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Life's too short to be little



Psychologists tell us that we cannot store up thoughts of hate and draw to ourselves **love for our fellow man**.

We are all familiar with the old saying that 'like attracts like', which to most of us is not only the law of the magnet but also the law of the mind.

To make our minds capable of attracting the best in life we must first fill them with good, constructive, hopeful, harmonious, courageous, confident thoughts. If we want to win loyalty, then we must be loyal. If we wish for success, we must think in terms of success.

We create our own mental attraction or magnet and we can only get back in life what we give out. We can only attract those things to which we are attuned and there is no price tag on our thoughts or our capabilities for service.

Each day we strive to face whatever comes our way or befalls our lot. We accept all things with reservation. We face people in the same way with all of their strength and weaknesses, with all of their love and hate.

If we take time to think about it all, we can easily be impressed by the tremendous forces for both good and bad which confront us today and every day. They are gigantic forces indeed, and if we can steer them right a successful outcome will be assured.

Hard work, difficulties, perplexities and disappointments will greet us but if we go forward with faith, hope, courage and determination to win and with it we combine the spirit of kindness and consideration for others, we can, without a doubt, enjoy success and happiness.

If we have our minds for only the good things, we often overlook the evil. There are times when we find the law of our mind lax and acceptable to unkindness and hate. Today's world of anger, greed

Let us remember always the words of a wise old philosopher who said that *'Life is too short to be little'*.

Or, as a former Australian Prime Minister quoted, *'Life was not meant to be easy'*.

and selfishness breeds constant examples of what is wrong and why at times, we become disappointed with our own actions and thoughts and those of the people around us.

We become disturbed by the little unimportant things caused by little people with untrained minds. People who take every opportunity to display their ignorance and their tendency to do wrong so that they may benefit from the darker side of life.

We must never permit the magnet of our mind to waver but rather strengthen it to overlook the little things of life and to permit, in the highest sense of the word, only that which our Great Teacher, who not only walks beside us but who guides us on our way to righteousness and love, has taught us.

Let us remember always the words of a wise old philosopher who said that 'Life is too short to be little'. Or as a former Australian Prime Minister quoted that 'Life was not meant to be easy'.

Often we allow ourselves to be so upset by small things which we really should despise and forget. Perhaps someone we helped has proved ungrateful, some reward we thought we deserved has been denied us.


We feel such disappointments so strongly that we can no longer work or sleep. But isn't that absurd.

This is where the teachings of masonry can be of importance. Remember, a mason is a man whose word is his bond, a man whose ear is open to hear the cry of distress, whose eye penetrates shame and deceit, whose feet are swift to run errands of mercy and whose hand supports the falling brother.

He is a man who banishes evil and clings to the good, a man subject to the faults and foibles of human nature but whose desire is to do good and to show mercy.

Here we are on this earth with only decades to live and we lose many irreplaceable hours brooding over grievances that in a year's time will be forgotten by us and everybody concerned.

Put this thought in your mind, tuck it on the inside of your lodge case, carry it in your notebook on your laptop - let us devote our life to worthwhile things, good thoughts, real affections and enduring undertakings.

Only by these actions and beliefs will we succeed in making our lives better, happier and more harmonious but more importantly, spread this happiness to others that their lives may also become more worthwhile. 



Water, water everywhere...



The words above were used by the **18th century English poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge** in his famous poem in 1797 about **the Ancient Mariner**. I thought of them on 5 February as my wife and I found our unit flooded during heavy rain.

Water rose outside our glass doors faster than it could be drained away and at about 7.30pm with what sounded like an explosion, the weight of water pushed the glass doors down and water rushed through our unit. Two budgies were floating in their cages, my wife was knocked from her chair, heavy furniture was moved by the incoming water and I was thankful that I was standing clear of the doors.

We received wonderful help from the SES and the Bushfire Brigade whose members pumped water out, cleared drains and made it possible for us to sleep in our bed. A few days later we moved into temporary accommodation and at the time of writing are in our ninth week away from home.

Much of Eastern Australia has recently received heavy rain leading to floods. Loss and distress follow such events but there are also beneficial consequences as parched farming land becomes productive for crops and grazing. Even Lake Eyre, past scene of land speed records, is now truly a lake with water. Rivers which were a trickle are now

flowing again and providing a lifestream for struggling farmers.

Water is essential to life. On a hot day there is wonderful refreshment in a cool drink of water. It has become quite common to see people carrying bottles of water in recognition of the dangers of dehydration in our hot climate. On the other hand, an excess of water can result in destruction and two notable examples of this in Biblical writings are the story of the flood, an instrument of divine judgment and the waters which engulfed the pursuing Egyptians as the Hebrews began their exodus from Egypt under the leadership of Moses.

Recognise water as God's gift to us and be thankful.

In both Jewish and Christian religious practice, water is a symbol of cleansing. Washing and purification are referred to many times in the VSL. For those of the Christian faith, the sacrament of baptism is a sign of entry into that faith and into the Church.

As I write this article, I am sitting outside my caravan at Lake Conjola. A minute's walk will take me from my caravan to the lakeside beach where our family regularly enjoy swimming. On a hot summer's day we enjoy the cool water. The same lake provides us with a steady supply of fish caught by my wife and grandchildren. What we don't catch, we can purchase from the Seafood Man who has conveniently come by to supply us with tonight's entrée.

Thank God our Creator for the benefit of water. Use it wisely and avoid waste. At the same time, recognise its dangers and be careful, especially when young children are involved.

"Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink." This was the mariner's lament. Recognise water as God's gift to us and be thankful.

I just want to add that after four months away from home we returned on 9 June and are still in the process of unpacking boxes. We are grateful for the kindness shown to us during those months by friends from Freemasonry, Rotary and our local church. 🙏

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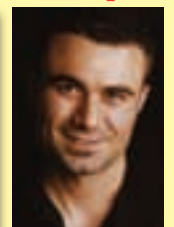
Over the last 24 months the global financial crisis has made borrowing money from the banks virtually impossible, irrespective if you have real-estate to offer as security or not. Adding to this, these uncertain and recessionary times have put further risk on Australians' financial future. Most people feel that if they own their own home outright they are safe, when in fact that could be quite untrue. Ultimately, no one even knows what their homes are truly worth as it's pointless having bricks and mortar sitting there doing nothing to aid your financial recovery when you could have borrowed against this security to help you through these trying times. We don't know what lies ahead or for how long - unless you have a crystal ball, you would be taking an uneducated guess as to what the future holds. What we do know is that Cash is King and one way to give your future some accuracy is to set up an equity access facility against the value of property in today's market. Doing this enables a line of credit that you can tap into for when it's needed. You can use the money for just about anything. So long as you have good equity within real-estate, the loan is yours.

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Have your say



A contribution from Freemasonry

Marrying two people together is an obvious thing to do for a Civil Marriage Celebrant. However, another way to 'marry things together' is what one can do with a little thought. To give an example: On ABC radio there was a talk about a museum in Canberra that was in the process of collecting data on air pollution. There were no records available as far back as the 50s through to the 70s. The gentleman from the museum in question was elated by news that a man had sent in his scuba diving tank, last used in the 80s, from which they were able to extract great data.

Listening to the minutes read out in many lodges, that go back 50 or even 150 years, it struck me that it was a shame no mention of the weather and climate was recorded. How wonderful it would be to have that data to present to the relevant authority for the next 100 odd years, as a public service from Freemasonry. This is a simple practice that could be adopted, as it has been in my lodge, Wm Ross No 76, and if nothing else it brings smiles to the brethren's faces.

RW BRO EDWIN POWER WM
Lodge Wm Ross No 76, Goulburn NSW

Women in Freemasonry

I write to commend you on the article appearing in the winter edition of *Freemason*, "Women in Freemasonry" pp18-19.

Your article gave a fair and balanced view of the International Order of Co-Freemasonry *Le Droit Humain*, and I am pleased to see that Dr McIntyre commented on the many wonderful contributions Co-Freemasons have made and continue to make to Australian society. Whilst we are different in that we admit women to Freemasonry, I can assure you our work motivates us to the same Masonic ideals of Benevolence, Brotherhood, Social Conscience and Morality.

We welcome the development of cordial and mutually respectful relations between our two Orders and thanks to your article for raising awareness of Women in Freemasonry.

RW BRO RT

The role of a DGIW

Having just served as the District Grand Inspector of Workings in District 14 in this jurisdiction, I want to convey to others interested in becoming a DGIW what this role entails.

The duties of a DGIW can be separated into two categories of ceremonial and administrative.

The ceremonial side requires the DGIW to attend lodge meetings within his district in an official capacity with a first degree or an installation compulsory. Otherwise, he can attend any meetings of his choice. This allows the DGIW to become familiar with his district and to build up a rapport with the Masters. It also provides an opportunity to observe how each lodge is performing and to make any recommendations for improvement. This is particularly rewarding as you are able to have an influence on your district and the direction it takes. A DGIW also meets many brethren and builds up some wonderful relationships over his two-year term.

Administration has many aspects including reporting, meetings and interviewing Member Assistance Scheme (MAS) candidates who are not able to obtain two sponsors for admission to the Craft. Monthly reports must be submitted to the Regional Grand Counsellor to provide the Grand Secretariat with essential information on what is happening in the jurisdiction. The DGIW is required to attend Regional and District meetings and Grand Lodge communications.

Holding the position of DGIW has been one of the highlights of my masonic career. I highly recommend this position to other brethren who want to make a difference in the Craft.

VW BRO WARREN RADNAN

Why not junk mail?

Reading this article made me both sad and very angry as I feel there is more than one way to look at this.

As a young child in the 1950s my mother had MS and her life and world contracted smaller and smaller with the progression of the disease. No TV, internet etc, her only contact with the world at large was "Junk

Mail". It gave her independence and dignity to choose her own clothes, gifts and Christmas presents for other people without the indignity of asking others for unnecessary assistance.

I can sympathise with those who feel we have too much junk mail but then think of the people who design, print and deliver. What would happen to them if we all took the view of "No Junk Mail". Where would their dignity and independence be without this employment and incoming wages.

So I ask you, the next time you get junk mail and think it's cheap rubbish, SMILE and say thank you because you can still clear your mail box or empty the inserts and responsibly put them into the recycle bin. Spare a thought for all those who only have this small window into the wonderful world out there, as everyone's independence all round is being protected.

I have been reading this magazine for years and this is the first time I have been prompted to print. My father fought in both World Wars, was a Past Master of Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle (Scotland) and I am married to a lodge secretary (NSW).

SUSAN MAY HINE
Emu Plains

From masoniCare

The masoniCare Board, together with its Marketing and Fundraising Sub-Committee, is committed to ensuring the fraternity is regularly updated with information on your Grand Charity, the causes it's supporting and to highlight the charitable efforts of masons in the community.

We are pleased to advise that masoniCare's monthly newsletter 'Intouch' is now available on the masoniCare website.

We ask that you to encourage your lodge to support masoniCare by ensuring the newsletter is circulated, included with notice papers and made available at your lodge meetings and festive board.

To view and print the newsletter, please go to <http://www.masonicare.org.au/LinksPubs>

RW BRO GREG REDFERN, PIGW
Chairman – masoniCare Board



Hearty good wishes

This was the message from the **Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston** to the new and progressive officers who were invested at the Grand Proclamation in August.



Grand Lodge Officers for 2010-2011

Grand Master
MW Bro Dr G H Levenston
Deputy Grand Master
RW Bro G R Eley
Assistant Grand Master
RW Bro Walid Mehanna
Senior Grand Warden
RW Bro D H Grigg
Junior Grand Warden
RW Bro R J Webb
Grand Chaplain
RW Bro Rev Dr J F Hely CBE

Grand Chaplain
RW Bro Rev P B Kilkeary OAM
Grand Chaplain
RW Bro Rabbi Dr S H Tov-Lev
Grand Chaplain
RW Bro L P Carter OBE
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RW Bro R K Collins
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Grand Registrar
RW Bro J E Armfield

Deputy Grand Registrar
RW Bro A G Jamieson
Grand Architect
VW Bro W V Sinclair
Deputy Grand Supt of Works
VW Bro P E Robinson
Grand Secretary
RW Bro K J McGlinn
Deputy Grand Secretary
RW Bro C J Craven
Deputy Grand Secretary
RW Bro K C Taylor

Grand Director of Ceremonies
RW Bro A Georges
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
VW Bro P M Ratcliff
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
VW Bro F Pamplona
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro E Maniago



Ladies, gentlemen and brethren attended the ceremony at the Sydney Masonic Centre and were entertained by the pageantry and the musical items. Heralds welcomed the Grand Master's entry, the Masonic Ensemble presented two items while Bro Daniel Rojas performed a traditional South American folk song.

The evening began with the entry and official welcome to the Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor, Most Worthy Bro Michael Shearer, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia, Most Powerful Bro Peter Straw and the Grand Master of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of NSW/ACT Most Excellent Companion Edward Keenahan.

The Grand Director, RW Bro Doug Grigg then proclaimed MW Bro Levenston as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT for the ensuing year. MW Bro Anthony Lauer gave the Address to the Grand Master who then appointed and invested RW Bro Glenn Eley as Deputy Grand Master and RW Bro Walid Mehanna

as Assistant Grand Master. The sponsors were MW Bro Ron Johnson PGM and MW Bro Ray Green PGM.

RW Bro Grigg was similarly invested as Senior Grand Warden and RW Bro Ron Webb as Junior Grand Warden followed by the investiture of the remaining officers by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Assistant Grand Master.

W Bro Peter Howlett delivered the Address to the Brethren and MW Bro Robert Hammond PGM extended greetings on behalf of the representatives of Sister Grand Lodges.

In his Address, the Grand Master particularly thanked the 2009-2010 officers for their service and extended hearty good wishes to them and the new team.


"In this second decade of the 21st century we must tackle the issue of purpose of Freemasonry and lodges. In the 18th century the accent was on high moral principles, in the 19th century social matters, in the 20th century charity while in the 21st we seek enlightenment and understanding.

"Enlightenment is knowledge and is seen as progressive and adaptable to change. Each

individual must apply enlightenment to his own life and use purpose to make the right decisions for the new generation of masons. The Square and Compasses brand needs to be deeply respected by Masons and admired by the community."

The Grand Master said ten new Masons are initiated every week but that is not enough and a 25,000 membership is needed in NSW by 2020. He said there were further signs of renewal with the formation of ten new lodges with another six in the pipeline.

"The Building Task Force is working to meet current and future demands for Masonic centres but it will take at least another decade. Also, there will be a report at the September Communication on the inquiry into voting for the position of Grand Master.

"My vision remains the same. As an organisation we have to be viable and have a sustainable future. We have to emphasise the influence of regional freemasonry and must keep transforming Freemasonry in NSW and ACT to enable us to grow in confidence and achieve real change and purpose." 

Senior Grand Deacon

W Bro J R Angeles

Junior Grand Deacon

W Bro J J Begbie

Grand Sword Bearer

W Bro C I Wattle

Grand Standard Bearer

W Bro R K Murray

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RW Bro J Baldwin OAM

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Bro P A Howlett

Deputy Grand Pursuivant

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W Bro B Akpınar

Grand Steward

W Bro J B Bertram

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W Bro J E Brown

Grand Steward

W Bro R E D Dixon

Grand Steward

W Bro D C Falls

Grand Steward

W Bro L D Hall

Grand Steward

W Bro K Lee

Grand Steward

W Bro J M Le Faucheur

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W Bro R C Lloyd

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The new Grand Officers

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

RW Bro Glenn Eley

Born, raised and educated within the United Kingdom, Glenn Eley attended primary school in Malvern and concluded his education at Grammar School before embarking on his career path in motion pictures.

On completing his school education he enrolled within the UK film Industry at the JA Rank Industries.

Arriving in Australia in 1969 he first secured work with Supreme Films based in Paddington, however it was not until Supreme Films became part of Greater Union two years later, that led Glenn into Masonry.

He is currently Group Operations Manager Cinesound Movietone Productions, a subsidiary of The Greater Union Organisation.

He also operates his own Company Eley Film and Video Enterprises, which has been responsible for the preservation of the Australian War Memorials film collection in Canberra from 1993/2003 and is currently contracted to Film Australia as its film consultant in the preservation of their collection

Glenn also enjoys membership of several notable film associations and is a member of the Australian Film Pioneers Society, Associate Member of the Australian Cinematographers Society and a member of the Australian Film Copyright Holders Society

His masonic career began when he was initiated into The Robert Burns Lodge of Australia No.21 in April 1974, passed and



L to R: RW Bro Glenn Eley and RW Bro Walid Mehanna

raised within "Burns" and then commenced in office. He became WM of the Robert Burns Lodge of Australia No 21 for two terms in 1983/1985 and again in 1994/1996. He was appointed DGIW for three terms from 1998 until 2004.

In similar fashion, he was appointed Regional Grand Counsellor for three terms for Region 12, from 2004 until 2009

Glenn was primarily responsible for the re-activation of Lodge Castlereagh No.72 by re-locating the charter from Coonamble to Sydney SMC. It now consists of 60 active members within three years of re-activation

RW Bro Eley served together with Officers of the Grand Lodge Secretariat in forming the successful Secretaries/Treasurers seminars and has served with Training Officers for the combined Region 1 and 12s Mentoring/ Leadership training courses.

ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER

RW Bro Walid Mehanna

Walid Mehanna is highly qualified for the role of Assistant Grand Master, having progressed through the Ceremonial Team from Grand Steward in 2002 to Senior Grand Warden in 2008/2009. He served as the Assistant Grand Director from 2005 to 2007.

Walid was initiated into Freemasonry in Lodge Wallace Bryce No 684 on 11 February 1991 and served in each of the progressive offices of the lodge. The lodge consolidated with Lodge Sir Joseph Banks No 300 on 27 July 1993 and Walid was



L to R: RW Bro Douglas Grigg and RW Bro Ron Webb

installed as the WM of the consolidated lodge on 14 September 1996. He joined with others in a petition to Grand Lodge requesting approval to form The Cedars Lodge No 1041 of which he became a Foundation Member.

In addition to his involvement in Craft Masonry, RW Bro Mehanna is a Past Worthy Supreme Ruler of the Secret Monitor, a member of the 30th Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and has taken all the degrees in the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, in August 1963, Walid was the eldest of five brothers and a sister. He migrated to Australia in January 1986 at the age of 23 and married Rima, producing four wonderful children, Rebecca, Jennifer, Danielle and Charbel.

Educated in commerce and accountancy, Walid has applied his qualifications in establishing successful business operations which he jointly manages with Rima.

During his 12 months as President of the former Present and Past Grand Officers Association in 2008/2009, the Association changed its name to the Freemasons Association (NSW & ACT), admitted women as members, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Grand Lodge and raised more than \$45,000 for the NSW Freemasons Disaster Relief Fund.

Walid has already organised a conference for 2020 Masons and their partners at the Bankstown District Sports Club on 11 September 2010 to discuss how they can best serve Freemasonry.

In his spare time, our Assistant Grand Master enjoys his passion for off-road driving, discovering the Australian countryside, movies and social interaction which he shares with Rima and his children.



L to R: RW Bro Antoine Georges and VW Bro Peter Ratcliff

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

RW Bro Douglas Grigg

Doug Grigg was initiated into Freemasonry in Lodge Edinburgh St John No 38, Mudgee on 2 April 1980 and was made a Royal Arch Mason in August 1982.

In October 2000 he was installed as Master of Lodge Edinburgh St John No 38 and again in 2005.

He was elected Grand Steward in 2003 and Deputy Grand Pursuivant in 2004. He then progressed through the Ceremonial Team to be appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2009.

He also rejoined Royal Arch Masonry in Chapter Dubbo No 33 where he has served two terms as First Principal. He is a member of the Grand Stewards Lodge, the Dubbo Rose Croix Chapter and the St Nicholas Preceptor in Geurie.

Doug lives on a small farm outside Mudgee with his wife Anne and numerous pets. He has two daughters who live in Sydney and a much loved granddaughter.

Doug fills his non-masonic time with active membership of the Mudgee Rescue Squad and his local Rural Fire Brigade and with part time work as a Funeral Director.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

RW Bro Ron Webb

RW Bro Ron Webb was initiated into Lodge Maylands No. 95 WAC on 22 February 1974.

He progressed through all offices culminating in being installed in the Chair of Maylands on Easter Monday 1983 and then a second year in 1984. Ron moved to NSW in 1986.

Ron joined Lodge Dural briefly then became an inactive member and resigned but maintained his Mother Lodge membership.

He joined Lodge Resurgo in its Centenary year, 1998, and worked through all the offices to take the chair in 2003 and 2004.

He became a Grand Steward in 2005 and immediately joined the Grand Stewards Lodge, taking the Chair in 2008.

Ron has been married to Marion for 15 years; between them they have four sons and eight grandchildren.

Upon retirement from the trucking industry Ron began working as a School Crossing Guard but was hit by a car on duty in 2009 and has had a long period of rehabilitation. After surgery he is now making a good recovery. His only outside interests are masonic related as he does a lot of work as the Preceptor of The Parramatta & Hills District Lodge of Instruction and also sells regalia.

GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

RW Bro Antoine Georges

Antoine Georges was born in Lebanon in 1956 as the youngest of 10 children and migrated to Australia in 1975.

He began working in the Public Welfare Sector where he stayed for the next 24 years. He initially was employed as a Youth Worker and held various positions including Welfare Officer; Social Welfare Worker; Counsellor; Bilingual Vocational Support Officer; Community Development/Education Officer; Community Justice Mediator; Interpreter; Co-ordinator of a Commonwealth Employment Program; Education/Training consultant and is currently working for Australia Post.

Antoine has been highly active in voluntary community participation, assisted the Marrickville Legal Centre in providing voluntary Legal Services to the Arabic Speaking Community, was a foundation member of the Arabic Welfare Interagency (now known as the Arabic Welfare Council)

and assisted in the development of several other non-English speaking Senior Groups.

His interest in Freemasonry started when he was initiated in Lodge Punchbowl No 244 on 11 January 1996 and is still a member. He is also currently a member of Lodge Kilwinning No 13, The Grand Stewards Lodge No 1022 and the foundation Installing Master (IPM) of the Cedars Lodge No 1041, a member of the Royal Arch, Rose Croix, 30th Degree and will be installed in the chair of the Leichhardt Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor in September. As a capable ritualist, Antoine joined the Ceremonial Team as a Grand Steward in August 2004.

Antoine is well supported by wife Margarita and children, Sara, Christina and Moussa.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

VW Bro Peter Ratcliff

Peter Martin Ratcliff was born in Sydney in 1952 and lived at Riverwood until his move to Penrith.

He attended Peakhurst Primary and Narwee Boys High School until 1969 when he joined the workforce. Further tertiary education was received at St George and Sydney Technical Colleges.

His High School interest in woodwork led to a position as apprentice carpenter and joiner at The Sydney County Council, now Energy Australia, where he is a Contracts Officer involving contracting out its civil infrastructure requirements. One of his proud achievements includes Apprentice of the Year in 1972.

Peter is married to Jean and has two recently married daughters Lisa and Sonya. Lisa is a florist and Sonya a school teacher.

His masonic career commenced in 1974 at Lodge King of Tyre No 457 at Bexley, following an influence by Jean's family and work colleagues, until he affiliated to Lodge Warragamba No 541 at Orchard Hills in 1995. He is a member of The Grand Stewards Lodge and The Deputy Preceptor at The Blacktown-Hawkesbury Lodge of Instruction. His interests outside Freemasonry include genealogy, numismatics, target shooting, fishing and growing orchids.



Full sail ahead

A proposed new Yachties' Lodge –
Lodge Sir James Hardy.

How does a new lodge start? Where does the idea come from and what amount of work is involved?

It comes from a germ of an idea and, with the enthusiasm of others with similar interests, grows from conception to consecration.

Where did the idea for this 'Yachties' Lodge' come from?

At the Installation of Lodge Tranmere in October last year, the GM's representative, RW Bro Tim Anderson PJGW, during his response to the toast to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, gave an interesting address on the forming of that lodge, stating the first members were mainly 16 and 18 footer sailers from Drummoyne Sailing Club.



'I'm just an ordinary girl who believed in a dream'

In her own words, *True Spirit* tells how a young girl from Queensland, once afraid of everything, decided to test herself. This extraordinary adventure would see her develop the mental strength to deal with knockdowns, loneliness, wild seas and endless days going nowhere. It is an inspiring story that ultimately proves that we all have the power to live our dreams.

Jessica's book '*True Spirit*' will be reviewed in the next issue of the *Freemason*.



RW Bro Malcolm Stradwick and RW Bro Sir James Hardy

One of the attendees, RW Bro Malcolm Stradwick mentioned that he had sailed out of Drummoyne in the mid 60s and another member remembered the 16 footer Malcolm sailed in and its sail sign – and the memories flew along with the camaraderie.

Most masons feel a great sense of ‘belonging’ after a lodge meeting but this time, as he drove home, there were two feelings of ‘belonging’ for RW Bro Stradwick. One was with his masonic brethren and the other with the skiffers with whom he had shared so many experiences.

He thought how masons and yachtsmen were similar in their common friendship, brotherhood and affinity. As the Grand Master has requested his RGCs to start three new lodges during their term, he thought – what better than a yachties’ lodge?

Next came a name for the new lodge and it really took only a few moments to arrive at the name of an icon in the yachting world and a wonderful mason. Sir James Hardy had been a sailing companion for many years on ‘social days’ where his motto of ‘Gentlemen do not sail to windward’ applies and he became the first point of contact.

“Right Worshipful Brother Skipper, how would you like a lodge named after you while you’re still on this sublunary and probationary abode?”

In the conversation, the concept was explained, how the idea arose and how we could grow the membership from the

yachting and boating clubs around Sydney.

Sir James was also asked if he would be the Foundation Honorary Member and he called back within 24 hours to indicate his acceptance.

“I’d be honoured. I think it’s a great concept and I’d be proud to have you put my name to it,” he said.

RW Bro Stradwick started mentioning the concept as he visited lodges and word spread through the yachting community. He also wrote to Bro Bob Oatley, BEM, owner of multiple Sydney/Hobart winner ‘Wild Oats’, another masonic icon in the yachting world. Bob also agreed to be a Foundation Honorary Member.

We’re now running down-wind under full sail. At this very early stage there are already 18 listed interested masons, one unattached mason wanting to be affiliated and three candidates interested in joining. The committee has been selected, there is an on-line members’ forum and our logo, which will appear on our own tie.

The new lodge will be consecrated in early 2011 at Artarmon.

Lodge Sir James Hardy will meet five times a year on the 1st Tuesday of the even months at the Artarmon Centre. On the odd months members will meet with partners and non-masonic friends on a Friday evening at the Flying Squadron in Kirribilli for informal get-togethers.

If you are interested in finding out more contact RW Bro Malcolm Stradwick RGC 1 at malstrad@bigpond.com.au or phone 0414 258 258.



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Freemasonry in Israel

In Jerusalem masonic lodges often meet in “Freemason’s Hall” in King Solomon’s Quarries.

Israel is a country of immigrants. The cosmopolitan origin of its population is reflected in the large number of lodges operating in foreign languages. Apart from Israel’s two official languages (Hebrew and Arabic), there are lodges working in: English, French, Spanish, German, Rumanian, and Turkish.

These lodges differ not only in language, but also in their rituals. Hebrew and Arabic-speaking lodges generally work according to standard rituals approved by the Grand Lodge, based on the English rituals. Foreign language lodges generally use the rituals habitual in their countries of origin. “Lodge Raanana”, for instance, which was founded by immigrants from South Africa and Rhodesia, uses the Netherlands ritual. Spanish-speaking lodges use the Scottish Rite ritual, widely used in Latin America and Spain.

Freemasonry is one of the few institutions that actively promote better understanding between the different ethnic and cultural segments of Israel society, particularly between Jewish and Arab brethren, also assisting in the social integration of immigrants.

Three volumes of the Sacred Law

Three Volumes of the Sacred Law are opened side by side upon the altar in every lodge in Israel: the Hebrew Bible (TaNaCH), The Christian Bible, and The Koran. The official seal of the Grand Lodge encloses the symbols of the three great monotheistic religions: The Jewish Star of David, Christian Cross, and Muslim Crescent, all intertwined within the square and compasses. Frequently, joint meetings are held between lodges, so that sometimes three or more different languages are heard in the course of a single meeting. Individual lodges, and Grand Lodge itself, perform numerous charitable activities, including donations of expensive medical equipment to hospitals, help to the blind and elderly, and food for the needy. The Order maintains a parents’ home in Nahariya, a town near the Lebanese border.

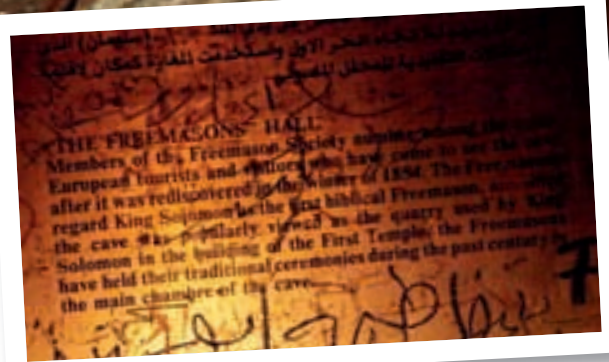
Grand Lodge meets in Tel-Aviv, but there are Masonic Temples in all-important cities, from Nahariya in the north to Eilat, Israel’s southern port on the Red Sea. In Acre, the Masonic Temple is located in the Old City, in a building with the char-

acteristic arches and vaults of medieval construction.

Masons meet in the Cave of Zedekiah

In Jerusalem, the “Freemasons Hall” inside King Solomon’s Quarries (or Cave of King Zedekiah) is used several times a year to conduct masonic meetings, generally in the Mark Degree, usually conducted in English and attended by numerous brethren from abroad. The underground quarry could explain what is written in the Bible, that no sound of metallic tools was heard at the building site of the Temple. If the stones were dressed underground, no noise would have reached the Temple site.

Jerusalem is the city of King David, who, in the 10th century BC, unified the Holy Land under his rule and established Jerusalem as his capital. His son, King Solomon, built a Temple to the God of Israel, which became the archetypical Temple in Western thought, and a central



subject in Masonic tradition. King Solomon's Temple already appears in the Old Charges of Operative Masons used by medieval lodges, and many legendary and ritual features of various masonic degrees are related to its construction and architecture.

Jerusalem is the focal point

For both Christians and Jews, Jerusalem is the focal point of the world, the place where heaven and earth touch each other (Heavenly and Earthly Jerusalem). In the Middle Ages, some maps show Jerusalem as the centre of the world, with Europe, Asia, and Africa radiating from it like the petals of a flower. Jerusalem is mentioned in the Old Testament no less than 656 times, in addition to other appellations such as "The Holy City", "The City of Truth", "The City of God", "The City of Peace", "The City of David", etc.

In 586 BC, King Solomon's Temple was razed by Nebuchadnezzar. A second Temple was erected by Jews returning from the Babylonian exile in the 5th century BC, and was rebuilt and greatly enlarged by King Herod. The Western Wall (formerly

known as the "Wailing Wall") is a striking remnant of the Herodian Temple. After the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967, the whole area has been opened up and now a large section of the wall has been exposed, part of which can be followed through underground passages. Some of the huge Herodian ashlar are among the largest construction stones in the world.


Eight masonic lodges in Jerusalem

The newly-opened Museum of the History of Jerusalem, at King David's Tower, near the Old City's Jaffa Gate, gives a fascinating account of the city's 3000 year history. Other places in Israel with strong masonic connections, such as Jaffa (Joppa) and Acre (Templars), are within driving distance of Jerusalem.

There are eight lodges working in Jerusalem, all of them under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. Most work in Hebrew, "Holy City Lodge" works in English. The Masonic Temple is located at 13 Ezrat Israel St., off the main thoroughfare of the New City, Jaffa Road. Other attractions in Jerusalem include the Israel

Museum, where the original Dead Sea Scrolls are in exhibition, among many fascinating archeological discoveries, some of them thousands of years old. The world-famous Yad Vashem memorial perpetuates the memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

The recently opened Bible Lands Museum explores the history, art, and architecture of the Holy Land throughout the ages. In 1993, the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel celebrated its 40th anniversary. It maintains close fraternal ties with regular Grand Lodges throughout the world. Frequent visits by delegations and individual brethren from abroad give testimony to the universality of our Order.

Despite its small size, the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel can be proud of having been able to foster and develop a true fraternal spirit within its lodges, even under the most trying external circumstances. We must endeavor to bring our message of enlightenment, toleration, and fraternal love to all, so helping to build a better world for our children. 

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A behind the scenes achiever

RW Bro **Ken Taylor** PJGW is one of the quiet men behind the scenes who helps keep the United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT in proper order.

He was initiated into Sydney Lodge 1020, occupied the Chair of Lodge Stanmore and is currently a member of Lodge Castlereagh 72.

As Deputy Grand Secretary Operations, he is a member of various committees, Director/Secretary of Sydney Masonic Centre Buildings and is responsible for the investments of the organisation.

After completing schooling at Punchbowl Boys High in Sydney, he joined the Australian Taxation Office for 14 years, transferred to the Department of Administrative Services for a further ten years before retiring at the age of 42. The retirement lasted three months before he went looking for work again and became Campus Manager at the Australian Catholic University at Strathfield for four years before signing on with the United Grand Lodge.

“I’ve worked for three of the most different organisations possible – the Federal Government, Catholics and Masons”.

“I was the first male non-mason employed by Grand Lodge and that eventually created an interest as to what was Freemasonry. For the first four years I resisted joining until I had satisfied myself of the worth of the organisation.

“When I started in the year 2000, it was simply as a business manager with the original concentration on finance, investments and insurance. I take great pride in the achievements of the organisation and it gives me a personal thrill to be responsible for its investments and to be able to give so much money to charity.”


Ken spent five years travelling around Australia for previous employers but in recent years he has been able to visit Europe, the South Pacific, Phuket and Thailand. However his biggest aim is to travel to the United States to visit friends



and to track down archival records involving genealogy. As an adopted child, he only recently discovered his natural family and found he had three brothers and four sisters, some of whom he is now in contact. He is also the proud father of daughter Amanda and son Stephen.

“Working in Grand Lodge, there is a new problem every day. Some are very complex, mainly legal issues and high finance. Current investment portfolios are now 50 percent greater than when I started and the turnover of the SMC is ten times greater than what it was ten years ago, running into millions of dollars.

“However, the current staff are wonderful people to work with, they are pleasant, agreeable and I think the volunteers make it pleasurable in bringing outside thoughts, different perspectives and their expertise into the workplace on a daily basis.”

Ken doesn’t like sport but has a large DVD collection, likes movies and eating out which he says takes away pressure and makes his life more enjoyable. 

Q&A

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

How can my wife/partner participate?

Lodges welcome partners. Women have a significant role to play in the planning and implementation of all aspects of Masonry except ritual and ceremonial. They are now invited to attend Installation nights and other special occasions, join the social committee and advise on planning the year ahead. They are a valuable and important part of a lodge.

Is Masonry a ‘self-help’ organisation?

No. Masons are taught to practice brotherly love in all their dealings by treating everyone with respect, tolerance and where appropriate, affection. They are expected to practice charity by assisting people in need, so far as their resources will allow, and not just other masons. A mason’s professional and private activities should be marked by integrity and when a mason gives his word, that should be his bond.

Is Freemasonry a unique organisation?

It is not unique in basing its teachings on brotherly love, charity and integrity. Many other institutions have similar goals. However, masons believe that their organisation is unique in two aspects. Firstly, it uses ritual and ceremony to communicate ideas. Secondly, deep and abiding friendships result from the practice of masonic principles. It is the experience of this quality of friendship which most masons would describe as their principal benefit from membership.

The pleasures of the south

One of the pleasures of being Grand Master is for Judith and myself to travel the Jurisdiction, **meeting and greeting masons and their ladies.**

In July, we toured the South Coast, accompanied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies RW Bro Doug Grigg.

We travelled through coastal Regions 11 and 10, and then west to Bombala and home via Goulburn. Armed with enough gear for a month, the tour started with a leisurely trip from Sydney to Mollymook, where Lodge Milton No 63, with the support of RW Bro Neil Atkins (RGC 11) and his wife Moo, hosted a terrific lunch, supported by 40 brethren and ladies.

On to Moruya, where Lodge Coeur de Lion No 84 held an open night and vibrant South, supported as well by Lodge Eurobodella Daylight No 989, the local community, with 120 in attendance. The next day we were hosted by Lodge Bega-Remembrance No 220 and again Lodge Eurobodella Daylight at a Q & A at the Bega Lodge room, and then lunch at the

Bega Cheese Factory. Again we had the pleasure of the company of 40 masons and ladies. That night the "caravan" stopped at Pambula to enjoy a lodge night with Lodge Baddeley No 205 and Lodge Pambula Daylight No 1000. The South was supported by 60 masons and ladies, some having travelled from Victoria on a fraternal. After a little sightseeing to Eden and the border, we journeyed to The Mountain Lodge No 190 at Bombala and enjoyed a classic 3rd Degree in a beautifully intimate lodge room with the candidate "loaned" from Lodge Cooma Monaro No 164. At least 80 masons and their ladies enjoyed the South and Freemasonry was stronger for it.

On our final day, we travelled to Cooma for morning tea, chatting about the building and the lodge with 40 masons and ladies, travelled to Canberra to view the magnificent new building in Barton, and

then on to the Goulburn Masonic Centre, meeting a crowd of 40 representing Lodges Goulburn District Daylight No 1024, The Goulburn Lodge of Australia No 58 and William Ross No 76. The building made such an impression that we will hold our December Communication there and look forward to attracting a more "local" group of masons.

The tour covered 1500kms, nine lodge buildings, 11 lodges, and an opportunity to meet more than 400 masons and ladies. It proved that Freemasonry is alive and well, supported by thinking men and women, concerned with a multitude of issues, but all prepared to work harder for the future good of the Craft.

We give thanks for the friendship and hospitality and for the good humour, counsel and care of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, RW Bro Grigg.



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Banks of Botany Bay

Joseph Banks was an English naturalist and botanist who was the **first Freemason to land in Australia.**

Banks was born in London in February 1743 and acquired a passion for botany while at Oxford University. After inheriting his father's fortune, he became a full-time botanist and published the first descriptions of the plants and animals of Newfoundland and Labrador.

His career began working under Carl von Linnæus, founder of modern botanical science and inventor of the Latin naming system which is still in use today. Banks was an advisor to King George III, encouraging him to support new voyages of discovery.

He was appointed to a joint Royal Navy/Royal Society scientific expedition to the South Pacific on HM Bark *Endeavour* under James Cook in 1768. This voyage went to Brazil and other parts of South America, Tahiti, New Zealand and finally to the east coast of Australia.

Well before he was appointed to join the *Endeavour*, Banks was much better known than Cook, and the aristocracy and the scientific community regarded Banks as the star of the voyage.

Cook made landfall at Botany Bay and became the first visitor to plant a flag and claim the land, later to be known as NSW, as a colony. Banks and his team collected and recorded so much rich botanical material that they named the place of their arrival as Botany Bay.

Apart from botany, the colonisation of Australia became the second great passion for Banks. He was the greatest supporter of settlement in NSW and strongly influenced the continuing exploration of the new territory. At one stage the name of 'Banksia' was even proposed for the region.



Top background: Chart 1768–1770 showing the voyage of *Endeavour* across the South Seas.

Above: Joseph Banks (seated) with James Cook (centre) and the 4th Earl of Sandwich (right) after whom the Sandwich Islands (later to become Hawaii) were named. From painting by John Hamilton Mortimer.

Left above: Joseph Banks by Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1773.

Left: HMS *Endeavour* off 'New Holland'



Upon his return home, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society and as president from 1778–1820, enabling him to direct the course of British science for the first part of the 19th century.

Banks was responsible for several famous voyages, including William Bligh's voyage to transplant breadfruit from the South Pacific to the Caribbean Islands which led to the famous mutiny on the *Bounty*. Bligh was also appointed NSW Governor on the recommendation of Banks.

During this period, Banks was an informal adviser to King George III on the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew and dispatched explorers and botanists to dif-

ferent parts of the world, enabling Kew Gardens and its many species to become one of the major gardens in the world.

He gave financial support to William Smith in his efforts over a decade to create a geological map of England, the first geological map of an entire country in history. He was also a major supporter of science and scientists in different countries and introduced the British people to the wonders of the wider world.

His name is found in many parts of the world because of his travels and discoveries. There is Banks Peninsula on the South Island of New Zealand, Banks Islands in Vanuatu, Banks Island in Canada's Northwest Territories, the Canberra suburb of Banks and the Sydney suburb of Bankstown.

Banks became a Freemason between 1764 and 1767 in the Old Horn Lodge No 4. In 1717, this lodge met in the Rummer and Grapes Tavern and was one of the four founding lodges of the Grand Lodge of England.



The piper pays

Bagpipes – you either love them or hate them. In the case of **W Bro Sam Young** of Lodge Kingsford Smith, it was love and has produced many memorable moments for the Young family.



His earliest memory of beginning to play the pipes was at the age of nine. His father was a piper in North Queensland and Sam's interest evolved to where he became a successful competitor as a teenager, Australian Solo champion at 17 in Brisbane in 1970, a band leader, involvement in the Edinburgh and Australian Military Tattoos and an international judge.

"Blow and squeeze, take a breath, squeeze, the bagpipes are regarded as the second hardest musical instrument to learn after the harp," Sam said.

"The pipe consists of four reeds, prima-

rily the chanter reed which produces the intonation notes, three harmony reeds of a bass and two tenors. It is a very demanding instrument and the music incorporates technical aspects and the need to balance the sound. Bagpipes are traditionally known as an instrument of war, emitting a very high pitched and loud sound which stirs people."

Because of his father's association with one of the Queen's pipers in Scotland, he was able to take tuition in Scotland for a year and when he returned home, he joined the Queensland Irish Association band, staying with them for nearly nine years before moving to Sydney.

He was unable to find a band until approached in the early 1990s to reform the defunct NSW Police Pipe Band and became its Pipe Major, leading it to become a very successful band.

Sam had taken part in a successful tour with the Brisbane Irish band to Scotland in 1985 which introduced him to many people. Through that network, he became an international adjudicator of pipe bands all over the world and now judges in Scotland every year.

"The two major competitions are the World championships in Glasgow and the competition at Cowl in Dunoon where the major judging objectives are music and tonal balance," said Sam.

"I was only involved with the Edinburgh Tattoo in Australia. I have never played in Edinburgh. The Sydney Tattoo came through an invitation from Edinburgh to the NSW Mounted Police to participate as a musical ride item. We were subsequently asked whether we'd like to be involved as a combined band with the military band, first in 2005 and again in 2010.

"With the musical ride, everything is built around what the horses can do. Ride consists of various timing procedures, sequences of slow march time, walking, trotting, galloping, similar to Olympic equestrian and we base the music to fit the gait of the horses. The highlight is the finale charge based on the Light Horse of yesteryear where we start with trot, pipers then come on with slow waltz to allow horses to change gait and then builds up to the final section.

"The Sydney Tattoo was a good exercise in logistics. It runs to the second, no waiting around with 1500 performers at the Sydney Football Stadium compared to 800 at Edinburgh. The replica of Edinburgh Castle used in Sydney in 2005 had parts destroyed by fire before the 2010 performance and the Australian workmen did a remarkable job of rebuilding."

Most of the music played at Sydney was contemporary and not traditional which provided a challenge in rewriting the music. Another interesting exercise was being part of the Andre Rieu concerts at Homebush Olympic Stadium because Rieu demanded finer musical requirements with his professional orchestra and the pipers had to work hard to get their pitch in line with his musicians.

Sam's wife and daughter are Scottish highland dancers and his wife also plays the drums in the band. But his serious work now is adjudicating, especially as ensembles are being brought into pipe bands and he needs time to learn what is required.

For the last two years Sam has been WM of Lodge Kingsford Smith but with his term ended in June, he now has more time to devote to his love of the pipes.

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Tip Card #4: What can I say?

AIM – This tip is to help us understand one of the most recent changes to our Craft – being allowed to talk freely about who we are, what we do, and how to encourage other good men to join with us in lodge.

Target

- To help us relax and feel comfortable with this new masonic environment in which we live.
- To remove any misunderstandings or doubts we may have about how much we can say to our non-masonic friends and family.
- To help us fill the lodges with good eager men who are keen, as we are, to live masonry as a way of life.

Reasoning

For many of us, being a mason meant keeping our membership of a masonic lodge a secret; telling no one, not even close family members. As to what masons did and why they did it, both were very securely locked up 'in the safe and sacred repository of our hearts...' as we were exhorted to do, and agreed to do, at every lodge closing ceremony.

The last five words of that closing ceremony state 'may God prosper the Craft'.

It appears that many of us thought God, the GAOTU, would look after our prosperity and be happy for us to sit around and twiddle our thumbs whilst He worked on our behalf! Do we really believe that is what our ancient brethren, the authors of our wonderful ceremonial works, had in mind when they wrote this particular ceremony?

Have we taken the closing words of this ceremony, a part of our peculiar system, too literally? Maybe the intention was for us to bear in mind that God would help us when talking about the Craft and choosing the right candidates. Many of us were also taught (elsewhere) that He would help those who helped themselves. That sounds more masonic than us letting the Great Architect look after our future for us! Looking out for ourselves.

Did we take one part of the closing

ceremony too literally and completely forget about the other part? Did we keep the secrets too well and forget, or didn't think it was important enough, to extol our other virtues and attend to our future needs or prosperity?

Methodology

To answer the original question 'What can I say?' the answer is 'the truth'.

You may speak about anything and everything masonic with one exception: Don't reveal the signs and secrets of our Degree Ceremonials.

(We must always be seen to be adhering to our obligation NOT to reveal 'those signs' by which masons are known to each other. Besides, it would be nice to pass them on in the ceremony rather than ad hoc.)

You are free to speak about your personal experiences as a mason, how it has helped you through life's experiences, how you and your family have benefited from its philosophy and its credo. You are free to speak about the tracing boards, the furniture and the jewels, our ceremonial work (except the secrets) and its significance to us. You can speak freely about our charitable work and how we help. You can speak freely about our symbols and usages and customs. You can speak freely, honestly and openly.

Conclusion

With the image of Freemasonry improving in the community we can, by talking about our experiences in the Craft, further assist in the elimination of remaining doubts in relation to the Craft. Our book *It's no Secret, Real Men Wear Aprons*, is also out there working for us.

Be proud of who you are and talk freely about why you are a mason.

It will help prosper the Craft – your Craft.



The Dirty Reds

During a proud history, Drummoyne Rugby Club has not only produced some of Australia's great sporting heroes but has attracted more than its fair share of masons.

In a book by John Mulford titled 'Men in Scarlet - The History of the Balmain, Glebe & Drummoyne Rugby Clubs 1874-2004', he goes on to explain that the origins of the Club go back directly to the very beginnings of the game of rugby in Australia when, in 1874, the Southern Rugby Union was formed to establish the game here. This is of immense historical interest as this Union pre-dates those of New Zealand, Wales, Ireland and South Africa and because its predecessor club, the Balmain RUFC, founded in 1873, took part in the very first competition and won their first premiership in 1875.

In 1889, a rugby club was founded in neighbouring Glebe and courtesy their scarlet jerseys and 'vigorous' style of play, soon became famous as 'The Dirty Reds'. These pioneering clubs of Balmain and Glebe formed the very foundations of what we now know as modern day Drummoyne District Rugby Union Club.

The first Rugby Union team to leave Australian shores for an overseas tour was the historic 1882 NSW team to New Zealand which included three players from the Balmain Club. A young winger, Bill McKell, later to become Australia's Governor General, played in the 1909 and 1910 Balmain teams, and Dr H. Moran, who was Club President in 1911 and 1912, captained the first Wallabies of 1908.

The winning Balmain Rugby Captain of 1875 was W.L. Murdoch, later to

Bro Nathan Landrey in action, ably supported by teammates.





L-R: Bro Nathan Landrey, Bro Joseph Hansell, W Bro John Freedman and Bro Owen Parry

become Australia's test cricket captain and the first player to score a double century in test cricket. Not to be outdone, Glebe produced 'Tibby' Cotter, a member of their first grade rugby premiership team of 1910 and a sensational test cricket fast bowler for Australia.

But the Great War took a huge toll on playing numbers. Over 80% of the Balmain and Glebe players joined up and many were killed at Gallipoli and on the Somme in France. This forced these two famous clubs to merge in 1919, and form the Glebe-Balmain RFC. As a merged club they had enormous success during the twenties, winning four premierships and providing no less than seven players including captain Johnny Wallace for the immortal 1927/28 Waratahs. It is to be noted that the Club boasted three Rhodes Scholars that year including Johnny Wallace himself who went on to captain Scotland.

In 1931, as a Depression project, Drummoyne Oval as we now know it was constructed on the site of a small oval which Glebe and Balmain had used for junior matches since 1892. To ensure longevity of tenure due to the lack of sporting grounds in Sydney, the Glebe-Balmain Club reluctantly decided to change its name to the Drummoyne District Rugby Football Club. It did so without giving up its long-held traditions: the scarlet jumpers of Glebe, its world-famous tag 'The Dirty Reds', and the black and gold of Balmain, colours still worn proudly by today's players in their socks. From that time on the Club has produced a list of Wallaby players and captains too numerous to mention.

Many Freemasons, past and present, have enjoyed their involvement and participation with Drummoyne Rugby Club.

W Bro John Freedman, Past Master and current Junior Warden of Lodge Vaucluse has had a long association with the Club which he joined in 1955 as a 19 year

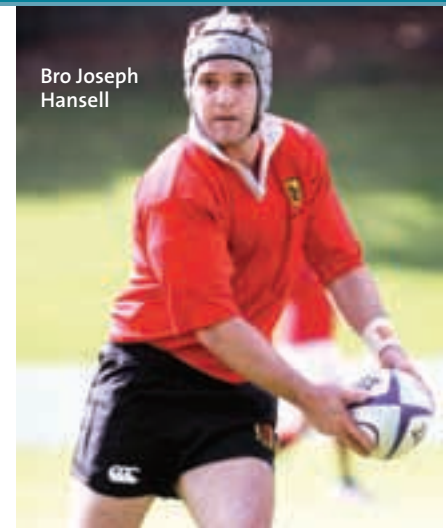
old. He played 164 first grade games, captained the team for several years and represented NSW and Australia, touring with the Wallabies as a player in the '60s then as manager in 1973. He is a Past President and Life Member of NSW Rugby Union and has been awarded the Order of Australia for services to rugby.

Current players Nathan Landrey and Joseph Hansell are both members of Lodge Trinitarian and Bro Owen Parry (See *Freemason* Summer 2009) is a former player with Drummoyne and a member of Lodge Chelmsford 261.

All liken their experiences of rugby to the fraternity enjoyed within Freemasonry,



The 4th grade jerseys showing Lodge Chelmsford 261 sponsorship



Bro Joseph Hansell

valuing the bond that develops amongst a group of men from all walks of life joined in a common interest, sharing the responsibilities and rewards of teamwork and common goals. Although the discipline and preparation required within Freemasonry is more mental than physical, each individual, whether a rugby team member or masonic lodge member, can benefit from the support and encouragement of the group and contribute to the combined achievement of the team and the lodge.

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Appointments and news from Grand Lodge

The Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston, after his normal welcome to members, announced that **negotiations had been successful in restoring relations with the Great Priory of Knights Templar of Scotland and sanctions had been removed.**

He then received and presented a Letter of Acknowledgement to the District Grand Prior of NSW, Rt Em Knight John Larsen.

Reports were received from the Executive Council, Board of Management, Grand Charity, Grand Lodge Trustees and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as well as the adoption of the appointments of DGIWs, Conferral of Grand Rank and Regional and District Masonic awards.

In other appointments, the Grand Master announced that for the ensuing year, RW Bro Glenn Eley would be the new Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Walid Mehanna the Assistant Grand Master, VW Bro Doug Grigg Senior Grand Warden, VW Bro Ron Webb Junior Grand Warden and VW Bro Antoine Georges Grand Director of Ceremonies.

He also announced that an Executive Council taskforce, chaired by RW Bro John Armfield, is currently reviewing issues involving voting procedures and term, for the election of Grand Master.

In its report, the Executive Council said the Task Force will determine whether an electoral college system should be introduced, if it would select a Deputy Grand Master who would subsequently become Grand Master and accompanying rules.

The Board of Management announced production of a DVD on perambulations and procedures has commenced and is scheduled to be completed later this year and new membership packages have been distributed to every lodge. Approval has also been given to the Buildings Committee for the new Regional Building Officers Handbook and the Building Owners Handbook. The Certification of Masonic Buildings program is also nearing completion.


The Grand Master extended special thanks to RW Bro Dr Frank Radcliff and his Committee for Associated Orders for completing the agreements with the 18 Orders of Freemasonry as defined by the Jurisdiction of NSW/ACT, encompassing the acceptance by all of these Orders of the “Three Essential Principles”. He said this program was started under MW Bro Lauer PGM, and progressed under MW Bro Brooke PGM and helped determine the dynamic progress and development of the Craft. He also acknowledged the work on the Associated Orders forum, culminating in the development of the electronic diary and directory on the UGL website (public side), linking the Orders together as a family of individuals.

In his address, the Grand Master said: “Open communications with members of the non-masonic community will remain a key objective, and this is resulting in a greater understanding of masonic affairs by the general public as well as educating the brethren to feel less inhibited in talking about Freemasonry. This reconnecting with community will help restore Freemasonry to its valued place in society.

“With these points in mind, I believe

the Craft is in the soundest shape it has been for years, and that it is an organisation much more confident in itself. It is time we reached out with this confidence to make masons, identify quality candidates, mentor them, care for them, and educate them throughout their masonic journey. In the last twelve months, we have initiated more than 500 good men. We need more, and with skilled retention, we will grow again. All are individually responsible for this collective future. And now is the time to act.

“In the 21st Century we need a re-acclamation of principle. Our masonic stand will always be for enlightenment. And enlightenment is never completed. It is always in jeopardy, representing: Freedom, Moral Determination, Intellectual Grasp and the gentle art of Caring. These pillars of **light** depend on those of us who dare to stand up and be counted, even against the shadows of power, immorality and greed.

Brethren, Look forward! Acknowledge we have a future. **Expect change! Embrace change** and for the good of Freemasonry beyond 2010, **stay true to your principles.** 

A Preview of the September Communication Program

The September Quarterly Communication will be held on Wednesday, 8 September at the Sydney Masonic Centre, commencing 7.30pm.

Agenda

- Grand Master’s Welcome
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- Grand Rank Conferral (if any)
- A short address by the Queensland Grand Superintendent of Works
- Questions on Notice
- General Business

From the Grand Secretary

“... the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason’s heart – I mean Charity”.

Words so well known to Freemasons.

The 2009 Annual Report of Stewart House includes a list of donations received from over 65 corporations and organisations with each donating in excess of \$200. The Freemasons of this jurisdiction are on that list and ranked fourth and are preceded by Merrill Lynch, the Teachers Credit Union and the Fred P Archer Charitable Trust. The masonic contribution totalled \$25,914.

In the same year Stewart House was able to show a small surplus in its operations – the first since 2003.

Stewart House cares for children who are in the public education system from all parts of NSW and ACT who are in need. In excess of 1,800 public school children are cared by Stewart House when nominated by their schools because they are in need of a break from their current circumstances. During their stay these children are provided with optometric, dental and medical assessment and any urgent treatment. As well as emotional support children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school on site for nine days of their 12 days stay.

This wonderful cause is the one chosen by the Grand Master’s partner, Miss Judith Morrice who has worked tirelessly in the past two years to raise the awareness of Stewart House within the jurisdiction which subsequently led to this marvellous result.

Her work for and exposure of this wonderful organisation has led to Freemasons achieving a most credible donation and receiving the recognition mentioned above.

Handbook of masonic information and procedures

By the time this column is read, an updated release of the “Handbook of Masonic Information and Procedures” will be available and the Executive Officers of every lodge should each purchase a



copy. The Handbook contains information and procedures relating to Grand Lodge, Lodge Management, Membership Application procedures, Ceremonial matters and much more relating to Freemasonry.

The Handbook has been printed in the same format as the Book of Constitutions and is available from the Secretariat at a cost of \$10, with the covers, if required, an additional \$5 each.

Work on this Handbook has been carried out over the last 18 months and Secretaries from nine lodges throughout the jurisdiction were selected at random to review the original “draft” copy and offer comment or suggestions about its content and invited to suggest any additional information which they consider necessary. All recommendations were included and the matter was then passed to the Private Lodges Committee of the Board of Management which also gave its approval.


As mentioned every Secretary and Worshipful Master of each lodge should have a copy of this Handbook for ease of reference, not forgetting of course the invaluable assistance that the Book of Constitutions offers, a copy of which should be held by every member.

BACK ROW (L to R): Rayleen Rawlinson (Qld), John Rawlinson (Qld), Sue Milton (NZ), Vic Schilo (WA), Irene McGlinn (NSW/ACT), Kevin McGlinn (NSW/ACT), Malcolm Colegate (SA/NT)
FRONT ROW (L to R): Barry Reaper (Vic), Pam Sangwell (Tas), Allan Sangwell (Tas), Laurence Milton (NZ), Bronwyn Colegate (SA/NT).

Grand Secretaries of Australia and New Zealand

At the Grand Installation of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland held in Brisbane in early July, there was a 100% attendance of Grand Secretaries from Australia and New Zealand. This gave the perfect chance for a unique photo opportunity seen on this page.

Unfortunately two wives, Barbara Reaper (Vic) and Slavka Schilo (WA) were unable to make the trip and were sadly missed.

Grand Secretaries are in constant contact by telephone and email and take every opportunity, when together, to discuss common issues. Late last year during the Grand Installation of Western Australia, they held a two day conference which highlighted just how similar our jurisdictions are particularly in the various issues that need to be addressed. 



Conference: DGIWs & RGCs

Regional Grand Counsellors (RGC) and District Grand Inspectors of Workings (DGIW) are our Regional & District managers charged with the welfare and growth of Freemasonry throughout the jurisdiction; they recently participated in a two-day Conference convened by the Board of Management to set a foundation for the coming terms of Office.



Regional Grand Counsellors 2009-2011

Region 1	Sydney North	Malcolm STRADWICK
Region 2	Sydney South	Graham PAINTON
Region 3	Sydney West	Nigel HAMILTON
Region 4	Hunter	Graham PRETTY
Region 5	North Coast	Bruce ARNOL
Region 6	New England	Karl TOOVEY
Region 7	Orana	Lex BRAMBLE
Region 8	Murray	Rick ALLEN
Region 9	Central West	Gregg SUMMERHAYES
Region 10	South	Graham CHARLTON
Region 11	South Coast	Neil ATKINS
Region 12	Sydney Central	Robert SEARLE
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Appointment of District Grand Inspector of Workings for 2010-2012

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D32	Paul LARBALESTIER	D55	Ric DUDGEON	D95	Brian HEILMAN	D126	Stewart GRANT
D33	Max GREVETT (Dec'd 3.8.10)	D56	Campbell WALKER	D102	Bruce PRESTON	D131	To Be Advised
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Nothing to Envy

Love, life and death in North Korea

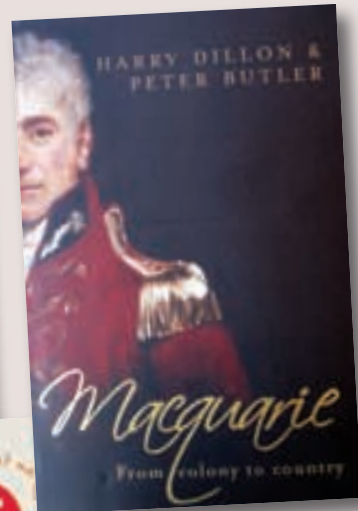
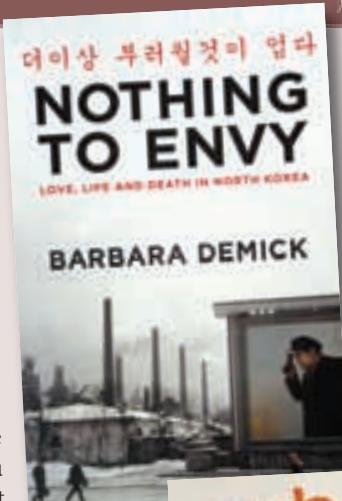
By BARBARA DEMICK

Imagine a world where everything around you is black and white except for the red letters on propaganda signs; where spies like George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty Four* Thought Police study your facial expressions during endless political rallies to make sure your thoughts are sincere; where the skeletal wires of rusted electrical grids are constant reminders of what once was and what has been lost.

This is no imaginary place. This is North Korea, the only country that chooses not to have internet connection. Ruled over by a dictator, it is also a place where 22 million people live, work and dream of a different life.

The 1998 nationwide famine killed around two million people. With no government admittance of a general food shortage, food continued to run out, people ate bark, grass roots or anything they could lay their hands-on; or simply picked kernels of undigested corn out of farm animal excrement just to survive. Hospitals filled up with the starving and diseased. Yet despite repeated speculation that North Korea was on the verge of collapse, it continued to defy all odds and survive.

Barbara Demick, the *Los Angeles Times* Beijing bureau chief, spent a decade covering North Korea's strange politics and regulations. She takes us into the heart of an elusive society. We see her subjects fall in love, nurture ambitions and struggle with survival and betrayal. This is a haunting portrait of a bizarre society and the ultimate cost it extracts on its citizens.



Macquarie

From colony to country

By HARRY DILLON and PETER BUTLER

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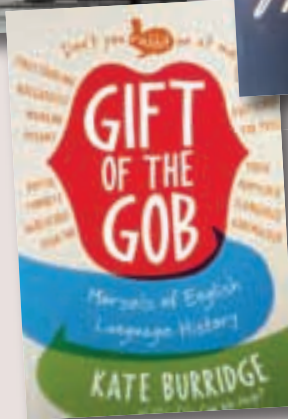
Australia Day Address for 2009 said in part of Governor Macquarie ... 'that he stands today as one of the greatest of Australian governors, a true pioneer of the nation, unmatched for vision, magnanimity, compassion, and zest for accomplishment.'

The story of Macquarie's governorship is in many ways the story of early Australian history. No other governor etched his identity so indelibly on his times, nor left his name so well represented on Australian maps. Macquarie's term encompassed the key events of our country's crucial third decade of existence, and his governorship accelerated its progress from a jail to a colony of settlement, and from despotism to democracy. Unsurprisingly, the personal story of Macquarie's years is just as absorbing: a tale of aspirations fulfilled followed by a devastating fall from grace.

This book is a timely reminder of Lachlan Macquarie's importance to modern Australians. It is a fascinating story of the genesis of a nation and of an extraordinary individual who refused to be confounded by the odds stacked against him.

An intriguing history of one of Australia's most extraordinary individuals and a look at the importance of Governor Lachlan Macquarie's legacy 200 years on.

Harry Dillon is a lecturer in journalism at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst. Peter Butler is a professional researcher and lecturer, also from Charles Sturt University.



Gift of the Gob

Morsels of English language History

By KATE BURRIDGE

Why can we fall in love but not in hate? What do codswallop and poppycock share? Why not one house and two hicc? How come we scream blue murder, sing the blues and turn the air blue?

From Professor of Linguistics at Monash University, and an ABC Radio regular, Kate Burridge takes the reader on a witty and eclectic look at the quirks of the English language.

Gift of the Gob examines our language and the everlasting tug-of-love that exists between 'proper' English and its wayward relation, slang. She investigates the place where all that is 'wrong', 'bad' or 'sloppy' slips into everyday use, before becoming 'proper' in its turn.

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Grand Charity Debutante Ball

“We did it!” Cheered a small band of dedicated masons and their wives in District 52 who raised \$100,000 to launch the **Coffs Coast and Clarence CANDO! Cancer Trust**.

So many people doubted that we could succeed, but we have proved that with hard work, determination and faith we have met the challenges head on and gone on to achieve our goal,” said Chairman of the Coffs Coast Freemasons Association, VW Bro Norm Standing, the DGIW of District 52.

My wife Judy and I have been very fortunate in having the support of a terrific team. Their loyalty and dedication have been second to none and without them none of this would be possible.

The idea to raise the necessary \$100,000 to create a Cancer Trust came after a visit to the Coffs Coast Cancer Institute.

We formed a committee and mapped out a plan of attack. We launched our campaign at the Region 5 Conference held in Coffs Harbour in April 2009.


A \$20,000 grant from Masonicare laid the foundation for the fund. The various fund raising activities that we organised included an Art Union with a prize of a Holden Colorado ute and Stacer family fishing boat, a grand charity auction, two charity bowls days, a charity golf day and a raffle for a 50inch plasma TV.

We received huge support from local business houses in the area, especially from the Coffs Coast Advocate. Our campaign culminated with the Grand Charity

Debutante Ball where the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Dr Gregory Levenston, presented a cheque for \$100,000 to Ms Julie Jardine, President of the CANDO! Cancer Trust.

This campaign has been a fantastic experience. For the last 14 months local Freemasons and their wives have regularly been in the public eye.

During this time there have been many opportunities to promote and explain the values and principles of Freemasonry and lay some of those “old ghosts” to rest.

Freemasonry is well and truly on the map on the Coffs Coast,” he said. 



Heart research helps

The fight against disease and health problems is non-stop and without the dedication of so many skilled professionals, the average life span would be much lower.

Australia for decades has been at the forefront of medical knowledge progress and continues to research and seek solutions that will improve health and fight disease.

Heart disease and its associated problems has been a major factor in our battle for good health and the Heart Research Institute is a major organisation leading the way.

The Federal Government, the New South Wales State Government, the National Heart Foundation of Australia and a number of major corporations joined together as part of a major Bicentennial initiative to establish a research centre. Thus, The Heart Research Institute was opened in March 1989 and stands within the highly supportive environment of the University of Sydney and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. The Institute is a financially autonomous, non-profit medical research institute with the express purpose of learning more about atherosclerosis with a view to reducing the personal and financial costs of heart disease.

The human and economic cost of diseases of the heart and blood vessels is enormous. Atherosclerosis, the major cause of heart and blood vessel disease, is a disease of blood vessels characterised by thickening of the vessel walls and the build up of fatty material in them. It causes heart attack, angina, stroke and several other

diseases that together account for nearly one half of all deaths in Australia, more than 50,000 lives lost which is bigger than the combined total of cancer, AIDS and motor accidents. The disease can develop silently for many years without symptoms. Often serious events are precipitated when a blood vessel is blocked as a result of atherosclerosis. Understanding and overcoming atherosclerosis is one of the most important medical problems in Australia and indeed the world. This is the business of the Institute which studies the way in which cells and molecules in blood vessels work in order to understand how atherosclerosis develops.

The financial cost of heart disease to Australia is enormous. It is now approximately \$13 billion annually and this represents 11 percent of the total health budget. The annual cost of heart disease to the nation has risen by about 70% over the last four years and is expected to rise even further.

Nearly everyone knows a family that's been affected by heart disease – it can strike anyone at any time. The Heart Research Institute has three core objectives: To detect atherosclerosis at an early stage before it leads to clinical problems, To develop new treatments which can reverse heart disease, To prevent individuals developing atherosclerosis in the future.

Some of the Institute's recent break-



throughs include an investigation of the links between high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease in women, the discovery that it is possible to prevent atherosclerosis by raising the level of HDL (or good cholesterol) and the link between high levels of iron in blood vessels and atherosclerosis.

Since 1989, HRI researchers have published hundreds of scientific papers and made countless discoveries and breakthroughs that have led to worldwide advancement in the battle against heart disease.

It is a silent killer and too much care cannot be observed in taking steps to detect and treat any symptoms. Over the past few years, the NSW Freemason has been highlighting problems with health, particularly men's health and the reluctance of men to seek medical treatment for any problems. Heart disease can strike unexpectedly, regardless of age, gender, race or social standing so make sure you have regular medical checks.

Another method of helping is to contribute to those organisations involved in the struggle to find cures and usually, donations are tax deductible. Suggest to your lodge secretary to invite a member of the Heart Research Institute to speak on heart disease. The Institute also welcomes donations with further enquiries made to www.hri.org.au or phone 1800 651 373.

Remember, every step forward helps towards a longer, happier and healthier life.

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Lachlan Shire Council Mayor, Des Manwaring, in officially handing over control of the village said that council feels that the village is in good hands. "We feel very comfortable with The Whiddon Group taking on this assignment".

L to R: Lachlan Shire Council General Manager, George Cowan; Mayor, Bro Des Manwaring, The Whiddon Group Vice Chairman, W Bro Len Kearns and CEO, RW Bro Robert Hillier.

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1. You can give a specified amount of money to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of NSW. This is the simplest form of bequest.
2. You can provide a percentage of your estate, for example 50 per cent or 20 per cent for The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of NSW. This ensures that your family and friends are not disadvantaged by the change of the size of your estate or inflation.
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4. You can leave particular items such as shares, paintings, property or other items of value in your will to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of NSW. *This option may have possible taxation ramifications and should be discussed with a solicitor.*
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If you have any questions regarding a bequest, or would like to make one, simply contact the Chief Executive Officer on (02) 9827 6632.

Welcome Condobolin

The Whiddon Group from 1 July 2010 is working in partnership with the Lachlan Shire Council and the Condobolin community as the Approved Provider of the Condobolin District Retirement Village.

The Lachlan Shire Council had identified the need to find a Provider for the local Aged Care Facility and through a process of interviews and submissions of Expressions of Interest The Whiddon Group was chosen.

The Whiddon Group's expertise and infrastructure supports facilities and community services throughout the regional, rural and remote towns of New South Wales.

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Photo: Port Macquarie News

What's in a name?

The Port Macquarie Freemasons support many worthwhile charitable causes within the North Coast Region through their active fundraising and matching masoniCare interACTION

Grants. Lachlan Macquarie Lodge chose the Port Macquarie Marine Rescue Group as an ongoing recipient of their charitable works, donating thousands of dollars in the last two years.

The Marine Rescue Group thanked the community for raising the \$115,000 necessary to purchase their new first response rescue inflatable boat and singled out masoniCare and Lachlan Macquarie Lodge for the major support in this project.

As a result of this ongoing support, the Marine Rescue Group has honoured one of the dedicated Port Macquarie masons by naming the boat, The Tunstall.

RW Bro Graham Tunstall, PJGW, masoniCare's Regional Representative (mRR) for Region 5, is highly respected within Freemasonry and the North Coast community. He is an avid fundraiser and continues to uphold the virtues of charity in his role as mRR and Past Foundation Master of Lachlan Macquarie Lodge.

Graham and his wife Noelyn were on hand to christen The Tunstall at its launch on June 17.

masoniCare wishes to thank Graham for his relentless dedication and enthusiasm in promoting Freemasonry in Action.

Ron calls it a day

MW Bro Ron Johnson, AM, PGM and Carrington Medal Holder, has decided to step down as the chairman of masoniCare but will remain on the committee.

The Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston, at the June Quarterly Communication, praised the work of MW Bro Johnson and his outstanding career in Freemasonry.

"It is 22 years since he became Grand Master, and he has spent ten years as Chairman of the Grand Charity," the Grand Master said.

"The contribution of Ron, and his wife May, to this organisation has been tremendous. Their grace and caring, and their mutual love and respect have been an inspiration to us all, both at a personal and organisational level.

"Ron's leadership and vision has driven this Grand Lodge for many years, and his ongoing role as Trustee is

warmly acknowledged and admired. Thank you Ron, and we wish you and May good health and happiness in the future."

In his response, MW Bro Johnson said the past ten years had been an interesting journey and the members should be justifiably proud of the team which led masoniCare.

"When I first put the team together, the Grand Master told me to do what I liked and I asked him to put two ladies on the team. I know if you want to get things done, you get the ladies involved.

"Over the past few years, several million dollars have been donated to charity. At present, times are tough and I'd like the brethren to help keep the funds flowing and help us share the load with other masonic organisations.



"And finally, I would like to say my thanks for the kind and generous words expressed to May and myself. It is something we have both enjoyed."



Fresh ideas

Bringing charity to the forefront of minds is the key objective of the newly appointed masoniCare board member, **Brother Joshua Shields**.

As Convener of Fundraising, Joshua is committed to delivering tangible results by making charity accessible, fulfilling and enjoyable to all.

“Charity, if harnessed well, is Freemasonry’s most powerful tool. By motivating, supporting and bringing masons together under one vision, we can achieve enormous results that will significantly benefit our community, provide fulfilment to our members and play a crucial role to increase the positive perception of the Craft”.

New initiatives include the new masoniCare website and monthly masoniCare Intouch newsletter, a charity planning tool for all lodges, and the launch of an exciting jurisdiction wide fundraising program.

Joshua is also developing a NSW/ACT disaster relief program for masoniCare and Grand Lodge. The program will support the use of the disaster relief fund and provide guidance in the event of a disaster that requires Freemasonry’s support. It will provide structure for decision-making, response and mobilisation strategies and ensure increased communication by Grand Lodge in times of need.

“My role is about engaging and collaborating with masons across the jurisdiction, establishing structure and innovative tools to support our efforts. It’s about ensuring consistent, two-way communication at all times and delivering greater value to our masons, their families and the community”.

A new chairman for masoniCare

RW Bro Greg Redfern, PJGW, started his masonic career 39 years ago in Sydney at Lodge Wybalena (now part of Lodge Epping No. 390) and has been an active mason most of that time.

His business career took him overseas for 12 years during which time he also joined Lodges in England and Zambia which, he says “gave me many wonderful experiences of different jurisdictions, cultures, rituals, and of course, friendships”.

Returning home to Australia, Greg spent three years in the chair of his lodge and in Grand Lodge has been part of the Audit and Finance Committee for over seven years and Deputy Grand Treasurer for the last five years. He has also been on the masoniCare Board for the past six years and more recently Fundraising Convener for the charity.

“I am immensely proud to be appointed as Chairman of masoniCare as I see charity as a vital component of being a mason and the future success of Freemasonry”, he said. “My intention will be to develop stronger links between lodges, their members, and masoniCare and together, to push the awareness of Freemason’s charitable activities out into



the community. Vital to those goals will be building our fund raising capability, our attention to benevolence within the Craft, and our capacity to respond to natural disasters in a considered and meaningful way. Good communication is so important and my intention is to lift the two way flow with masoniCare. I look forward to the challengers and know I have the support of a dedicated Board”.

Today, Greg is semi-retired and continues to have a passion for four-wheel driving having recently vacated the Presidency of the NSW & ACT Four Wheel Drive Association. Greg and his wife Jennie met through their scouting activities and both retain their love of the outdoors. They have two children, their daughter Jane lives in England and son Keith here in Australia.

Joshua joined Freemasonry over three years ago and is a member of Lodge Harold Herman Unity No.428. He is a 20/20 mason and has been developing new initiatives with the masoniCare fundraising and marketing sub-committee for the past year.

Joshua has a proven track record of successfully planning and implementing new initiatives in the corporate arena and through his community services involvement.

A director and founder of a number of successful Australian companies for the past eight years, Joshua has also held senior leadership positions in the State Emergency Services (SES) managing a local volunteer rescue unit.



Women in Freemasonry

Thank you to those readers who have contacted me in relation to Part Three of the article "Women in Freemasonry" published in the Winter (June 2010) edition of the Freemason.

The comments received have been heartening and indicate widespread interest in the Women's Orders of Freemasonry.

In particular, I wish to acknowledge the

correspondence received from RW Bro Paul Brain, PJGW, UGL of NSW and the ACT and Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire. RW Bro Brain lives in England

with his wife Ann. Both are members of the Freemasons Association. The correspondence included copies of articles from "Freemasonry Today" and extracts from those articles are included hereunder.



Grand Master Brenda Fleming-Taylor (centre, seated), flanked by Deputy Grand Master Margaret Masters (left) and Assistant Grand Masters Betty Wildman and Zuzanka Penn with the banners of the three founding lodges

Freemasonry Today

No 4 Autumn 2008

Article titled:

Women Masons in Royal Albert Hall Spectacular

"The Order of Women Freemasons – The Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Masonry – which began life with both male and female members, celebrated its centenary at the Royal Albert Hall in June.

There were men and women guests as more than 4,000 members of the Order and their guests attended the event which began with a procession of Grand Officers, with the entry of the Grand Master heralded by a fanfare of trumpets.

There was a parade of each lodge banner, and a procession of officers of

other Orders. Then followed a cavalcade in words and music, celebrating the history of women's Freemasonry.

Emphasising its charitable side, the Order gave donations of £250,000 (\$500,000) each to representatives of Cancer Research UK and MacMillan Nurses."

Note: The principal officers were Grand Master Brenda Fleming-Taylor, Deputy Grand Master Margaret Masters, and Assistant Grand Masters Betty Wildman and Zuzanka Penn.

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Extract from Article titled:

Women and Freemasonry: The Centenary

The article was written by Diane Clements, Director of the Library and Museum of Freemasonry; Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

"One of the two new exhibitions being organised by the Library and Museum this summer is called 'Women and Freemasonry: The Centenary', which runs from 4 June to 19 December. It is the first wide-ranging exhibition on this subject at Freemasons' Hall.

In June 2008 the Order of Women



Freemasons celebrated its centenary. It is one of two Grand Lodges in England whose membership is restricted to women..."

"The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) now acknowledges the two Grand Lodges for women, and from time to time meets with their leaders to discuss matters of mutual concern.

In some areas the UGLE shares meeting places with them, but its membership remains restricted to men and was strongly opposed to the idea of women becoming Freemasons."

Freemasonry Today

2008



Extract from the article:

Honourable Fraternity: New Grand Master

"One of the women's Masonic Orders, The Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons (HFAF), has elected a new Grand Master, Bernice Abram, formerly Assistant Grand Master, in a London ceremony attended by more than 200 guests."

"There were representatives from all over England, the Isle of Man, Spain, Gibraltar and Romania for the Enthronement, conducted by outgoing Grand Master Sheila Norden."

In his complimentary letter, RW Bro Brain advises that his wife W Bro Ann Brain is the Assistant Director of Ceremonies in Lodge Vigilance No 69, The Order of Women Freemasons. The lodge held its 283rd Installation Meeting on Saturday 13 June 2010 at which W Bro Janina Beldham was installed as Worshipful Master.

RW Bro Brain's wife Ann Brain is the Assistant Director of Ceremonies of the lodge.

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Belfast – a city with a heart

It's nearly a century since the ill-fated liner Titanic left Belfast on its maiden voyage to sail to its doom but the name and the dock area is still a magnet for thousands of tourists.



A visitor to Belfast in Northern Ireland will be enthralled by the Titanic story and fascinated by this bustling cosmopolitan city which has a range of dazzling new developments and sumptuous cultural attractions.

RMS Titanic, which at the time was the largest moving object in the world, was a remarkable engineering feat and despite her tragic sinking after colliding with an iceberg, still remains a source of enduring pride in Belfast.

The legend of the ship lies at the heart of Queen's Island where a seven billion pounds (\$A14 billion) waterfront development has already started, bearing the name Titanic Quarter. It is the largest waterfront development in Europe with a marina, retail shops, industry and housing. The area also has jetties, parks, football fields and one section has been turned into a replica of the deck of the Titanic.

Visitors can explore the recently restored

Titanic Dock and Pump House, choose from a number of harbour tours or stroll around the SS Nomadic, which was built alongside the Titanic in 1911. The Titanic Quarter covers 175 acres and it's estimated it will generate millions of dollars. The drive along the dock is 882 feet, the same as the length of the Titanic.

However, the time to visit will be in two years on 12 April when it will be the centenary of the sailing of the Titanic in 1912 and there are big plans to make it a gala occasion.

Particular attention is also being given to restoring Nomadic which had the special role of carrying passengers out to the Titanic. She had many identical fixtures and is slowly being rebuilt, giving a vivid memory of how the 1st, 2nd and 3rd class passengers travelled and especially the restrictions imposed on the lower classes. Sometimes standing room was all that was available and standing on the lower deck



The statue "Reconciliation"

gives a frightening insight to the rigours of early sea travel.

Shipbuilding and linen were the major industries in Belfast, Linenhall Street an obvious naming but the city's history abounds with famous names such as John Dunlop (tyres), Harry Ferguson (tractors), actor Errol Flynn lectured at Queen's University. It's said that author Jonathan Swift got his inspiration for his book Gulliver's Travels when he looked at the imposing Giant's Face on Cave Hill.

Belfast is divided into four Quarters, among them the Queen's which is the university area, opened by Queen Victoria in 1809. It has 17,500 students and has a stark reminder of the terrible tragedy of the Irish Famine. With disease and starvation rife and because of the space shortage, two mass graves were dug on the University grounds where hundreds were buried.

The city is mostly Georgian, built on affluence and poverty. In earlier days, it had distinctive names with local splitting districts into "Snobland" and "Slobland". Because of the continued migration away from Belfast, many churches have become pubs and shops because of falling attendances.

But the locals haven't lost their sense of humour. The Ulster Bank in Great Victoria Street has two outside wall statues,



one above the other. The bottom one is known as “lower draft” and the higher as “over draft”. Another unusual sight is the Albert Memorial Clock Tower, built in 1869 which has a clearly visible four foot tilt to rival the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

The oldest newspaper in the city is the Belfast Newsletter. It started in 1737, is still printing and is the oldest English language newspaper in the world. Belfast was the most heavily bombed city outside London in World War 2 but recovered through the following decades to have the lowest unemployment rate in the United Kingdom until the current recession. It is again slowly starting to recover.

Since the “Troubles” 30 years ago there have been frequent round-table talks seeking and gradually forging co-operation between the different parties. There are still some splinter groups who pose a threat but the work goes on with communities bringing younger people together for a better life.

The two suburbs of controversy are The Falls (Catholic) and Shankill Road (Protestants). The Peace Wall separates the two

areas and cultures and many people hope that like the Berlin Wall, it will one day come down. An indication of the willingness to have something in common is the fact Ireland fields one rugby team, one cricket team and the hurling season finale is an All-Ireland final.

The wall murals have become symbols of the past and present divisions and almost 2,000 have been counted since the 1970s. There has been a recent move to take away some of the more political murals and some have already been replaced with prominent Belfast people.

In Belfast, the people are resilient and proud. The city is small, compact, easy to find your way around and with 57 public parks. There are 1.7 million people in Northern Ireland, 300,000 in Belfast, with multi-million dollar investments in road-works on the planning boards.

A visit is recommended to the Stormont Estate, which is home to the Northern Ireland Assembly and is surrounded by an affluent suburb. Parliament House was painted black during the War to avoid being bombed.

In the nearby park is the statue “Reconciliation”, donated by Sir Richard Branson and Coventry Cathedral, the same as similar statues already created in other cities such as Hiroshima, Berlin and Jerusalem. The inscription says the statue is to remind us that human dignity and love will triumph over disaster and bring us together in respect and peace.

If your interest is less in dispute, the Cathedral Quarter has many intriguing buildings tucked away in the narrow cobbled streets and alleyways, spiced with art galleries and restaurants, the Gaeltacht Quarter includes Irish language schools and craft shops, leaving the Queen’s and Titanic to complete the city.

Boutiques in Lisburn Road or the fashion stores of Victoria Square will entice the discerning shopper and whatever time you choose to visit, there is bound to be a festival in progress.

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Time catches up

Time has caught up with the oldest NSW country lodge, Maitland Lodge of Unity No 4 which has amalgamated with its daughter lodge Mindaribba 307 to form Lodge Wallis Plains No 4.

Maitland has not always been Maitland. Aboriginal history recalls the site of the town at the junction of the Hunter River with Wallis Creek was called by the aborigines "Boomi". In 1801, a party surveying the Hunter River gave the area the name "Shanks Forest Plains", the first official name of the locality.

In 1818, the area received its second official name when Governor Bro Macquarie, on an exploration of the Hunter River area by boat wrote: "I named a very fine tract of Forest Land on the right Bank of the River near this reach "Wallis Plains" in honour of Capt Wallis. Having examined the land on both sides of this River which appeared to be of excellent quality both for cultivation and grazing, we returned down the River to the Burying Ground." (Capt Wallis was Commandant of Newcastle).

In early days, road transport between Morpeth and Wallis Plains was hampered by Wallis Creek which was deep, had steep banks and was dangerous to cross. People usually crossed in a boat with their horses swimming behind. Wheeled vehicles were sent by boat from Morpeth to Wallis Plains.

In 1827, Alexander McLeod built a toll bridge over Wallis Creek, known as the "Family Bridge" that enabled drays to travel directly between Morpeth and Wallis



Plains. But the tolls were steep and many people refused to pay and some crossed via a fallen tree until McLeod removed it.

In the early 1830s, Wallis Plains was seen as a dusty or muddy town with a winding High Street. In 1835, Wallis Plains became officially recognised as West Maitland. In 1945, the City of Maitland was formed including East and West Maitland and Morpeth.

Freemasonry came to (West) Maitland on 4 November 1840 with the formation of Maitland Lodge of Unity No 804 (EC). Lodge Unity's early years were spent moving between different meeting locations until 1877 when it located at 280 High

Street, Maitland in a two storey building erected by the Great Northern Permanent Building Society, with an arrangement the top floor be reserved for masonic use only, for ten years at a rental of one shilling (10c) per year.

Near the end of the arrangement, lodge members purchased a block of land in Victoria St and in 1887 erected the present lodge building. Lodge Unity's highest membership was in 1929 when it reached 233. The lowest was 31 at the time of the linking with Lodge Mindaribba. Lodge Mindaribba was formed in February 1917 and since its beginning has met in the Victoria Street Masonic Centre.

Its first two installations, in 1918 and 1919 were unique occasions. They were held jointly with Lodge Unity with the Grand Master, MW Bro William Thompson, installing both new Worshipful Masters in their respective lodges on both occasions.

The name and number of the amalgamated lodge was chosen to reflect history pertaining to the city and with the determination that the historical lodge number "4" be retained as a cherished local possession. The first WM of the new lodge was W Bro Ken James, with Bro Jeff O'Connor as Senior Warden and W Bro Kevin Cousins as Junior Warden.

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Knights Templar keeps the banners flying

Right Eminent Knight George Palmer was installed in July as the **ninth Grand Master of the Great Priory of NSW & ACT** by Most Eminent Knight Graeme Stapelfeldt in an impressive and colourful ceremony.

The weekend started with a “Get Together” of members and interstate and overseas visitors on the Friday night which set the scene for the Grand Installation and Grand Banquet at the Sydney Masonic Centre. Eighteen delegations of associated Orders were received into Great Priory, among them the Grand Masters of all the Great Pories in Australia and New Zealand, along with several visiting Knights from England.

In his Address before installing the new Grand Master, M Em Kt Stapelfeldt spoke of the successful introduction of the new rituals for the degree of Knight of Malta and Knight of the Temple. Under his guidance and instruction, these had taken several years to write and put into practice.


He also was pleased to say that the recently introduced change of eligibility requirements for membership had result-



Grand Master, M.Em.Kt George Palmer and Mrs Heather Palmer.

ed in the Order growing significantly and that notice papers for just about every Preceptory contained names of applicants.

During his Address as the new Grand Master, Most Eminent Knight Palmer acknowledged the work of his predecessor by his theme of “We have the foundation, now let us build”, and urged members to keep up the momentum, especially in regard to the highly successful and long standing Great Priory Accreditation program.

On Sunday, the Knights and visitors attended a Church Parade at the Garrison Church in The Rocks. The colourful Templar and Malta uniforms of the Knights attracted a flurry of photographs by a large number of tourists. After the church service, Knights, families and friends moved to a nearby hotel for a relaxed and rather sumptuous Grand Master’s luncheon. 

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The rendition of masonic music in our lodges is an important part of our ceremonies and has the support and encouragement of the Grand Master.

The NSW Masonic Ensemble is taking the challenge of the music concept and has prepared presentation programs for the benefit of lodges and brethren.

But to progress this concept, the Ensemble requires additional members – brethren who have a love of good music and who are prepared to give their time.

Rehearsals are held in the Sydney Masonic Centre on the first and third Monday from 6.15pm to 8.00pm. (Parking is available at the Goulburn Street parking station with a set rate after 6pm.)

If you are interested and have a knowledge and interest in our music, please contact the Grand Director of Music, VW Bro Ian Cox on 0414 252 333 or the Honorary secretary, RW Bro Graham Maltby on 9533 4007.

The Ensemble atmosphere is friendly, instructive and of a benefit to all who attend.



Regional Roundup



DISTRICT 34

A jewel of a night

It was a proud night for VW Bro Robert McCallum when the out-going DGIW of District 34, VW Bro Harry Griffiths, presented him with his Jewel of Office at the July meeting of Lodge Richard Coley, No 152.

The presentation marked the end of a very productive term of office for VW Bro Griffiths who, with his wife, Sharin, has worked tirelessly for the district.

VW Bro McCallum retired four years ago after forty years service with State Rail, starting in signal boxes and progressing to auditing and many other duties connected with safety within the rail industry.

He was initiated into Lodge Nepean, No 29, in June 1987, passed in Lodge Emu Plains, No 860, in July and raised in Lodge Nepean in the same year.

He served all offices including Junior Warden in Lodge Nepean, affiliated with Lodge Richard Coley in 2005, became WM in 2007. The following year he became lodge secretary and also served as secre-



L-R: VW Bro Griffiths congratulates VW Bro McCallum and wishes him well

tary to the Hawkesbury Masonic Centre.

At the June 2010 Grand Communication, VW Bro McCallum received the Grand Master's District Service Award for service to District 34 and freemasonry.

LODGE KEMPSEY MACLEAY No 203

In father's footsteps

On 6 July, Bro Michael Newton Scott was installed as the Worshipful Master of Lodge Kempsey Macleay, No 203, by RW Bro John Cook.

He follows in the footsteps of his late father, VW Bro Keith Scott, PDGIW, who held the position on a number of occasions and was also DGIW of District 51, and a well respected mason.

The Grand Master was represented on the night by RW Bro George Wallens, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers and a good number of visiting and resident masons.

W Bro Scott's mother sat with him in the south and all present enjoyed the festive board.

DISTRICT 34

A Nowra visit



Lighting the demonstration fire

Following an established custom, a fraternal of 12 brethren from District 34, many accompanied by their wives, travelled to Nowra in June to attend the Installation Ceremony at Lodge Nowra Unity, No 60.

With the lodge opened and visitors and fraternal admitted, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Greg Levenston, led a 25 strong contingent of Grand Lodge Officers.

The Installation of Bro David Palmer was capably performed by the Installing Master, W Bro Bill McElroy.

When the lodge was closed, the assembled brethren, their ladies and visitors, over 150 in all, attended a fine Installation Banquet, prepared by Mrs Weller.

W Bro Blackmore presented Judith Morrice with a fine chopping board assembled from a variety of colourful timbers, and then presented the Worshipful



R-L: The Grand Master, installing W Bro McElroy and VW Bro Brolen Samuels, DGIW

Master with a commemorative gavel.

On the following morning, at the invitation of the Worshipful Master, who is also the local Fire Chief, those who had stayed the night attended a practical fire demonstration at the Rural Fire Headquarters, followed by a very welcome barbecue.



CHAPTER ST ANDREW No 2



New Royal Arch Chapter

An historic occasion for Royal Arch Freemasonry in NSW/ACT occurred at the Petersham Royal Arch Centre on Saturday 19 June 2010. Chapter St Andrew Phoenix No 2 and Chapter Southern Cross No 77 amalgamated to form a new chapter – Chapter St Andrew No 2.

A Special Grand Convocation of the United Supreme Grand Chapter was opened by the First Grand Principal and Grand Master, Most Ex Comp Edward Keenahan at 2pm. The charters of the former chapters were surrendered, and the ceremony of Amalgamation was conducted. This was followed by the installation of the Principals and investiture of Foundation Officers by Grand Chapter Officers.

The First Grand Principal and Grand Master then joined Grand Chapter offi-

cial and companions for the Installation Banquet.

The two chapters have a long history. The original Chapter St Andrew, being the oldest working chapter in this jurisdiction received its charter in 1865. Its daughter Chapter Phoenix received a charter in 1913 and the two chapters amalgamated in 1981. Chapter Southern Cross was consecrated in June 1980 following the formation of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of NSW/ACT as the governing body in this jurisdiction.

Amalgamation will ensure their continuing existence, and the members must be congratulated for having the passion, energy and enthusiasm to foresee their chapter continuing and work the way that Masonry teaches.

DISTRICT 37

A new District

The July meeting of Lodge War-ragamba, No 541, marked the birth of a new Masonic District when VW Bro Harry Griffith, the retiring DGIW of District 34, attached the DGIW Jewel to the collar of VW Bro Robert Moore.

In accepting the jewel as the first DGIW of District 37, VW Bro Moore gave recognition of the efforts and achievements of VW Bro Griffiths during his term of office.

He then outlined his own plans for the new District, which promise to be both interesting and productive.



L-R: VW Bro Robert Moore and VW Bro Harry Griffiths.

Big week for Supreme Council

The Supreme Council for Australia held its annual meeting in Sydney in June and had a packed week at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

Council deliberations were fruitful, with important policy decisions resolved and members also had the opportunity to visit a Chapter and a Council, to conduct the annual meeting where the 33rd Degree is conferred on new District Commanders (equivalent of the Craft DGIW) and to conduct a new, open Proclamation Ceremony during which the members of Supreme Council are obligated.

On Tuesday, at the Sydney Chapter, there were five candidates, including the Grand Master of NSW & ACT, Dr Gregory

Levenston. On Wednesday, there was a meeting of the Prince Charles Edward Stuart 30th Degree Council at which the members of Supreme Council, as members of the Council, entered informally and were able to relax. The Grand Secretary General became the Grand Commander of the Council during the meeting.

On Thursday evening, the 33rd Degree was conferred on eight new District Commanders, two from WA, three from Victoria, one each from SA, Queensland and Northern NSW with the ceremony conducted by members of the Supreme Council.

Finally on Friday there were two events, the Proclamation Ceremony which took

place in the beautifully re-furnished Lodge Room 3 in the Sydney Masonic Centre. This is an open ceremony so the ladies and all dinner guests were invited. During the ceremony, the Grand Master, Dr Greg Levenston was received, the Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Powerful Bro Peter Straw was proclaimed and the officers of Supreme Council were obligated and invested. Every three years, it will be extended slightly when the Sovereign Grand Commander obligates his successor.

Finally at the Centre the Gala Dinner, notable for its informality and a wonderful opportunity for brethren and their ladies from all over Australia to meet.



LODGE VAUCLUSE No 266

Vaucluse centenary install

At a meeting to mark the centenary installation of Lodge Vaucluse, No 266, in June, the Grand Master, MW Bro Greg Levenston, received a set of wine glasses etched with an image of the Macquarie Light, the insignia of the lodge, presented by the Worshipful Master, VW Bro Bram Pollock.

To complement this memento of the occasion, the Grand Master was also presented with some samples of red and white wine which the lodge now obtains with its own label.

LODGE BALMAIN No 23

151st Worshipful Master

On Thursday 8 July, W Bro Les Blake became the 151st Worshipful Master of Lodge Balmain, No 23, in a wonderful installation ceremony, conducted by W Bro Jason Plumridge.

A very large Grand Lodge delegation supported the representative of the MW Grand Master, RW Bro Bill Trodden, PJGW and included Past Grand Masters, MW Bro Hammond and MW Bro Brooke.

Another special event of the evening was a presentation of a signed birthday card and a chocolate cake from the members of the lodge to RW Bro Don Davis PAGM, celebrating his 80th birthday.



LODGE LACHLAN-JEMALONG No 46

Burns supper

The regular monthly meeting of Lodge Lachlan-Jemalong, No 46, featured a splendid "Burns Supper in July", a departure from tradition, but a very successful one.

Lodge brethren, their ladies and guests from the Forbes community, enjoyed the traditional Address to the Haggis given by W Bro Neil Gilmour.

The 'Great chieftain o' the Puddin' race' was piped in by W Bro Don Peck, from Orange, and VW Bro David Levesque, Chef de Jour, carried the 'groaning trencher' with aplomb.

W Bro Gilmour and his wife Jane, who have lived in and around Forbes since they left Dumfries, Scotland, entertained the company with poems and songs of Robbie Burns, and were supported by Bro Grant Roberts on the keyboard.



VW Bro David Levesque carries the Haggis

DISTRICT 35

A hard act to follow

At the July meeting of Lodge Blue Mountains, No 279, the DGIW for District 35, VW Bro Bill McBey, handed his Jewel of Office to his successor, VW Bro Kevin Holdsworth, ending two highly successful and productive years in the position.

VW Bro McBey, supported by his wife Jenny, has been a great ambassador for Freemasonry in general, travelling widely through the district and to many lodges outside it.

Addressing the brethren after the changeover, VW Bro Holdsworth paid tribute to VW Bro McBey's efforts and achievements.



L-R: VW Bro McBey and VW Bro Holdsworth

CAMPBELLTOWN ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER No 85

Family dinner raises funds

Campbelltown Royal Arch Chapter's decision to hold a Family Dinner Fundraising Night was a great success. Over 130 attended the special event at Ingleburn RSL on 15 May. Nearly \$25,000 was raised for the Special Olympics Association.

Highlights of the night included a speech by Special Olympian Brooke McGrath and the Special Olympic Dancers. Brooke, from Campbelltown, had recently competed in the National Games in Adelaide and spoke of her pride in winning three gold medals in athletics while a performance by dancers was given a standing ovation.

The funds raised were greatly assisted by a grant of \$10,000 from masoniCare and a donation of \$2,000 from Campbelltown Royal Arch Chapter No 85.

Special Olympics representative Fran Eustace said the money would be used to develop their Sports Program for athletes in various schools.



REGION 11

GM visits Region 11



L-R: MW Bro Greg Levenston and W Bro Ray Johnstone

On Thursday, 8 July, the Grand Master and his partner, Judith Morrice, embarked on a South Coast and Blue Mountains tour which included visits to two centres in Region 11.

They met with brethren and their partners from Lodge Milton of District 113 and then at the regular meeting of Lodge Coeur de Lion No 84 of District 114.

This lodge has been reinventing itself to meet the challenges of its immediate future. It has changed its meeting night from a Saturday to a Thursday, moved its meeting time to 6.30 pm, when the Lodge sits down to a dinner before commencing the meeting, and has elected to change its dress code to that appropriate for a day-light lodge.

These changes have resulted in attendances increasing and new candidates joining the lodge.

The Worshipful Master of Lodge Coeur

de Lion, W Bro Ray Johnstone, and his team organised a novel meeting for the visit of the Grand Master. A short business meeting was held at which the DGIW for District 114, VW Bro Rod Bradford, introduced the four Worshipful Masters present from lodges within the district to the Grand Master.

After the lodge was closed the ladies present were invited into the lodge room to hear an address delivered by the Grand Master. Brethren and their partners then adjourned to the dining room for a performance by a local dance group where the Grand Master made a small presentation to each of the girls taking part.

During the festive board, the Worshipful Master displayed examples of the equipment that would be purchased by the Moruya Division of St Johns Ambulance Service with the \$5000 regional grant recently obtained from masoniCare.

Lodge Secretaries Association

At the June meeting of the Masonic Lodge Secretaries Association, RW Bro Ian Griffith was presented with his Life Membership certificate by the president, RW Bro Kevin McGlinn, Grand Secretary, for his long service to the Association.

Another highlight of the meeting was a session conducted by VW Bro Andre Fettermann and Ms Alison Martyr from the Grand Secretariat on membership issues and the Grand Lodge calendar.

The Secretaries Association, which meets quarterly at the Sydney Masonic Centre, was established on 12 October

1918 with primary objectives of providing a forum for the sharing and dissemination of ideas, information and advice with a view to improving the secretarial and administrative standards of lodges within the jurisdiction.

Meetings are held in March, June, September and December each year and membership is open to any subscribing member of a NSW Constitution Lodge.

Guest speakers are invited and recent topics have been "Improving Communication with the Grand Secretariat", "Masonic Buildings", "Image and Marketing" and "The Whiddon Group".



RW Bro Kevin McGlinn, Grand Secretary presents Bro Ian Griffith with his Life Membership certificate

LODGE OPHIR No 17

ANZAC ceremony

On Saturday 17 April, Lodge Ophir, No 17, was visited by 23 school-aged army cadets, male and female, and two serving Australian army personnel, who had been invited to lead the lodge's annual ANZAC Commemoration.

The lodge tyled at 5.30 pm and after a short meeting and the closure of the lodge, a number of non-masonic visitors and the

Australian army contingency joined with the brethren for the ceremony. They were welcomed into the lodge room by the Worshipful Master, VW Bro Graham Russell.

At the commencement of the ceremony, a number of cadets paraded into the lodge followed by the Colour Party. The Catafalque Party under the command of the CSM then entered and assembled

at the corners of the pavement, lowering and raising their flags at appropriate times. And the young cadets were most impressive with their parade skills and general demeanour.

The ANZAC address was given by Mr Bill McDougall from Hammondville. The cadets were accompanied by Cadet Officers Ray Stanley and Mary-Anne Maritotto.

Lodge Ophir has been holding a traditional Masonic ANZAC ceremony for about 90 years but brethren very much appreciated the change implemented this year.



LODGE ARMY AND NAVY No 517

Army and Navy install

At the June meeting of Lodge Army and Navy No 517, Bro Scott Parker was installed as the lodge's 87th Worshipful Master.

The Grand Master was represented by RW Bro Major Norm Symon, PAGM, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, and the Installing Master on the occasion was VW Bro Mervyn Sinden, PDGDC.

W Bro Parker was initiated into the lodge in 2002 and since then has served in the majority of the progressive offices.

RW Bro Symon spoke of the abiding similarity of the bonds between masons and their brethren and between members of the armed services and their comrades in arms; both having a mutual dependence and implicit trust.

Following the ceremony, the brethren retired to the Installation Banquet where they and their ladies celebrated the occasion.



L-R: RW Bro Major Norm Symon, PAGM, W Bro Scott Parker, Worshipful Master, and VW Bro Mervyn Sinden, PDGDC, Installing Master.

LODGE CARLTON KOGARAH No 305

35th installation

Tuesday 11 May 2010 marked the occasion of the 35th installation for Lodge Carlton Kogarah, No. 305, at the Oatley Masonic Centre, since the lodge was originally formed by the consolidation of Lodge Carlton, No. 382, and Lodge Kogarah, No. 305, on 11 May 1976.

The installing Master was W Bro Warren Dunn who re-installed W Bro Raymond Pickard.

The Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Derek J Robson, AM, was in attendance for the occasion and he was accompanied by a fine delegation of Grand Lodge Officers, including RW Bro Alan Farrell, PDGM, and the Junior Grand Warden RW Bro Bruce Balmond.

In extending his congratulations to the newly re-installed Worshipful Master, RW Bro Robson said it was encouraging to see the continuing support shown by W Bro Pickard for his lodge, as the evening marked the fourth occasion on which he has occupied the chair of his lodge since he was first installed in 1979.



L-R: RW Bro Balmond, JGW, RW Bro Farrell, PDGM, RW Bro Robson AM, DGM, W Bro Ray Pickard, W Bro Warren Dunn, VW Bro John Spooner, DGIW

LODGE SIR WALTER SCOTT No 123

1504th meeting

The Installation of Bro Raymond Partington as Worshipful Master of the Walter Scott Lodge, No 123, in June, marked the 1504th meeting of the lodge since its consecration in the late 1800s.

Since that time, the lodge has made over a thousand men masons and created many daughter lodges, some of which are still thriving.

The representative of the Grand Master was RW Bro Kenneth Leslie Mobbs, PSGW, and the Installing Master was VW Bro James Dwyer, PDGIW.

RW Bro Mobbs spoke on the interesting history of the lodge and revealed that the VSL used for the obligation was the original book dating back to the lodge's consecration.

Because of its great age and value it is only used on nights of installation.

RW Bro Mobbs also spoke about *A Start in Life* (formerly the Masonic Youth Welfare Fund) and in the South, on a lighter note, about his other interest of dragon boat racing in which he and his team have represented NSW and Australia.



L-R: RW Bro Mobbs, W Bro Partington and VW Bro Dwyer

Lions lend a hand

Community spirit is alive and well in the small NSW village of Woolgoolga.

On 20 May, Woolgoolga Lions president, Gavin Kent presented a cheque for \$1000 to VW Bro Norm Standing, DGIW District 52, and chairman of the Coffs Coast Freemasons Association.

"The people of Woolgoolga have sup-

ported all our fund raising events and this donation from the Lions is just another example of the wonderful generosity of this town.

We are on the long, last mile of our campaign and are very grateful for any donations to help us reach our goal," said VW Bro Standing.



Woolgoolga Lions president, Gavin Kent handing over a cheque for \$1000 to VW Bro Norm Standing, DGIW District 52



LODGE BURNSIDE No 729

An excellent night

At the July regular meeting of Lodge Burnside, No 729, The Regional Grand Counsellor for Region 3, RW Bro Nigel Hamilton, presented W Bro Bryan Ingram, Worshipful Master, with the Accreditation Certificate of a Lodge of Excellence.

This was the result of many months hard work by the members of the lodge and makes Lodge Burnside the third lodge to achieve accreditation meeting at the Castle Hill Masonic Centre.

During the same evening, and prior to the presentation, Mr James Keith McGill was made a mason in a manner befitting a Lodge of Excellence.

The evening was further enhanced by the presentation of a fifty year certificate and jewel to W Bro Harold Williams by MW Bro Ron Johnson, PGM.



RFC Region Three, RW Bro Nigel Hamilton, presents W Bro Bryan Ingram with Lodge Burnside's Certificate of Excellence.



L-R: Junior Deacon Bro Fraser Smith, the Worshipful Master, W Bro Bryan Ingram, Bro James Mc Gill and his mentor.

LODGE EMU PLAINS No 860

A decorative occasion

The impressive decorations of the banquet hall were an outstanding feature at the 57th Installation of Lodge Emu Plains, No 860, in June.

Huge gold drapes hung from the walls to the centre, with blue sashes on every chair, and dozens of candles set in glass bowls glowed on every table. The centre-piece was a four metre high, fully decorated First Degree Tracing Board, with a huge golden pillar on either side.

The decoration was almost singlehandedly the work of W Bro Tom Bell, and was unique in the history of the centre.

The installation ceremony was near



L-R: RW Bro Walter Charlwood, Newly Installed Master W Bro Tom Bell and Installing Master, W Bro David Thomas

faultless with the installing Master W Bro David Thomas leaving the Grand Director VW Bro Charles Wattle with a very light load.

The evening was further enhanced by the presence of Mrs Margaret Smith and Mr James McLaughlin from the St Vincent de Paul Society, who presented District 34 with a certificate of appreciation for the support give to the society over the years.

LODGE WARRAGAMBA No 541

MYW collarette

At the July meeting of Lodge Warragamba, No 541, RW Bro Kevin Foster, OAM, PAGM, presented VW Bro Jeff Illingworth, PDGIW, the Masonic Youth Welfare representative for the lodge, with the Masonic Youth Welfare collarette, for support received during the past year.

Lodge Warragamba has been a loyal supporter of the fund for many years and in accepting the jewel, VW Bro Illingworth promised to wear it with pride at all masonic functions.



L-R: RW Bro Kevin Foster congratulates VW Bro Jeff Illingworth

THE PEEL LODGE No 209

Brethren on bikes

On Saturday 24 April The Peel Lodge, No 209, raised Bro Trevor Capararo to the degree of Master Mason.

A number of Bro Capararo's fellow members of the Masonic Motorcycle Association of Australia travelled to Tamworth especially to support him on this important occasion.

Following the closing of the lodge, ladies and guests were invited to join the brethren in the lodge room for the annual ANZAC observance.

Visitors were also entertained at breakfast the following morning prior to travelling home.



Bro Trevor Capararo (centre) with visiting members of the Masonic Motorcycle Association.



70 Years Service

COLES, MERVYN	Lodge Artarmon United 285
EISENHAUER, JACK	Lodge Temora 168
PESCU, HARRY	Lodge Gynea 796
WARE, LESLIE	Lodge Westlake Daylight 997

60 Years Service

ADNUM, COLYN	Lodge Illawarra 59
ALLAN, MAX	Lodge Bulli Thirroul 1040
ARMSTRONG, FREDERICK	Wallis Plains 4
BARLOW, JAMES	Lodge Gynea 796
BERTRAM, ALLAN	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
BLANSHARD, RICHARD	Lodge Toukley 933
BODEN, GEORGE	Lodge Epping 390
BRADSHAW, GILBERT	Forster Great Lakes United 994
BURGHART, LIONEL	The St. George Lodge 328
COOPER, RONALD	Lodge Bland 337
EGAN, BERNARD	Lodge Ibis 361
FARRELL, KENNETH	Bundaleeah Daylight Lodge 992
HAMILTON, WILLIAM	Lodge Urbenville Bonalbo 354
HARRISON, JOHN	Lodge Westlake Daylight 997
HAWKES, ALBERT	Lodge Gynea 796
HENRY, MAXWELL	Lodge Kempsey - Macleay 203
HULL, NOEL	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
HUMPHRIS, WARREN	The Waratah Lodge 170
JENKINS, GRAEME	Lodge Illawarra 59
JOHNSON, GEOFFREY	Lodge Cronulla 312
LANGFORD, EDWARD	The Waratah Lodge 170
LEGGETT, DONALD	Lodge Morning Star 410
LIDEMAN, EDGARS	Lodge Lake Macquarie 243
LYMBERY, JAMES	Lodge Kiama 35 - LOE
MCKENZIE, ROSS	Lodge Enterprise 400

MILLER, ERNEST	The Schools Lodge 639
MILLS, HAROLD	Lodge Mulwala The Scott 184
MITCHELL, HILTON	Lodge Nambucca Heads 922
PARSONS, JOHN	Lodge Illawarra 59
PRETTY, GRAHAM	The Lodge Of Australia 3
RANDLE, WARREN	The Hills Lodge 1025
RICHARDS, NORMAN	Lodge Harold Herman Unity 428 - LOE
ROBERDS, CLEMENT	Lodge Lake Macquarie 243
SMITH, DAVID	Antiquity 1
SWEENEY, GRAHAM	Lodge Resurgo 223 - LOE
THOMSON, JAMES	Balmain Lodge 23
TOD, ALEXANDER	The St. George Lodge 328
TUBMAN, RAYMOND	Lodge Illawarra 59
WADE, WILLIAM	Lodge Enterprise 400
WALKER, RONALD	Lodge John Williams 148
WEBSTER, ROBERT	Lodge Cowra 33
WHITE, ALAN	Lodge Enterprise 400
WILLIAMS, HAROLD	Lodge Burnside 729 - LOE
WILSON, IAN	Lodge Vaucluse 266
WOOD, GRAHAM	Laurelbank Kuring-gai Daylight Lodge 230

50 Years Service

ALTHAM, MAXWELL	Lodge Kiama 35 - LOE
BERTRAM, ALLAN	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
BORWICK, KEITH	Lodge John Williams 148
BRELL, KENNETH	Lodge Rudyard Kipling 143
BRIAN, HARRY	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300
DAWE, IAN	Riverina Thompson 104
DAY, ERNEST	Lodge Tranmere 712
DEROME, ARTHUR	The Sir Walter Scott Lodge 123
DOUGLAS, KENNETH	The Lodge Of Transition 9999
DUNTON, LAWRENCE	Lodge Artarmon United 285

FISHER, ALAN	Lodge Bland 337
GNADEN, RONALD	Lodge Aviation 688
GOSTELOW, ALAN	Leisure Coast Daylight Lodge 999
GRIERSON, ROBERT	The Waratah Lodge 170
HAMMOND, KENNETH	Lodge Merrylands 479
HULL, NOEL	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
JAMES, CYRIL	Lodge Bangalow 250
JOHNSTON, ALEXANDER	The United Lodge of Sydney 11
LEISHMAN, THOMPSON	Lodge Lithgow Valley 8
LOFBERG, CHARLES	Lodge Gynea 796
MALLITT, WESLEY	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300
MEALING, DONALD	The Lodge of Australia 3
MOORE, KEITH	Lodge City of Newcastle 1035
MYERS, HAROLD	The Waratah Lodge 170
PEARSE, GEORGE	Lodge Ballina 112
PETERS, LEX	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300
PRESS, HOWARD	Lodge Condobolin 185
RAWLINS, ALFRED	Lodge Guildford 321
RAYNOLDS, GEORGE	Lodge of Truth 26
RICH, EDWARD	Lodge Army and Navy 517
RISEBOROUGH, RAYMOND	Lodge Illawarra 59
RODRICK, JOHN	Lodge Artarmon United 285
ROSENBERG, BRUCE	The Schools Lodge 639
RUSSELL, HAROLD	The St. George Lodge 328
SATCHELL, ROBERT	Lodge Warringah 83
SNEESBY, STEPHEN	Lodge Nambucca Heads 922
THOMAS, ERNEST	Lodge Federal Burrowa 193
WADE, BRIAN	Lodge Urbenville Bonalbo 354
WALKER, JAMES	The Waratah Lodge 170
WARBURTON, LEONARD	Lodge Artarmon United 285
WHITE, KEITH	The St. George Lodge 328



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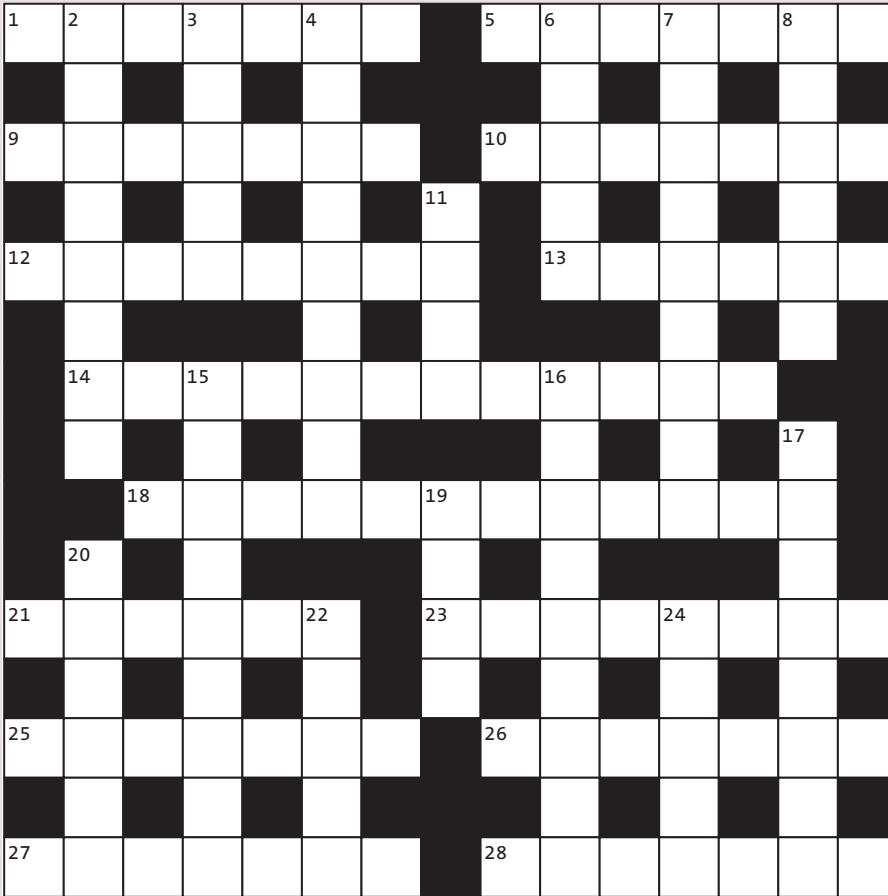


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DOWN

- 2 Scan most of the letters of Robbie Burns perhaps (8)
- 3 Unsaddled some to add to confusion (5)
- 4 Recognition without regard to change concealed identity (9)
- 6 Dignify with a little sex altogether appropriate (5)
- 7 Discussed rank given by the Grand Master (9)
- 8 One's so upset about such cable tows (6)
- 11 Is the French protectorate surrounded by water? (4)
- 15 Laid his carpet out in the capitals (9)
- 16 Rat in nest is for a short time only (9)
- 17 In favour of scoundrel to discontinue parliamentary session (8)
- 19 Pepsi lost its lively start and with afterthought, it's drunk in small amounts (4)
- 20 Shirley found in a lodge room (6)
- 22 Heats up with excessive speed (5)
- 24 We learn that 15 down is located in some township or church (5)

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ACROSS

- 1 Claim is substantiated regarding this religion (7)
- 5 Dance so as to show up Lodge Officers (7)
- 9 What 5 across do if you count D.C. out (7)
- 10 Rob a win somehow from an order for girls (7)
- 12 Sprinkles holy water as per some gesture (8)
- 13 Theories regarding the State Emergency Service leaders (6)
- 14 Cheat recruit with building design (12)
- 18 Deal job cards out in terms of Genesis 28:12 (5, 1, 6)
- 21 Jacobite extremists join wish to be of Hebrew faith (6)
- 23 Hand over fortified wine for proof of EAF and FC attendances (8)
- 25 Placate some cheap pea seasoning (7)
- 26 Aristocracy upset a peer for example (7)
- 27 Spill ale in mess due to a viral disease (7)
- 28 More irritable when Ritchie runs riot (7)

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LODGE FORSTER-GREAT LAKES No 944

Guascoine & Bradshaw

On Monday 5 July, VW Bro George Guascoine and W Bro Gilbert Bradshaw of Lodge Forster-Great Lakes No 944 received certificates and jewels for 50 years of service to freemasonry.

George Guascoine was admitted into Freemasonry in Geelong, Victoria, in July 1960, in Lodge Corio. He was very active in Victorian Freemasonry, rising to the rank of Past Grand Swordbearer. His interest took him into many orders including the Royal Arch and Rose Croix. As well as his lodge

he was an active member of Apex and Foundation Vice President of Probus at Geelong.

He worked as a Test Development Mechanic at the Ford proving grounds at Geelong.

Gilbert Bradshaw is a retired locomotive inspector for the NSW Railways. He joined Freemasonry in Lodge Celestial, Sydney in 1960, and has always taken a great interest in the Craft. He enjoys the philosophy and fellowship of Freemasonry and urges younger people to become involved.



Gil's interest also saw him involved in many of the other orders such as the Royal Arch. He was chairman of Chapter Duty at Forster for a total of six years. He is currently secretary of Chapter Oxley, meeting at Laurieton, and of the branch of the Knights Templar.

Both men continue to be active in Lodge Forster-Great Lakes United.



Freemason welcomes new members to the Craft

Name	Lodge	Name	Lodge	Name	Lodge
ABI-ASSAF, George	The Cedars Lodge 1041	HARDINGE, Charles	Lodge Baden Powell 646	OBERMEDER, Marcus	Lodge Mark Owen 828
ADAM, Saad	Lodge Alpha 970	HASKE, Mila	Lodge Caledonia Of Canberra 938	O'BRIEN, Paul	Lodge Ophir 17
ADAM, Evan	Lodge Alpha 970	HOANG, Joseph	Lodge Southern Cross 91	O'DONNELL, Rod	Lodge Artarmon United 285
ALLANSON, Tristan	Lodge Kellerman 1027	HOBBS, Michael	Lodge Harold Herman Unity 428 – LOE	OWEN, Stuart	The Hawkesbury Heritage Lodge 150
BAILEY, Alec	Lodge Ionic 65	HOGAN, Sean	Lodge University of Sydney 544	PALANIVELOO, Pathman	Lodge Southern Cross 91
BARRETT, Mathew	The Central Coast Lodge 2001	HOLT, Matthew	Lodge Leeton - Yanco 313	PANATAZACOS, James	Lodge Castlereagh 72
BECKER, Adam	Lodge Cavanbah 231	HOWSE, Glenn	Lodge Oberon 355	PASCOE, Glenn	Lodge Wyong Tuggerah Lakes 247
BILIAS, Angelo	The Sydney Lodge 1020	HUEBL, Paul	The Lodge Of Australia 3	PLUMB, Steven	Lodge Victoria Cross 928
BLACK, Cameron	Lodge Fire Brigades 940	IBRAHIM, Ibrahim	Lodge Castlereagh 72	POBJIE, Aaron	Lodge Caledonia of Canberra 938
BLIAS, Mark	Lodge Wyong Tuggerah Lakes 247	JANSSENS, Paul	Lodge Commonwealth of Australia 633	RACKLEY, Ryan	Lodge Pacific 298
BOARD, Alan	Lodge Victoria Cross 928	JIMENEZ, Edgar	Lodge Canberra 465	RENN, David	Lodge Glen Innes 44
BRANCH, Peter	Lodge Gadara 39	JNAID, Charlie	The Cedars Lodge 1041	RIOS, Charles	The Sydney Lodge 1020
BRIDLE, Al	Lodge Macquarie 53	JOHNSON, Bruce	Lodge Fire Brigades 940	RODZIEWICZ, Corey	The Queen's Lodge 229
BURTON, Daniel	Lodge Caledonia of Canberra 938	JOHNSON, Anthony	Lodge Lachlan Macquarie 1042	RODZIEWICZ, Jarrad	The Queen's Lodge 229
BYRNE, Adam	The Hills Lodge 1025	KELSEY, Robert	Lodge Bronte 507	RUSLAN, Shaharin	Lodge Artarmon United 285
CAMPO, Larry	The United Lodge of Sydney 11	KHACHAN, Kevin	Lodge Castlereagh 72	RUSSO, Christian	Lodge Castlereagh 72
CASEY, Mark	Lodge City of Newcastle 1035	KLEIN, Thomas	Lodge Calala Tamworth 652	RUSTOM, Joud	The Leichhardt Lodge 133
COATES, Peter	Lodge Tomaree 878	KUHN, Rick	Lodge Morisset 441	RYAN, James	The Hills Lodge 1025
COLLINS, Phillip	Lodge Trinity 666	LANCASTER, Edward	Lodge Morning Star 410	SANDERS, Adam	Lodge Ulmarra 186
CRADDOCK, Andrew	Lodge Namoi 207	LEWIS, Justin	The Sydney Lodge 1020	SEIDL, Nathan	The Lodge Of Australia 3
CRISTIANO, James	The Queen's Lodge 229	LLOYD, Joseph	Lodge University of Sydney 544	SEMCHAT, Jacob	Lodge Kellerman 1027
CROCKETT, Benjamin	Lodge Wyong Tuggerah Lakes 247	LUNDBERG, Carl	Lodge Frenchs Forest United 249	SHAFEEI, Ramiar	The Sydney Lodge 1020
DANIEL, Trent	Lodge Castlereagh 72	LYDDIETH, Bradley	Lodge Victoria Cross 928	SHIPTON, Adrian	Lodge Castlereagh 72
DAVIS, Phillip	Lodge Eltham 272	MACDOUGALL, Dane	Lodge Scone 183	SLOSSER, Jacob	Lodge University of Sydney 544
DE OLIVEIRA, Fulvio	Lodge Blacktown Kildare 393	MACKINDER, Howard	Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew 56	SOLOMON, Ruben	Lodge Bronte 507
DE PREE,	Lodge Baukham Hills 958	MARCOTTI, Fabio	Lodge Theo Grey 234	SORRAHAN, Joel	Lodge Victoria Cross 928
DESARAJU, Sudeep	Lodge Army and Navy 517	MARKS, David	Lodge Victoria Cross 928	ST JOHN, Virgil	Lodge Ku-Ring-Gai 1033
DIMORVSKI, Dragan	The Australian Lodge of Harmony 5	MARSHALL, Zachary	Lodge Como 738	STARK, Craig	Lodge City of Newcastle 1035
DJEMAL, Errol	Lodge Castlereagh 72	MATSSON, Otto	Lodge Cooma Monaro 164	STARR, Bradley	Lodge Canowindra 478
DOMINIQUE-BOUVAT, Nick	Lodge Castlereagh 72	MAUFAY, Raff	Lodge Tweed United 136	STATHOPOULOS, Peter	Lodge Southern Cross 91
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DUQUILLA, Zacarias	Lodge The Star of Australia 200	MCCONVILLE, John	Lodge Pittwater 697	STEADMAN, Paul	Lodge Blaxland Temperance 346
EDEMA, Gavin	The Maroubra Lodge 725	MCCULLY, Julian	Lodge Warringah 83	STERLING, Glenn	Lodge Castlereagh 72
EL SAYED, Mahmoud	Lodge Gynea 796	MCFADZEN, Owen	Lodge Canberra 465	SUMMERGREENE, Rhys	Lodge Commonwealth of Australia 633
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FRANCIS, Ken	William Ross 76	MEAGHER, Leigh	Lodge Canoblas Lewis 806	TAYLOR, William	Lodge Gynea 796
FUENTES, Ken	Lodge Blacktown Kildare 393	MECHREF, Jacob	Lodge Gynea 796	TRAIL, Michael	Lodge Frenchs Forest United 249
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GELLING, Ian	Lodge Oberon 355	MILLS, Hayden	Lodge Victoria Cross 928	VAGHANI, Kushal	Bundaleeah Daylight Lodge 992
GIBSON, Roy	Lodge Como 738	MILLWARD, David	The Hills Lodge 1025	VANHOLLAND, Simon	Lodge Ethos 963
GLEESON, Kenneth	Lodge Toukley 933	MILWAY, Alexander	Lodge Victoria Cross 928	VRSHKOSKI, Oliver	Lodge Kellerman 1027
GOLIJAN, John	Lodge Bronte 507	MITCHELL, Lee	Lodge Springwood 409	WADE, Darryl	Wallis Plains 4
GRAHAM, John	Lodge Cooma Monaro 164	NAJJAR, Daniel	The Australian Lodge of Harmony 5	WADE, Terrance	Lodge Greater Taree L66
GRIFFIN, Edward	Lodge Kyogle – Geneva United 245	NEHME, Chadi	The Leichhardt Lodge 133	WELLS, David	Lodge Burnside 729 – LOE
GRIMALDI, Michael	The Hawkesbury Heritage Lodge 150	NEWMAN, Edward	Lodge Wyaldra 238	WILLETT, Aron	Lodge Southern Cross 91
GUNAWARDENA, Shan	Lodge Epping 390	NOBLE, Anthony	Lodge Ionic 65	WILSON, Duncan	Lodge Eurobodalla Daylight 989
HANDCOCK, Mark	Lodge Toukley 933	NORBURY, Michael	Lodge Wyong Tuggerah Lakes 247	YATES, Geoffrey	Lodge Kyogle – Geneva United 245
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