing.

RW Bro Fraser has also been Past Deputy Leader of the NSW Parliamentary National Party and Assistant Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

His masonic career began in 1984 when he was initiated into Lodge Coffs Harbour, was elected WM in 1988 and became District Education Officer in 1989. He is a current member of Lodge Fitzroy and Castlereagh and was chairman of the Museum of Freemasonry from 2008–2013.

He has been married to Kerrie since 1974 and they have three children, Alexandra, Elizabeth and Angus. 



Have your say



A Boer War memorial?

A committee is seeking donations to set up a memorial to the Australians who served in the Boer War. It is the last remaining memorial to the commitment of troops to overseas service which is not yet recognised in the avenue leading up to the War Memorial in Canberra.

Progress has been made with the Federal Government allocating the location of the intended memorial and the plans have been approved to the extent that one of the four horsemen to comprise the memorial has been sculptured and will be available to assist in fundraising. More than one million dollars has been subscribed so far but a further \$2.7m is needed to complete the memorial. Tax deductible donations above \$2 should be sent to NBWMA, Building 96, Victoria Barracks Paddington NSW 2021.

Colonel John Haynes OAM
NBWMA President

A call to arms

According to the Grand Archivist, RW Bro Brian French M.A., Lodge Railways No 925 handed in its Charter on 8 August 2002. After that a group of railway masons called Australian Rail Masons Sydney (ARMS) met on occasion until a couple of years ago, usually on months with five Fridays.

W Bro Steve Lourey, who works for NSW Trains, recently decided to resurrect ARMS and a meeting was held Friday 29 May at the NSW Masonic Club.

In addition to ARMS, Steve's vision is of a group tentatively named Australian Transport Masons comprising masons and friends of the Craft in the greater transport portfolio, e.g. buses, trains, ferries, roads and maritime, light rail and aviation.

There were 17 brethren at the May meeting, as well as two friends of the Craft and it was decided that meetings should be held every eight weeks. Dates for the next meetings are Friday, 18 September;

13 November; 8 January 2016, 4 March and 29 April.

Interested masons and friends are cordially invited to attend ARMS on the above dates from 5.00pm at the NSW Masonic Club, Level 2, 171 Castlereagh Street Sydney NSW 2000.

An appeal for help

Help and support are being sought for a charity group known as The Australian Masonic Friends of The Philippines (AMFOP), who have been moved by the devastating effect of the typhoon Haiyan in Bantayan Island, province of Cebu, The Philippines.

People in the region have been devastatingly impacted by the typhoon Haiyan in 2013 and again in 2014, before they had a chance to stand and rebuild their lives.

The first mission delivery was a donation of equipment which included a portable mechanical ventilator, amalgamator and light cure machine. This was followed with the support of NSW lodges of 15 boats for local fishermen, which enables them to work again and provide for their families.

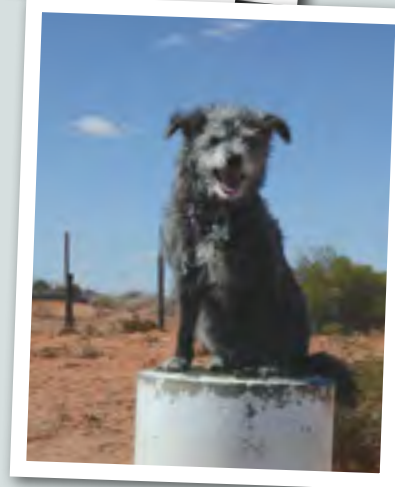
Funds raised will assist to build hospital wings and schools and donations can be sent to the organisation secretary RW Bro Rey Porras at 0422 435 520 or by email at rey.porras@gmail.com

A dog's view

Thanks for publishing the photo (in the June issue). Several brethren I know have got a laugh out of it.

Jilly was selected, rough and unpolished from the dog pound. With the kind care and instruction of me and my wife, her mind has become cultivated and she has been rendered a fit member of the Herbert family. She no longer eats Ritual Books. She has accompanied us on caravan trips to every State and Territory in Australia.

I have deduced that the principles of Freemasonry can, to some extent, be applied to animals. This picture shows her sitting on the survey mark at Cameron



Corner. Thus she is sitting in three states at the same time.

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The Macarthur-Onslows

The Macarthur-Onslows of Camden Park hold a special place in the development of the Colony of New South Wales. **This is the first in a series of articles** which briefly touches on their **background, the influence that the union of the two families had on the Australian way of life and their relationship with Freemasonry.**

The Macarthurs

John Macarthur (1767–1834) was born near Plymouth, England, the son of Alexander Macarthur and Catherine Macarthur. He arrived in Port Jackson on 28 June 1790 from England as a lieutenant of the New South Wales Corps and was accompanied by his wife Elizabeth and first child Edward.

Grants of land and gifts of stock enabled John Macarthur to establish Elizabeth Farm at Parramatta on a 100-acre (40ha) grant of 'some of the best ground that has been discovered'. Further land grants and purchases between 1800 and 1822 resulted

John Macarthur on the old Australian \$2 bill



in the establishment of the Camden Park estate which became the first agricultural establishment in the Colony incorporating over 60,000 acres (24,281ha) of land.

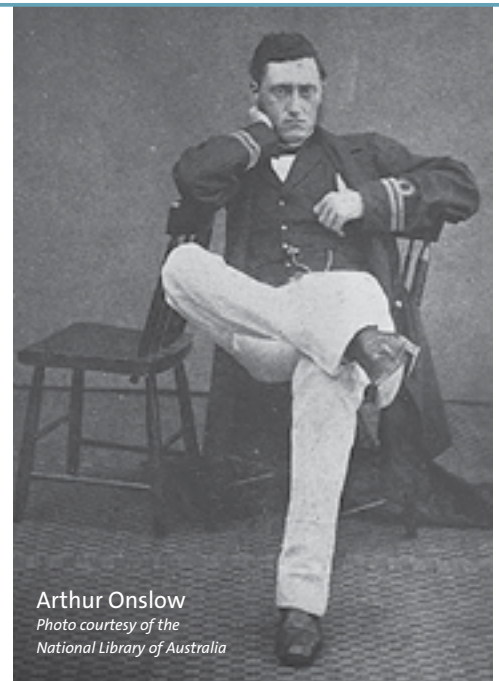
Development of the merino breed of sheep earned Macarthur lucrative contracts and resulted in his being remembered as the man who pioneered the Australian wool industry. He also established a reputation as a grazier and politician and was responsible for the design of Elizabeth Farm, portions of which remain intact as part of a later development of the building.

His image and that of the merino sheep was commemorated on the old \$2 note in recognition of the impact the wool industry has had on Australia.

It is not known whether John Macarthur was a Freemason.

The Onslows

The Onslow family has a proud history of service to the realm and can be traced as far back as the 13th Century. Records of the History of the British Parliament show that members of the Onslow family served the people of Britain from 1509 to 1832. On several occasions there were as many as six members of the family serving as members of parliament at the one time.



Arthur Onslow
Photo courtesy of the
National Library of Australia

There have been two baronetcies created for the Onslow family, one in the Baronetage of England and one in the Baronetage of Great Britain. Both titles still exist.

The Onslow Baronetcy, of West Clandon in the County of Surrey, was created in the Baronetage of England on 8 May 1674 for Arthur Onslow. The second Baronet was created Baron Onslow in 1716 and the fourth Baron was created Earl of Onslow in 1801.

The Onslow Baronetcy, of Althain in the County of Lancaster, was created in the Baronetage of Great Britain on 30 October 1797 for the naval commander Admiral Sir Richard Onslow.

It is uncertain when the first branch of the Onslow dynasty arrived in Australia; however, it is known that Alexander Onslow, the fourth son of surveyor Arthur Pooley Onslow of the East India Company, served as Attorney-General of Western Australia from 1880 to 1883. Later in the same year he was appointed Chief Justice of Western Australia.

Of special interest as far as the Australian branch of the Onslow dynasty is concerned is Arthur Alexander Walton Onslow.

Arthur Alexander Walton Onslow was born in Trichinopoly, India, on 2 August 1833, the second son of surveyor Arthur Pooley Onslow and Rosa Roberta Macleay. He arrived in NSW in 1938, returning to England in 1841 to join the Royal Navy as a midshipman. Service with the Royal Navy included involvement in the



Camden Park House
Photo by Arktos



James Macarthur-Onslow

suppression of the slave trade on the West African Coast and in the Baltic Squadron during the Crimean War. From 1857 to 1861 he took part of the survey of Shark Bay, the Torres Strait and the Barrier Reef.

Returning to Sydney in 1864 with the rank of Captain, Arthur married Elizabeth Macarthur, the grand-daughter of John Macarthur. The couple took up residence on the Camden Estate. Arthur was subsequently elected to the NSW Legislative Assembly for the seat of Camden and held the seat from 1869 to 1880. An appointment to the NSW Legislative Council followed in 1880. Arthur died in 1882 and was buried at 'Camden Park'.

In 1892 Elizabeth Onslow changed her name, and that of her children, to Macarthur-Onslow thus heralding the start of the Macarthur-Onslow branch of the family.

There were eight children from the marriage and whilst they and the subsequent generations have greatly influenced the Australian way of life, space only

permits detailed mention of three members of the family, namely James William, George Macleay and Francis Arthur Macarthur-Onslow. All were sons of Arthur Alexander Walton Onslow; all were born at the Camden Park Estate Menangle; all made significant contributions to the community and all were Freemasons.

James Macarthur-Onslow

Major General James William Macarthur-Onslow (1867–1946) was educated at Sydney Grammar School and Trinity College, Cambridge where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Law. On his return to Australia in 1891 he joined the New South Wales Mounted Rifles.

James had a distinguished military career which included service in the storming of Malakand Pass, India, with

the 1st Battalion Kings Royal Rifle Corps and service in the South African War. He was promoted to Major in 1896, Colonel in 1907 and subsequently placed on the unattached list. In 1925 he was placed on the retired list with the honorary rank of Major General.

James was chairman of directors of Camden Park Estate Pty Ltd and did much to promote the dairy industry through breeding and showing of dairy cattle. He died at Camden Park on 17 November 1946 and was buried in the family cemetery on the Estate.

Brother James William Macarthur-Onslow was initiated in Lodge Federation No 196 at Camden Masonic Centre on 25 October 1900. He was passed on 26 September 1901 and raised to Master Mason on 20 October 1901. He transferred his membership to Lodge Abbotsford No 217 on 17 September 1913 and called off on 22 November 1933.

To be continued in the December issue.

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A history of evening dress

Masons are generally associated with wearing a dinner suit or the more formal tails at lodge **but why is this so?**

Tails or a tailcoat is a coat that has the rear section or skirt cut away and historically was cut in this manner to make it easier when riding a horse. It can be traced back to the military in the 17th century. Although continental and British armies generally wore similar uniforms the interest is in English armies going back to Cromwell's day. English armies wore red overcoats with a waistcoat (vest) underneath. By the 17th century, due to the coat tails getting in the way when loading and firing a musket, a centre vent was cut into the skirt of the overcoat to enable the skirt to be folded back. By the 18th century the folded back coat tails had become a permanent part of the soldier dress.

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As all British regiments wore red with the exception of the artillery and cavalry, a distinguishing system had been introduced as they were only known by their regimental number on the order of battle – for example the Grenadier Guards were the 1st Foot Guards. A system of colour was introduced known as facings and lapels, cuffs and the folded back portion of the overcoat wore a regiment's colour.

By the late 18th and early 19th century, male civilians started to wear coats that copied the military overcoat with the skirts cut back to make it easier when horse riding and it became a fashion style known as the swallowtail or claw hammer.

By 1850 men wore an evening dress that had evolved to tails that finished just below the knee with the front cut squarely away. The coat and trousers were made from black cloth and a shawl collar with silk facings completed the coat. A white starched waistcoat, butterfly collared shirt, studs and a white bow tie and white gloves completed the dress.

By the late 19th century a new form of male evening dress appeared – the 'dinner suit' or 'tuxedo'. British tailors claimed that Edward VII, when he was Prince of Wales



became fed up with attending dinners in tails, noted the short jackets worn by military officers in formal dress and designed the dinner suit! An American, a Mr Potter, asked the Prince what to wear in the evening and the Prince sent him to his tailor who made him a dinner suit. Mr




An 18th century men's tailcoat



Potter returned to the States, visited his tailor in Tuxedo Park, showed him his dinner suit and the tailor made up a number. Because it originated in Tuxedo it became the 'tuxedo' or 'tux'. The American version is that a wealthy son of a tobacco millionaire designed the suit after attending a ball at the Tuxedo Park Club. Either way, the suit superseded tails except for State and other formal occasions.

In the 19th century a coat was introduced to take the place of the gentleman's frock coat worn during the day at Court and formal events. Known as the morning coat, not to be confused with the coat worn by undertakers called the *mourning* coat, it was actually for men when riding. The coat is black, cut away from the front with the tails reaching below the knee, and generally has a single button fastening. When similar coloured trousers are worn the suit then is termed a morning suit. This suit has variations such as the 'Ascot suit', worn by men when attending the races at Royal Ascot. The Ascot suit is in grey material, a striped cravat, a grey vest and a grey top hat. During the early part of the 20th century the morning coat complete with striped trousers was the business suit worn in the city of London and other world centres but it has been replaced by a dark business suit. It is still worn at civic functions, funerals and weddings.

The mess jacket or 'Eton' jacket was the dress for junior students at Britain's elite private school Eton. It was adopted by the British army in India in the 19th century for semi-formal officer and senior NCO occasions such as mess dinners, as dress uniforms were expensive and uncomfortable during the hot season. There are two forms of mess dress, winter and summer. Winter mess dress is tailored from heavier and coloured cloth while the white Eton jacket is worn during the summer months. 



Left and above: illustrations from an early 20th century catalogue showing styles of men's dress.


Back to the quarries

A new style of seminar has recently been introduced by the United Supreme Grand Chapter and has attracted a considerable number of interested brethren.

The seminar is divided into four segments; the Mark Man, The Mark Master Degree, the Excellent Master and the Royal Arch Degrees. These papers, coupled with a question and answer segment, provide a much needed explanatory version of how the two systems of Craft and Royal Arch merge into one to furnish a pathway of masonic education which underscores their unity.

Since the Craft commenced working the Mark Man ceremony in the lodges, there has been a positive display of interest to seek the additional knowledge of those other degrees which complete the Capitular system. However, there has been little or no knowledge provided to those inquisitive minds as to how, when or where this information could be available.

The seminar underpins the true linkage of the Mark Degree to the Fellow Craft Degree. It also enhances the history of the Craft, its development and factual recordings of how the two systems ultimately were accepted by the United Grand Lodge in England in 1813.

So far this year, two seminars have been held at Queanbeyan and New Lambton. A third seminar is listed to be held on 14 November at the Egyptian Room, Petersham in Sydney. The Task Force team plans to introduce further seminars throughout the jurisdiction to enable masons who may be disadvantaged by distance or any other reason to have the opportunity to attend these educational fact finding sessions. 

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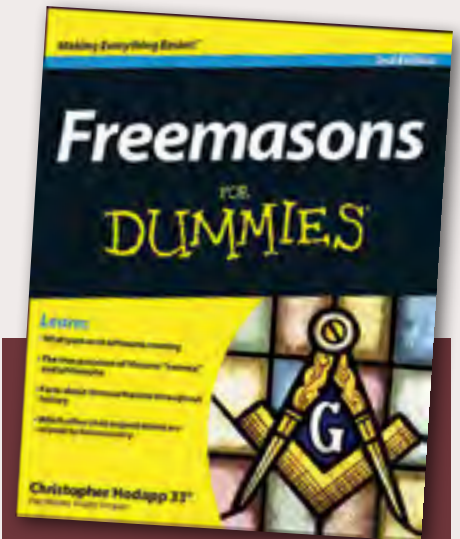
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Freemasons for Dummies apart from being an ideal vehicle for someone interested in Freemasonry, is also a publication every mason could have in their masonic library.

The author Christopher Hodapp is a 33 Degree Mason who has written a number of books about the Craft and is well experienced in a number of Masonic Orders.



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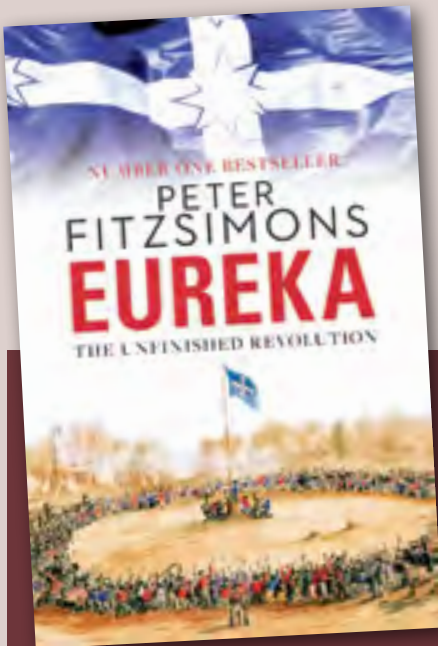
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Eureka: The unfinished revolution

Author Peter Fitzsimons tells the story of Eureka and the fledgling Colony of Victoria.

'Eureka' covers the Governorship of Charles Joseph La'Trobe, an honest man who was completely out of his depth when governing a Wild West Town of 3,000 inhabitants. When gold was discovered at Ballarat, Latrobe had to deal with hundreds of miners streaming into the goldfield and two thirds of the town deserting their jobs for riches

at the diggings. Victoria, desperate for funds, introduced a thirty shilling licence fee which was strictly enforced by the goldfields police, causing great unpopularity amongst the miners. La'Trobe was replaced by Governor Hotham who arrived with hopes of change amongst the miners only to find that conditions at the goldfields were unchanged. Events at the goldfields and many broken promises by the Victorian executive led to a Peoples Committee and talk of republicanism and eventually the setting up of an armed stockade at the Eureka Field. Events came to a head and the stockade was attacked by English soldiers and police causing casualties on both sides. It is one of those books the reader just cannot put down.

Beware the silent killer

Did you know that **approximately 1.7 million Australians** are affected by **kidney related disease**?

Additionally 56 Australians die every day with kidney related disease. 90% of kidney function can be lost without us experiencing any symptoms. Kidney related disease kills more people each year than breast cancer, prostate cancer and road accidents.

The three most common causes of this deadly disease are: diabetes, inflammation of the kidney and high blood pressure. Focusing on blood pressure can reduce the risk of chronic kidney disease.

One in five people over the age of 18 years have high blood pressure and recent data demonstrated that 96% of adults do not know the link between high blood pressure and kidney disease.

This information was stated at the launch in Canberra of 2015 Kidney Health Week in June 2015.

These are very alarming statistics. This disease is known as the 'silent killer' because its symptoms often go undetected until it is too late.

A speaker told of her treatment for high blood pressure over a period of 15 years. She was unaware of any other health problems. Over the years she gradually became unwell. After 15 years she was tested for

kidney failure, which revealed that her kidneys were only 4% effective. The future for her did not look good but luckily she was able to receive a kidney transplant. She now leads a normal life. The cause of her kidney failure was attributed to high blood pressure.

Blood pressure is something that we all accept but are generally unconcerned about. The speaker stated that if she had been diagnosed with kidney failure earlier then she could have received the appropriate treatment thus saving the need for a kidney transplant.


There are no apparent symptoms of kidney failure until the final stages.

However we can take measures to reduce the risk of kidney failure. Here are a few simple suggestions from Kidney Health Australia:

- 1. Monitor your kidney health.** People with diabetes or high blood pressure are recommended to visit their doctor every year for a kidney health check (blood test, urine test, blood pressure). A kidney self-monitoring program is available from Amcol or Guardian pharmacies for people at increased risk of kidney disease.



- 2. Maintain a healthy body weight.** Aim to be physically active for at least 30 minutes every day. Eat a variety of nutritious foods and control your portions.
- 3. Manage your salt intake.** A high salt diet can lead to a variety of health problems such as high blood pressure, obesity, kidney stones and stroke. Most of the salt that we eat is already in the food that we buy. Remove the saltshaker from the dinner table.
- 4. Make water your first choice.** Drinks containing sugar may cause or worsen health related conditions and should be enjoyed in moderation.

Not only will these simple steps help with kidney health but will maintain and improve our overall health. 

More information on may be obtained from www.kidney.org.au (information from Kidney Australia).

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Who fired the FIRST SHOT?

With Remembrance Day coming in November it is not commonly known that **the first shot fired by the British Empire in World War I** was not on the battlefields of Europe but on a windswept fort half a world away, **south of Melbourne.**



A 24-year-old Australian soldier fired on the German merchant ship *SS Pfalz* which was attempting to flee Melbourne less than four hours after hostilities began. What is even less well-known is that the soldier who fired the shot was a Freemason.

Bro John Purdue, a sergeant with the army's Royal Australian Garrison Artillery, was stationed at Fort Nepean on the Mornington Peninsula. At 12:45pm on 5 August 1914, he was ordered to fire on the *Pfalz* to stop it escaping from Port Phillip Bay into the open sea. From his gun emplacement and with support from his team, he blasted a shell across its bow.

Australia's war began when *SS Pfalz*, a German freighter, departed Melbourne Port at 9am, less than two hours before Britain's war. The *Pfalz* captain, Wilhelm Kuhlken, knew that war was likely any day and he had delayed departure by one night so that his men could load enough coal to power them to South America rather than to their original destination of Sydney.

But as they steamed towards the heads and freedom, they did not

know that war had been declared that same morning and this message was being relayed to the gun batteries guarding the heads at Fort Nepean. Shortly after midday, an initial flag signal from Fort Nepean for the ship to stop went unheeded, because an Australian pilot aboard the ship, Captain Montgomery Robinson, whose job it was to guide all ships safely through the heads, did not see it.

At Fort Nepean, Gunner Purdue and his colleagues were ordered to man the six-inch coastal artillery guns and fire a warning shot across the ship to halt it. It was a tricky job because if they fired too high or wide, they could have hit Swan Island and people on the other side of the bay.

'They told us to engage. The tide was flowing very fast when we had the word to fire. I pressed the electrical trigger and saw it land with a splash in the water. The splash went right up over the bridge of the ship,' Purdue recalled.

On the ship, pilot Robinson reacted to the shot by ordering the ship to halt. But he was immediately over-ruled by Captain Kuhlken who ordered full steam ahead in an attempt to escape. A scuffle broke


out and one of the Germans pulled a gun on Robinson but he finally persuaded the German captain to stop.

'The captain had to be manhandled by Robinson who told him it was no use or the next shot would be amidships,' Purdue said.

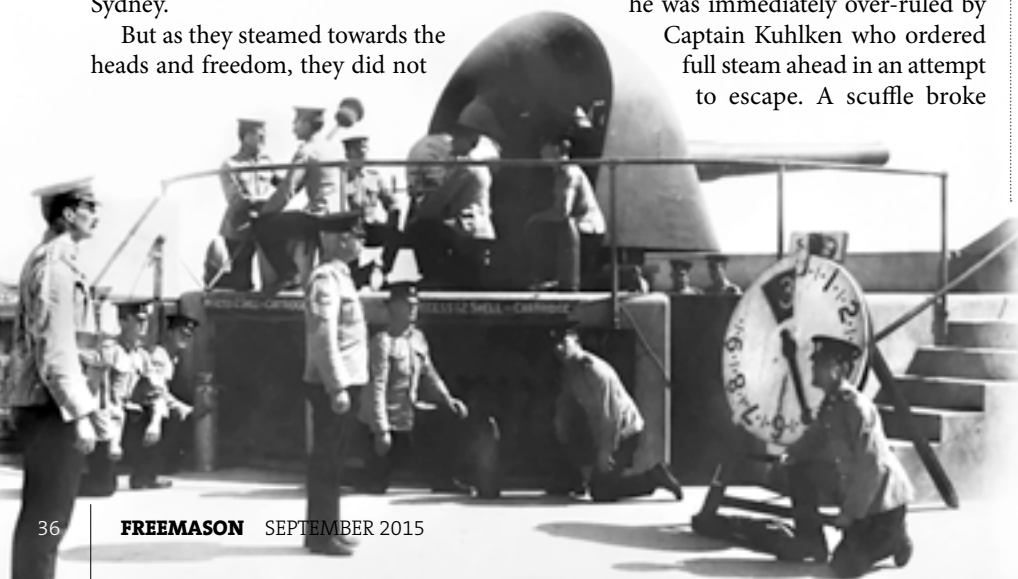
As this drama was unfolding on the water, Purdue was preparing to take what might have been the fatal shot. 'The last order we had was to stop her or sink her,' he said but a second shot was not needed. Captain Robinson guided the ship to shore, beginning four long years in a prison camp for the German crew. Their war was over on the first day.

The *Pfalz*, which was carrying German consular officials and contraband, was captured and used as an Australian troop ship in the war and its crew were interned as prisoners of war. A small plaque at the Fort commemorates the shot and the first moments of the war.

Sergeant Purdue, a career soldier, rose to the rank of Colonel and in 1944 was charged with inspecting the Commonwealth's munitions manufacturing, commanding more than 8,000 workers. He was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) in 1952 and died in 1980 aged 90.

John Purdue was initiated in Cosmopolitan Lodge No 96 on 17 December 1913, affiliated with Moonee Ponds Lodge in 1926 where he became WM and also affiliated with The Army Lodge in 1945 and remained a member until his death. 

Information on W Bro Purdue was compiled by VW Bro Alan Mitchell of The Army Lodge No 478 (Victoria) from extracts of news articles published in 1914.





Regional Roundup



LODGE CENTRAL TABLELANDS No 1043

A Bathurst peoplescape

W Bro Dr Ben Gelin, the WM of Lodge Central Tablelands, always believed he was cut out to do well in his local community at Bathurst and he now has the proof to go with his belief.

As part of Bathurst's 200th anniversary celebrations, 200 living members of Bathurst were selected as Living Legends following the Regional Council's call for nominations from across the community.

The project was to highlight people who have and are still contributing to the life of the community and W Bro Gelin was one of those chosen. He joins two other masons, RW Bro Alex Bedwell OAM and VW Bro Jeff Cox, to receive this honour.

In addition, W Bro Gelin became one of the 200 figures in the Peoplescape display in front of Bathurst's Courthouse after being nominated by members at the Bathurst Seymour Centre, a respite for disabled and elderly with whom he has been working for more than 20 years.

The Centre group received a life size cut-out figure which they decorated to reflect their views of Bro Gelin, who said:



'It is a joyous figure and I was thrilled beyond words to be introduced to it'

The Regional Council also plans to plant 200 trees as part of the celebrations.

Regional notice board

Lodge Advertising

Freemason is extending a special offer to lodges to advertise in our Regional notice board column.

Many lodges worry about the absence of members and visitors but rarely think of using advertisements to let people know what the lodge has planned.

In an effort to assist attendance, we are offering four advertisements per year (one in each issue), all for just \$50, where lodges can detail coming meetings, functions or special events.

For further information, contact Simon Pierce at (02) 4344 5133.

LODGE BRUNDAH ENDEAVOUR No 429

HAKMA donations

In the last issue, it was announced that Hornsby and Kuring-gai Masonic Association had won the Group Community Award for outstanding contribution to the local community through charity donations.

Further information has been received on these donations especially the \$6,200 to the Myoboy Machine. A corrected total has now been given in which HAKMA's contribution was \$1,000 and the balance was made up of \$4,200 from the Lions and \$500 each from two members of Lodge Brundah Endeavour.

Every person and organisation involved is to be congratulated on their support for charity and the local community.



LODGE WORONORA No 414

Lodge Woronora

Lodge Woronora's installation on 27 April was exceptional for a number of reasons.

The Oatley Masonic Centre was filled with over 160 brethren. The ritual was an absolute joy. But what will, perhaps, live in

the memory were the ten Entered Apprentices in the NE. It was a pleasure to behold and that was clearly reflected in the smile of RW Bro Leon Aroustian PAGM, the representative of the Grand Master.



HenPower is just one of the social programs being developed. Photo by Equal Arts UK

Support our social inclusion programs and trials

Whiddon are currently trialling and developing a number of programs to help older people stay connected and reduce the impact of loneliness and social isolation. These programs include HenPower (a community program based around keeping chooks), Vintage Bites (a program that brings older people together around food, food culture, traditions and cooking) and Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (a creative ageing therapy based on social interactions for people with mild to moderate dementia).

As a not-for-profit organisation, Whiddon relies on support and contributions from our communities to trial and run these programs.

For more information or to donate, please visit www.whiddon.com.au or phone 02 9827 6631.

Connection to community vital to wellbeing of older Australians

New research from Whiddon looks into the causes and impacts of loneliness and social isolation among older Australians and reveals that more than 1.4 million people aged 65 and over (45% of this population group) experience loneliness in their lives, compared to just 10% of the general population. The research also shows that as many as 415,000 older Australians want more social contact, with 71% stating that they want more interaction with their community.

The research highlights that community connection is even more crucial for those aged over 65 who are living on their own, representing 924,000 people in Australia. A large proportion of this group experience little to no social interaction, one in four only receive a visitor fortnightly to monthly and 14% even less often than that. This includes 30,000 older people who rarely or never receive company in their homes. A further 108,000 of all respondents find it difficult to get out and about in the community.

Karn Nelson, Executive General Manager Strategy and Research, Whiddon, said, 'Fostering close connections within community and maintaining social interaction, interests and activities is absolutely essential to the wellbeing of older Australians, for both physical and mental health reasons. Several studies have shown links between loneliness and social isolation and ill health, in particular the development of cognitive decline, depression and cardiovascular disease.'

The health and wellbeing implications for the elderly in Australia is a hidden and growing social issue. The number of people in Australia aged 65 years and over is projected to exceed the number of children aged 0–14 years for the first time ever around the year 2025.

Karn continues, 'Whilst it's true that many older Australians are happy with the amount of social contact they have, the number who are not is still worryingly high. To combat this it is crucial to provide older people with the opportunities and support needed to access social activities, interest and community groups. We also need to raise awareness about the huge difference that small and regular gestures of kindness and social inclusion can make to the lives of those who are isolated.'

'We know that we risk having to deal with massive health and wellbeing implications nationwide if we don't find solutions to keeping our older people connected to their communities. Preventing social isolation is vital and there are little things we can do that can make a huge difference to older people in our communities. At Whiddon, we have seen our clients' quality of life improve significantly when we build in and create opportunities for regular outings and social activities to their weekly schedule. We also offer broad Creative Ageing activities and projects to help our clients engage with others, express themselves and feel included.'

'It's important for everyone to realise that strong communities where everyone is valued and included are healthy communities – not just for older people but for everyone. Loneliness affects many people's health in our communities today and solving this issue will benefit us all.'

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LODGE ELTHAM No 272

Weighing wheelchair presentation

In February, members of the Lismore Masonic Association led by the Worshipful Master of Lodge Eltham, W Bro Graeme Forrest-Brown, presented On Focus, a disability service provider based in Casino that provides service across the Northern Rivers and New England, with a Wedder-burn wheelchair scale.

This donation came about through the combined efforts of the Lismore Masonic Association and Masonicare, who raised monies totalling \$2,000 for the purchase of the equipment.

CEO of On Focus, Fiona Miller, said, 'This generous donation will assist On Focus in the care and support that we provide our clients, especially in monitoring people's health. Previously clients had to attend the hospital to use their weighing equipment, with the donation of these wheelchair scales this simple task that



The Manager of On Focus testing the weighing wheelchair

many of us take for granted can now be done in the privacy of client's homes.

'We are very grateful to Masonicare and these gentlemen for their generous commitment to our community.'

Attending the presentation with W Bro Graeme Forrest-Brown, were brethren from Lodge Dunoon No 436, and Lodge Eltham.



Keith raises his bat to an admiring crowd in celebration of a wonderful achievement.

LODGE SILVER CITY No 141

Keith gets his Ton

On Saturday 20 June, Bro Keith Solomon celebrated his 100th birthday. At a function held in his honour at the Barrier Social Democratic Club, family and friends gathered to congratulate and honour a man well respected and admired in the Broken Hill community.

Although the ravages of time have now meant that Keith has to live in assisted accommodation, he is still 'as sharp as a tack,' and a great conversationalist.

Keith, who still takes a keen interest in the happenings of the lodge, was initiated into the Craft on 14 September 1949, and was 'thoroughly chuffed' to have the Worshipful Master of Lodge Silver City, RW Bro Andrew Collins present a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

LODGE NOWRA UNITY No 60

Still active at 102

At the June installation of Lodge Nowra Unity 60, there was an inspirational event when the new WM Bro John Hall was placed in the chair.

The inspirational part was that the third working tools were delivered to perfection by none other than 'The Survivor' W Bro Joe Miller at 102 years of age.

Joe is always speaking about Masonry and how the ritual should contain feelings and emotions, all of which Bro Miller conveyed in his delivery.

Truly one of the Old Masters.

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Looking for number seven

In the world of masonic research, one of the most respected post-nominals is that of 'KL'

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Named after the late Bro Harry Kellerman, this appellation is given to the author of the best masonic research paper submitted in a peer-reviewed competition held every two years.

In this jurisdiction there are currently six active KLs.w

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Further details can be sought from this jurisdiction's representative on the ANZMRC, Bro Neil Wynes Morse, at morse@netspeed.com.au.



LODGE KATOOMBA No 118

Lodge Katoomba's last meeting

It was a sad and cold July night for members and visitors to Lodge Katoomba when they gathered for the last meeting of the lodge in the Katoomba Masonic Centre.

The WM, W Bro Max Amos, welcomed visitors from surrounding districts including a strong fraternal from Lodge Blue Mountains Unity No 279 before the entry of the DGIW, VW Bro Geoff Finall. The Freedom of the Lodge was handed by the WM to RW Bro Tony Traynor who first gave recognition to the late VW Bro H C Doggett and also to RW Bro Bill McBey for information gathered over the years. He then gave an interesting address on the history of Lodge Katoomba which was originally known as Lodge Mount Victoria No 817 English Constitution with



VW Bro Traynor proposes the last toast to Lodge Katoomba.

special reference to the original VSL and ballot box which are still in use. After the Address, several presentations were made by the WM for services over the years including a Certificate of Appreciation to W Bro Les Charalampides as auditor, RW Bro Traynor as treasurer and RW Bro McBey as secretary. He specially mentioned their untiring work to help in the consolidation with Lodge Blue Mountains Unity which meets in Lawson. The DGIW presented Bro Len Fallon with his Master Mason's Certificate before the lodge retired to the Festive Board to enjoy hot soup and meat pies topped off with tasty sweets prepared by RW Bro Traynor, who ended the meeting with an emotional toast to Lodge Katoomba which was appreciated by all in attendance.

DISTRICT 18

From labour to refreshment



Masons and their partners enjoying a day away from ritual work.

A Sunday outing arranged by RW Bro Hodder and VW Bro Parsons for Freemasons and partners of District 18 to get away from ritual work proved a happy day.

The party of 24, including the WMs of Lodge Armidale No 641 and Lodge of Peace No 120 in Uralla met at Walcha and travelled via the Oxley Highway for

morning tea at the Rushbrook Trig Station which was established in the 1800s. After a visit to the two acre Rushbrook Gardens and a guided tour by owner Mrs Robyn Lyons, they travelled to Apsley Falls for a barbecue lunch.

It was agreed that a great day of fellowship was enjoyed by all with suggestions to arrange another day soon.

LODGE NEPEAN No 29

Early Christmas at Nepean



More than 50 members, family and friends enjoyed Lodge Nepean's Christmas in July meeting at Orchard Hills.

A huge Christmas tree, courtesy of the WM, VW Bro Tom Bell, decorations, Santa Claus and a sumptuous banquet from 'a pig on the spit' with Christmas pudding and custard, made for a great evening.

After presents for all of the children, the Regional Masonicare Manager for Region 2, RW Bro Griffiths, presented several brethren with a 'Thank You' lapel badge for their assistance at the recent Charity Fund Raising Barbecue at Bella Vista.



LODGE OF TRANQUILITY NO 42

A tranquil night for Victor

Bro Victor Bocioc stepped up to the chair in May to be installed as the WM of The Lodge of Tranquility, in the presence of a large number of brethren and visitors at the Bondi Masonic Centre.

It was the 140th Installation of the lodge which had its original Charter issued in 1875 and signed by the then Grand Master of the UGLE, Edward Prince of Wales, later to become King Edward VII of England.

On the WM pulpit was an old VSL, used at the consecration of the lodge with special old jewels handed to the WM and IPM according to tradition.

In recent times, there has been a healthy increase in lodge members, especially



L-R: W Bro Vic Bocioc, RW Bro Haffner, VW Bro Tescaru *Photo courtesy of Michael Pajo*

younger brethren, through the successful endeavours of stalwarts VW Bro Peter Herman and VW Bro Ray Leonzini.

A highlight of the night occurred when RW Bro Joseph Haffner PDGM, the Grand Master's representative, made a special presentation to the new WM, W

Bro Bocioc and the DC, VW Bro Octavian Tescaru DGIW. Each received the distinction of being awarded Honorary Membership of the Romanian Grand Lodge under a special directive issued by the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania.



Olga Domnikova and W Bro Stephen Lidbetter Lodge Chelmsford No 261 – Olga is the 4th recipient of the Lodge Chelmsford Police and Justice Scholarship Award, an amount of \$3,000 to assist in her studies.

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COFFS COAST FREEMASONS ASSOCIATION

More cash from Coffs

The Coffs Coast Freemasons Association is continuing its support for the Coffs Coast and Clarence CanDo Cancer Trust.

Members of the CCFA have assisted with raffle sales, a sponsored swim and Music in the Gardens, a musical extravaganza held at the Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens, organised by RW Bro Norm Standing. These events have raised a total of \$15,000.

'We have a small but highly committed team of masons and their wives who are always willing to help and make these

events the success that they are. The CCFA are Gold Sponsors of the Trust and raise much needed funds,' said RW Bro Standing. 'We are also grateful for the contribution made by Masonicare through an Interaction Grant of \$15,000. All money raised goes directly to assist patients and their families attending the North Coast Cancer Institute.'

RW Bro Andrew Fraser MP PAGM presented a cheque from Masonicare to CanDo Cancer Trust Chairperson Ms Julie Jardine who expressed thanks for the help to the local community.

THE MAROUBRA LODGE NO 725

Triple treat for Maroubra



L-R: W Bro Ken Reid, W Bro Jim Williamson, RW Bro John Sunman

It was triple treat time for The Maroubra Lodge at its July meeting at Kensington with two presentations and Bro Andy Wilkinson from Lodge Kensington as a competent Second degree candidate.

Both presentations were made by RW Bro John Sunman, the long-standing DC of the lodge, with the first being a Re-Installed Master's certificate to W Bro Ken Reid to recognise his second year in succession at the helm of The Maroubra.

The second was to W Bro Jim Williamson, the only remaining foundation member of the lodge, to acknowledge and

celebrate his 70 years as a mason. RW Bro Sunman detailed the masonic history of the Williamson family before presenting a special badge and certificate and then having a letter read out from the Grand Master. W Bro Williamson had been WM of the lodge in 1954 and spent many years as Chaplain before stepping down. He thanked the members and said his time in Freemasonry and the lodge had been an honour and a privilege.



OES CANBERRA CHAPTER NO 52

Many happy returns

History was made in June in Canberra Chapter No 52 Order of the Eastern Star when the Chapter celebrated their 85th birthday, with many members travelling from across Australia to join the celebrations.

Turning 85 is special enough, but in addition, a number of members were presented with their 50 Year certificates during the year. At the birthday meeting, three of those members were personally acknowledged for their service by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sandra Davis (Vic) and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Taylor (Tas) of the United Grand Chapter of Australia. The Order of the Eastern Star has a new website www.oesaustralia.org.au and all inquiries are welcome.

LODGE KINGSFORD SMITH NO 1028

Graham flies again

RW Bro Graham Berry OAM has once again taken control of Lodge Kingsford Smith 1028 when he was Installed as WM at Kensington in June.

It was the fourth occasion as WM for Graham and the meeting was well supported by members from District lodges in the presence of the Grand Secretary, RW Bro Kevin McGlenn PDGM.

The ceremony was well conducted with Master Masons delivering charges and taking progressive office.



LODGE PAMBULA DAYLIGHT No 1000

A double for Lodge Pambula Daylight



The two candidates and many visiting brethren at Lodge Pambula Daylight No 1000

On the evening of Saturday 20 June, Lodge Pambula Daylight, held a unique meeting. In its 27 year history it had never had the opportunity to initiate two candidates together.

It was also eleven years since the lodge initiated anyone. So when the opportunity presented itself to bring two prospective members into the Craft, the lodge decided to make the ceremony one which marked

the occasion and one that the candidates would remember for a long time to come.

To this end it was decided to ask the Grand Master if he would either like to attend or to appoint a representative. Accordingly, RW Bro Allan Brown PAGM, was appointed to represent the Grand Master, and VW Bro Kit Lee was appointed to act as Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Grand Delegation.

Thirty six brethren attended the meeting, including the Masters and brethren of Bairnsdale Daylight Lodge, Victoria; Lodge Coeur de Lion – Narooma No 84; Lodge Bega Remembrance No 220; The Mountain Lodge No 190, Bombala, and Lodge Cooma Monaro No 164 with the District Grand Inspector of Workings, VW Bro Neil Dawson.

The candidates, now Bro Larry Farrell and Bro Munro Jones, were exemplary and enjoyed the ceremony immensely. Unfortunately for the lodge, these brethren will be returning to Sydney, as they are only in the Bega area temporarily, but whichever lodge they decide to join in Sydney will be acquiring two keen members.

LODGE PACIFIC No 298

Lodge Pacific

On Wednesday night, 20 May the 100th Master of Lodge Pacific was installed at the Boyd Street Masonic Centre in Tweed Heads and there followed a celebratory banquet for around 70 masons and their wives/partners to mark this important centenary milestone for Masonry on the Lower Tweed.

Lodge Pacific began its existence in 1915, the meetings that year being held in the old Presbyterian Church Hall. The temple in Boyd Street opened a year later as a single storey building. Meetings then were held near to a full moon to make travel by horse or boat easier at night.

The building was listed to become a two storey structure in the 1950s creating space for the hall below, and the actual lodge room was extended to its present size in 1976.



Back L-R: Bill Rae, Terry Gunton, Nick Mainey, Aaron Thompson
Front L-R: Robin Dawes, Wilson Tebbutt, Phillip Fisher, David Hutchinson, Shane Hillman

Further major improvements were made last year and the present Masonic Centre must now rank as one of the best in country New South Wales and is home to several lodges.

The new Master is W Bro Phillip Fisher and he was installed by W Bro Wilson

Tebbutt. The MW Grand Master was represented by RW Bro Keith Castle OAM from Lodge Cavanbah in Byron Bay and he was supported by a splendid turnout of Grand Lodge officers who added colour and ceremony to the evening.



Freemason Welcomes New Members To The Craft

Name	Lodge	Name	Lodge	Name	Lodge
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ARMSTRONG, Ben	Lodge Nowra Unity 60	HARRISON-ATKINSON, Ben	Lodge Fitzroy 248	NAIKE, George	Lodge Wahroonga 674
AWAD, Harry	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300	HARTCHER, Joel	Lodge Enterprise 400	NICOLAS, Nick	Lodge Brundah Endeavour 429
BANNISTER, Brodie	Lodge City of Newcastle 1035	HAYES, Simon	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300	OBEID, Rony	Lodge St David and St John 180
BAZZI, Danny	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300	HEZARI, Alex	Lodge Baulkham Hills 958	PAPADOPOULOS, Dimitri	Lodge Aviation 688
BEARE, Peter	Lodge Fire Brigades 940	HICKS, Mark	Lodge Nepean 29	POTTER, Tyrone	Lodge Artarmon United 285
BECK, Kevin	Australian Lodge of Fidelity 101	HILL, Graham	Lodge Federal United 193	PYE, Brendan	Lodge Wyong Tuggerah Lakes 247
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MORE FUNNY SAYINGS

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.
— George Burns

Money can't buy you happiness... but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.
— Spike Milligan

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

— Victor Borge

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.

— Groucho Marx

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.

— Jimmy Durante

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.

— Zsa Zsa Gabor

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

— Mark Twain

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

— Socrates

Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP.

— Joe Namath

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it.

— W. C. Fields

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.

— Phyllis Diller



Thank you

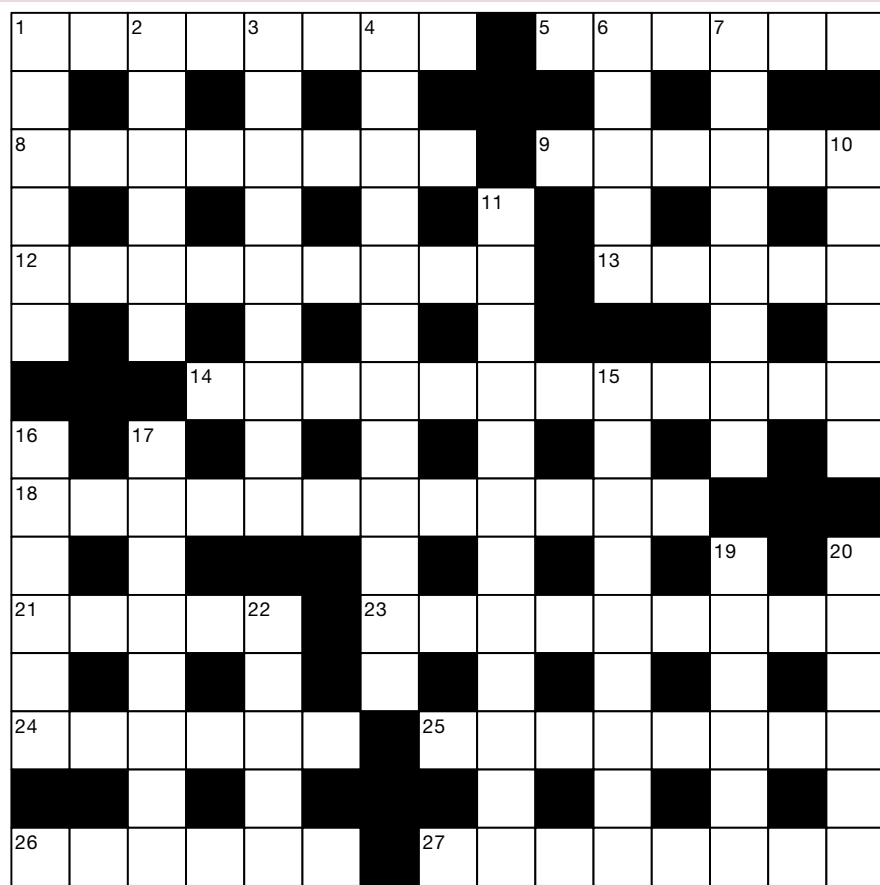
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- 1 Commonality of some railway carriages and their lines (8)
- 5 Plain one of 12 across
- 8 See 12 across
- 9 Way out for example with reference to steam ships (6)
- 12, 8 & 14 Classical Greek in capitals (4, 5, 6, 2, 12)
- 13 Fluted style of 12 across
- 14 See 12 across
- 18 Slightly changed documents from mad dense characters (7, 5)
- 21 Like 13 across but with spiral scrolls
- 23 Riot arose from misuse of private prayer rooms (9)
- 24 Dexterous deceptiveness falls short in a toboggan (6)
- 25 Polite cultured fellow from East Timor is quite conscientious (8)
- 26 A sorry display for a counter (6)
- 27 Measure of electric current used per a game played out (8)

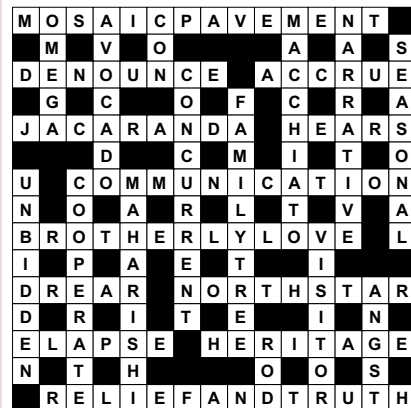
DOWN

- 1 Uses expressions of scorn and eats quickly and greedily (6)
- 2 Some friend I've known concealed a salad vegetable (6)
- 3 Joined red parent dancing (9)
- 4 To the horrible old man a little is missing to form a six faced prism (12)
- 6 Splurged too much to egg on like this (5)

NOTE: Clues shown in *italics* are cryptic.

- 7 *It's not in such fertile characters to be so happy and pleasant (8)*
- 10 *We are not this type of society, but we keep some things this way (6)*
- 11 *Monastic lies expose excessive concern for one section to the detriment of the whole (12)*
- 15 *Inclusive of most features of the others in 12 across (9)*
- 16 *Customs associated with monastic apparel (6)*
- 17 *Ken's seen to have a quality of a chisel (8)*
- 19 *CIA men get upset at the pictures (6)*
- 20 *Testes inflamed by the fly that carries sleeping sickness (6)*

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The rules of golf

And on the seventh day, God said let there be anger, frustration and irritation... and God created golf.

So what's the attraction? A ball, a club to hit it with, a walk over some pleasant scenery and then knock the ball into a little hole.

Occasional success breeds the faint hope of a repetition and there is joy in the world if the ball goes exactly where you want it.

Golf has its own language. Some of the points are:

Driver

The difference between learning to drive a car and learning to play golf, is that when you learn to play golf you don't hit anything.

The stroke

Hold the club, keep left arm straight, knees bent, head down, bottom still, head over ball, relax as you aim at the ball, swing club, sway right and left, watch the ball. Do this all at the same time and repeat several times until you actually hit it.

The green

An inviting piece of grass that contains the hole, the size of which is Scotland's revenge on the rest of the world.

The putter

An infuriating club for hitting the ball into the hole. There are special directions

on how to stand for your fifth and sixth putts. In Africa, certain native tribes practice the strange custom of beating the ground with clubs and uttering wild blood curdling yells. Anthropologists call this a form of primitive expression. Golfers call it putting.

Caddy


A cynical helper who considers golf as a sport in which a little white ball is chased by men who are too old to chase anything else.

Playing through

If you are struck by lightning, it indicates that God wants to play through.

Other points to remember:

- Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.
- Everyone replaces his/her divot after a perfect approach shot.
- You can hit a two acre fairway ten percent of the time and a two inch branch 90 percent of the time.
- The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the centre of a very large tree.

Have a happy day! 

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