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changing
face of
Sydney's

Luna Park

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Freemasonry

The square and
compasses





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Seasons Greetings

... and Happy New Year from Judith, Harriet, Sybilla and myself and our hope is for a year of peace, harmony and love for all our families, and our community.



Dear Brethren and Families,

We live in a world of the individual, but I am inspired by the group response of my daughters as they 'give back'; whether by donating blood, or in volunteering their time in dementia and aged care assistance to those in need. They are part of this younger generation that understands the quality of compassion and caring, and in feeling this in their hearts, live to better the lives of others.

And we live in a turbulent world, and the challenges that confront us will require the utmost creativity. Here is an indication of the relevance of Freemasonry. Your Freemasonry. At its core, Freemasonry highlights human creativity, behind which stands a Divine Source. At this time of the year let us live our lives by those precepts and values that recognise the Source, and celebrate the worth, of human creativity. It is the core of our Fraternity.

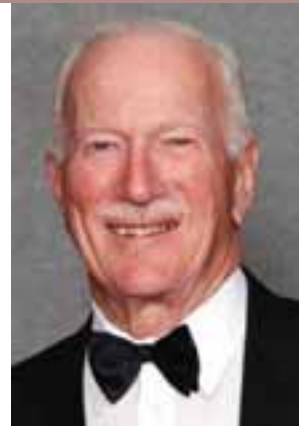
As masons, may we be the great 'improvers'. By enlightenment may this next year be more civilised, humane and prosperous for you and your loved ones.

*Our love and best wishes,
Judith and Greg*



What are your plans?

It's that time of year again. Christmas festivities are underway and before we know it, 2011 will have arrived.



It is also a time that many of us start to wonder what we would like to change in our lives for the New Year. But can you take your memory back and remember the resolutions you promised to do at the beginning of 2010?

It would seem that one of the reasons our New Year's resolutions are not carried out is because we rarely take time to think clearly about the final result we seek to achieve and the ultimate outcome.

People develop habits over the years, many of which are hard to break or change and when you decide to change one of your accustomed habits, it's important to understand whether you have a good reason.

Perhaps one of your resolutions was to do more exercise, a decision you had been putting off for some time but does being more energetic really represent your goal.

If you ask yourself 'Why do I want to do this,' you might be encouraged to become more active and even train twice a week instead of the one session you had been delaying.

But why do you really want to change?

If you delve a little further, you might be able to work out that you want to become a fitter person and thus have more energy and that when you have more energy you can spend more time with your children or grandchildren.

The process of trying to work out your ultimate outcome is useful in working out why you want to make your resolution in the first place and each intermediate goal is a step along the way.

This could result in thinking about any additional methods of achieving your ultimate goal.

If we continue the 'get fitter' example, you might further consider the goal of

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It might even become a New Year's resolution ... do something good.

'increasing your energy' and consider other activities that may help you succeed. Could you make sure of getting sufficient sleep each night, maybe eat one less take-away meal a week, get off one bus stop early and walk the extra distance, use the stairs at work instead of the lift? There are numerous selections to be made in seeking to achieve an objective.

Freemasons are by their nature and obligation, always seeking to help other people, to make the world a better place. It is not an easy task, it is an obligation which at times involves grief, compassion, aid and brotherly love.

It takes something special to step outside your normal living style, extend a welcoming hand and say to a person known to you or a complete stranger, 'Can I help you?'

In one sense, it is a personal sacrifice – you are giving part of yourself to be of

assistance to someone in need. And what better time of the year to step forward and proclaim your love of your fellow beings.

We do not live in a perfect world. There is war, crime, disease, poverty and the tribulations of nature in drought, flood and fire which can devastate and destroy.

However, human nature is resilient and always fights back, sometimes with an inner strength and sometimes with the assistance freely and generously given by other people who may be at the scene or come from a distance to supply their aid.


It is a wonderful occasion to have that helping hand extended in times of stress, when people realise there are others who are in a worse situation and take that step forward to carry out the masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

So when you next attend your lodge meeting, or in the company of others, it might be the right occasion to bring up the subject of whether there is anyone in need of help. It might require a change of attitude, a change in plans, some extra time needed to perform this task, an objective to be achieved.

It might even become a New Year's resolution among your group to go out in the world, possibly your local community or even visit people in hospital and do something good.

And when the time is right to make your resolutions this year, don't forget to ask yourself: 'Why do I really want to change?'

By taking the time to think about the end result, you will give yourself a much greater chance of making it come true.

And now, it's time to relax, give some time to the family, say hello to the neighbours and enjoy the festivities. 



From Chaplain Kilkeary

Christmas: A time for others

Christmas gifts are a traditional part of Christmas. We have all observed the pleasure such gifts bring and in particular to children. We can trace the origins of such gifts to the wise men from the East, as recorded in Matthew's gospel, who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to the young child Jesus.

Our home and extended family will honour this tradition on 25 December as the children distribute carefully wrapped gifts stacked beneath the Christmas tree, and recipients express gratitude and surprise for what they have received.

I realise the relative prosperity of Australia contrasts strongly with the poverty experienced in many other countries. Have you ever thought about using Christmas as a time to make a gift to the needy? My wife and I support the annual Christian appeal at our church, supporting projects in third world countries. It is a pleasure and privilege to give to the needy at Christmas.

This year our church is running a shoe box project, encouraging people to fill a shoe box with presents suitable for children, including toiletries and clothes. We have hundreds of boxes, and each represents the opportunity to bring joy to a child who might otherwise receive nothing.

I wish you a happy Christmas as you give and receive. Please take the time and opportunity to help others in our needy world.

From Chaplain Hely

What do we expect from our prayers?

Christmas time is often a time when we engage in prayers for others. Consider the thrust of the following extract from the opening prayer of every Grand Lodge meeting. What action could we expect?

Almighty and Eternal God ... We humbly implore Thee to grant unto us, at this, and at all times, Wisdom in all our



undertakings, Strength to support us in all events of life, and the Beauty of harmony in all our communications. So mote it be.

We are first of all called to be a fellowship of God's servants; to be in that relationship with God that enables us to hear God's response. This relationship is the purpose of our prayers; the intent of masonic prayers. All present say: 'So mote it be', confirming that each agrees with the supplications of the prayer.

My Christmas message is to encourage all masonic brethren to share the excitement of listening for the voice of God in response to their prayers.

From Chaplain Carter

At Christmas, all roads lead to home

From early December each year, the fairways and shop fronts come alive with the sound of Christmas carols and songs. *Jingle Bells*, possibly the most played tune of all time owes its longevity not to any particularly fine musical construction, but as a regular reminder of the approach of Christmas.

Christmas draws countless people back to the family and home. This is the time when Christian families celebrate together with joy and rejoicing the deep religious significance of the period, which is the birth of Christ, and are comforted by the inspirational words of St John 3:15: *That whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

The family celebration and Christmas can be further enriched by attending a performance of Handel's *Messiah* and reflection upon the beautiful words of Louise

Haskins, quoted by King George VI in his Christmas message in the grim days of 1939:

'And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

Give me a light that I might tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied: *'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God*

And that should be better to you than light and safer than the known way.'


A Merry Christmas to all, may peace be with you.

From Chaplain Tov-Lev

Ways to celebrate New Year

The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, always precedes the Civil New Year. The unique character of the Rosh Hashanah celebration is its serious nature – it is regarded as a solemn day for the individual to give an account of their behaviours and actions during the year. It helps imprint in the faithful a desire to ask the essential questions: Who am I? What is the goal of my life? What was the effect of my conduct on my family and other people? It also helps release the mind from the daily routine of life to concentrate on the Almighty and our attempts to improve ourselves. This is done by spending long hours in the synagogue in prayer, blowing the Shofar (ram horn) and asking for forgiveness.

Apart from personal requests, we pray to the Master of the Universe to free the world from war and famine, to avoid human suffering whatever its cause, and we pray to be charitable and help the needy. We must always remember that our days on earth are numbered and that each individual needs a purpose. We must remind ourselves that we have a duty to monitor our actions, for the sake of all.

The Civil New Year is celebrated differently, largely for enjoyment, and might benefit from the fruit of our Rosh Hashanah prayers in helping humanity see the Light of adopting a positive, harmonious way of living so that only peace and tranquility would reign in the world. 



News and reports from Grand Lodge

In his welcome, the Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston made special mention of his **Grand Proclamation**, the **rededication of the Yass Masonic Centre**, the **Queensland Grand Installation** and the **consecration of Lodge Novacastria** at Wallsend.

His address to the brethren pointed out that this next year was about Membership, Making Masons, retaining Masons and regaining them.

‘Again we ask where are we, where are we going. I do not want steady and purposeful, I want “let’s go, let’s grow” as masons and as an organisation. Brethren, this is your time. The Craft needs you. Heed the call, reach out as masons, shine out that light within you and interest good men in Freemasonry. Interest them to ask that question: “What is Freemasonry” and

be prepared to answer it to a level that matches expectations.’

The Grand Master reported that recommendations of the Ritual Advisory Committee are still under consideration. The issue on the term and voting process for a Grand Master is still before the Grand Registrar and his task force, with the report and recommendations to be presented to the Executive Council, and then to Grand Lodge.

An amendment to the Book of Constitutions that a preferential system of voting be included in the clause relating to voting at elections was defeated.

In the Executive Council statement, the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Glenn Eley reported that a Men’s Health Seminar will be held in March 2011 and later taken to the regions and a Master Masons Seminar is scheduled for April 2011 at which all new members will be given an opportunity to indicate what they would like to see the Craft doing within the next few years.

The Assistant Grand Master, RW Bro Walid Mehanna gave a complete overview of the forthcoming 2010 Masons Conference.

The Council discussed and agreed that Grand Lodge should associate itself with

the Asia Pacific Confederation on a trial basis for six months only to determine the benefits to this Grand Lodge and review continuance in six months.

In its report, the Board of Management said the new DGIWs and Board members commenced their duties in August and it is looking for better streamlined and consistent delivery and explanation of the many current policies, programs and initiatives of Grand Lodge.

Through the Chairman of Operations, the Board will be ensuring a more efficient reporting structure to and from lodges in order that information is received by the Board and dealt with in a timely manner. It is important that the appropriate channels of communication are used if the Craft is to be effective in its operations.

The Certification of Masonic Buildings program prepared by the Buildings Task Force is in final review and following approval, should be distributed in time for the commencement of the 2011 year.

The Grand Charity Board report dealt with marketing and communications, especially the new website, fundraising and public relations with articles which have appeared in various newspapers throughout NSW.

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A Preview of the December Communication Program

The December Quarterly Communication will be held at **Goulburn** on **Saturday 11 December** starting 4pm, followed by dinner at the Goulburn Workers Club at 6.30pm.

Agenda

- › Opening
- › Board Reports
- › Annual Accounts
- › Conferral of Grand Rank
- › Special Pipe Organ recital
- › General business

It is the characteristic logo of Freemasonry. Masonic letterheads, notice papers, literature, textiles, buildings – even watch dials, tie pins and cuff links, all bear the square and compasses.



The square and compasses

Middle-aged and elderly adults all remember how important their set-square and compasses were as geometrical instruments in their school days; masons value these two working tools not only for their prosaic but for their poetical significance.

The general explanation that comes across from the ritual is that the square teaches us to be just and upright, to square our actions. The compasses tell us to keep our passions and desires within bounds.

Whatever the precise terminology which the ritual employs, the message is the same – the square and compasses remind us how to think, act and live as fair and decent human beings.

The moralistic explanations are however not the end of the story. Daniel Beresniak, in his 1997 *Symbols of Freemasonry*, gives the two instruments a still broader significance. Pointing out that they are crucial to geometry, which in its turn represents man's concern to understand his world by measuring things, he argues that the square and compasses are symbols of

The tools of a free man

man's capacity for objective thinking.


'In the Middle Ages', Beresniak writes, 'the teaching of geometry cleared the way for objective thought. Until that time, all knowledge had been handed down from an authority which meant to put a stop to any debate and eliminate doubt or the need for proof. Only one kind of knowledge could not be taught in this way – geometry. A theory about the properties of a shape can only be accepted when it has been verified using reason, and a square and compasses.'

'The teaching of geometry implies, therefore, the recognition of students as people who are able to think rationally and find meaning of their own. The geometrician-builder measures words with the yardstick of meaning and not according to the social status of the speaker.

'The square and compasses, therefore, are the tools of a free man. They are the tools of a way of thinking which recognises the possibility of making statements about reality, understanding its laws and modifying it to better the human condition.'

The Enlightenment thinking of the period when Freemasonry moves from an operative to an intellectual-ethical movement was made possible only because human beings were thinking for themselves, measuring, analysing, reasoning and debating.

In other words, the square and compasses that had once done duty simply as utilitarian instruments of a craft or trade now assumed a higher significance as symbols of a movement which changed everything in the history of human society and civilisation.

Descartes said: 'I think, therefore I am.' In Freemasonry, it is summed up by the logo of the square and compasses. 

Research by RW Bro Rabbi Raymond Apple, PDGM, PGCC

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Spain takes a young look

Spain has elected a new Grand Master who has taken immediate steps to rejuvenate Freemasonry with the introduction of new features.




to allow greater participation in running the province.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports that MW Bro Oscar de Alfonso Ortega, at 42 years of age, is the youngest Grand Master in the history of the Grand Lodge of Spain.

He plans to bring drastic changes to the 'archaic usages for more modern ones' or as he declared 'an option of better management and external openness'.

Among the changes are a proposed gradual reduction of the annual dues of members to facilitate the entrance of new members, the elimination of the required annual payment of 30 euros to the Charity Fund and giving 'voice and vote' to all Master Masons of the jurisdiction

Another new feature will be the creation of an Advisory Council of the Grand Master, a consulting body made up of members with great experience in which all the views and opinions which exist in the institution meet and integrate. He also specified that all brethren of the Grand Lodge of Spain have a right to information without distinction of rank, so that any of them can have direct access to the Grand Master and Grand Officers to request information and advice on the subjects of interest to them.

Regular Freemasonry in Spain has stopped growing in recent years where the intake of new members had grown at rates of 3% to 8% but they still continue to have a membership of around 2,400. 


England and the law

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence has received information that an important development took place in England related to the Anti-Masonic Judiciary Rule imposed by the Government of the day after the 1997 general elections.



they were a mason. The United Grand Lodge of England made representations and drew attention to the decision of the European Court of Human Rights in a similar situation.

It is about the removal of the requirement in England that judges should declare their membership in masonic lodges when a rule was introduced saying that anyone who was made a judge or a magistrate had to declare whether

The review of the policy operating since 1998 has shown no evidence of impropriety or malpractice within the judiciary as a result of a judge being a Freemason and therefore, it would be disproportionate to continue the collection or retention of this information. 

Helping children

'A Start in Life' was the topic of the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Masonic Lodge Secretaries Association.




Susan Williams, Chief Executive Officer of *A Start in Life*, spoke of the recent changes to and the future directions of the organisation.

She referred to the assistance being provided to young Australians with one of A Start in Life's programs, and the opportunity it creates for Freemasons to raise their profile within the community.

Susan was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the President, RW Bro Kevin McGlenn PDGM, Grand Secretary, for her contribution to the meeting.

A Life Membership Certificate was presented to RW Bro Stan Ackers PAGM who served the Association as Treasurer for very many years.

The meeting had a lengthy questions and answers session and members voted to make changes to their constitution. The primary change is for the quarterly meetings now to be held on the Friday after regular Grand Communication.

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Roll-A-Door: The garage gift



Arthur Byrne was the founder of B & D Roll-A-Door and the man who brought **easy opening garage doors** to the world.

Many Australians of the 1950s and 1960s can still sing the company's advertising song 'Use a roll-a-door, that's what it's for' to the tune of the 'Toreador' song from the opera *Carmen*. This was sung in the advertisements by Bro Alan Light.

In 1946 with his business partner Paul Davidson and £140, Byrne established a steel fabricating business. The partners built a factory in Botany, undertook large engineering projects across Australia and recruited young accountant Ray Willoughby.

When the Sydney inventor Ben Saul walked into the B & D office with an idea for a door, Byrne gave him a workplace, tools and materials but after the first attempt, Saul lost interest and the materials were stored. Leaving the business, Saul signed away his rights to the door but Byrne and Davidson decided to give it another go.

Byrne put in many years work and Gordon Lambert, a boilermaker, refined a design before they met success with the first all-steel door that could be rolled and unrolled without cracking. It was made of compressed metal sheet fastened together, forming a flexible curtain that rolled around an axle and spring assembly.

The result was a safe, secure garage door

that was easy to open. B & D introduced the slogan 'Even a child can open it'.

The Roll-A-Door was unveiled at the Daily Mirror Home Show in 1956 and became a success. The company then set up a research and development program for continuous design improvement. Davidson resigned a year later and Willoughby became joint managing director.

In 1959, B & D invested in the Sydney market using the new medium of television to advertise its product. Then one night, sitting in his car in the driveway, Byrne pondered the idea of opening the garage door without leaving his vehicle. He worked on the idea of a light sensitive unit signalling the door to open and soon the automatic door was invented.

The company went national in the 1960s, opening a factory in Melbourne and by 1963, it was operating in the United States and Europe. Another breakthrough came with the development of Nylofelt in 1968 which made opening doors even easier as the shoelace-like Nylofelt that ran down either side allowed for greaseless quiet operation.

When Neil Armstrong walked on the moon in July 1968, B & D ran a television campaign featuring the astronauts discovering Roll-A-Door with a bemused Chips



Left: 1948 photo of all the Roll-A-Door employees with Paul Davidson front row second from right and Arthur Byrne back row far right.

Right: Roll-A-Door featured on an 'Inventive Australia' stamp!

Rafferty behind it and greeting them with: 'G'day mate, what kept ya'. By 1971, they introduced the Colourbond Door and in 1975 the automatic Controll-a-Door.

Arthur William Byrne was born and raised in Bondi and with his brother Leo was always on the lookout for ways to make money. They caught fish and sold them on the buses, then bought a horse and sold rides to local kids. Family stories say young Arthur dismantled his bicycle to make a golf buggy and later made a fibreglass swimming pool but could not convince manufacturers of its promise.

After a family member died from leukaemia in 1979 he created the Len Leukaemia Foundation which merged with the Jenny Trust in 1980 and is known today as Cure Cancer Australia. At a gala dinner in 2005, Byrne proudly announced that more than \$10 million had been raised for research into cancer since 1979.

Arthur William Byrne was initiated, passed and raised in 1948 in Lodge Booralee Lewis No 598 in Sydney while Leo Byrne was initiated in Lodge Empire Temperance No 432 in 1955.

Big award for Peter

Bro Peter Holstein, a member of Lodge Kirrawee No 903 travelled to London earlier this year to receive a **highly prestigious award** and to become one of the few Freemasons to be honoured.

He was awarded the Master Air Pilot (MAP) Certificate from the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators (GAPAN) which was presented for Peter's skill, experience and service in the profession of Aviation.

The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators was established in 1929 to ensure the status of pilots and navigators and one of its objectives has always been to foster and improve that standing.


The Guild became a Livery company of the City of London in 1956 and this rarely bestowed mark of distinction (the 81st Company to receive it in over 800 years) was a great factor in increasing the influence, not only of the Guild, but of the entire profession of pilot and navigator in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The first concern of the Guild is to sponsor and encourage action and activities designed to ensure that aircraft are piloted and navigated by aviators who are highly competent, self-reliant, dependable and respected. Representing a unique body of professional and non-professional aviators, the Guild seeks constantly to maintain the highest standard of air safety, to improve standards of operations skill and to inspire legislation compatible with the sustainable growth of aviation.

One of the ways in which the Guild acknowledges the skills and professional excellence of pilots and navigators is through the Master Air Pilot and Master Air Navigator scheme. This allows those who have displayed the qualities of pilotage, navigation, airmanship and character which have brought honour and respect to the profession to be appropriately recognised.

Applicants are considered by a special committee and those who meet the exacting standards receive a Certificate signed personally by the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent. It is a measure of the standard required that in the 81 years since the scheme was introduced, fewer than 1,050 certificates have been awarded.



Bro Peter Holstein (JP) MAP was awarded Certificate Number 1045 and his work has been acknowledged by his brother, W Bro Chris Holstein, the WM of Lodge Kirrawee. 

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Inspired by an older mason

John Baylouni, a young progressive officer in Lodge Horizons, shares his story.



Freemasonry was never mentioned around my family or friends purely because I was unaware of anyone who was a mason. One summer day nearly four years ago at a friend's barbecue the subject came up and again, anything said was the usual comments that masons run the world, are spies, they sacrifice animals etc.

This made me wonder who are they really. I mentioned this to my parents and was surprised to hear that the father of my mother's best friend, Jim Woods, was a Freemason in Bowral. I had met him a few times and always knew him as a humble and kind man. It just happened to be his birthday a few weeks later, so I drove to Bowral to have a little yarn with a mason.

When I met Jim, he had been in the Craft for over 60 years. I remember his words so clearly: 'John, I cannot tell you much about Freemasonry and what goes on in a lodge because you have to join to find out, but what I can tell you is how much it has improved my life.'

He told me it helped him form close and meaningful relationships with like-minded men of all ages and varied backgrounds that otherwise may not have been possible. It taught him patience,

commitment and self-discipline.

I never played team sports when growing up so my lifelong friendships had been mostly through work or school friends. After that conversation with Jim, I knew that I wanted to join. It did not matter that I still did not know any so-called 'secrets' about Freemasonry. If all masons were like Jim, then I would be crazy not to be part of such a great organisation.

The forms were subsequently filled out and I met with a couple of my hopefully 'future lodge' members. I was so intrigued to know more about Freemasonry and could have easily used my computer and the web to find out more about this 'secret society' but I felt I was cheating myself out of an experience.

I was one of four young men initiated into the world's oldest fraternity nearly three years ago and like many others can say that I will never forget that wonderful experience. My first few attendances at lodge were a little intimidating (being surrounded by strangers and still getting to know the roles of the lodge members). The friendliness and words of encouragement at later meetings were sufficient to keep me coming to lodge.


After a year of attending meetings, I

have to admit my feelings about the Craft had waned and when I mentioned this to another brother there were further words of encouragement and I was asked to consider progressing further to get more out of what Freemasonry had to offer. It was the right tonic.

Since then I have not looked back! I thoroughly enjoy going to lodge and always look forward to our next meeting. I try to visit other lodges within and outside my district. If someone was to ask me now what I have taken from Freemasonry so far, I would say this – Freemasonry is not for everyone; to be a good mason requires patience, commitment and self-discipline. The reward for an individual can come in many forms. I am surrounded by brethren who strive to make a difference in your life as well as for others in society, by being charitable with money or time. Words such as honour, respect, humility and integrity are the hallmarks of any brother I know.

There are some fantastic forward thinking members who are doing their best to take this great fraternity to the next level so that it continues to be the breeding ground of even more respected and responsible members of society.

Sadly Jim Woods passed away last year after a short stint as WM at his lodge. He was 92 years old, his mind was as sharp as a tack but his body wasn't the same. He could deliver a charge as if he had just learnt it yesterday. Freemasonry lost a great man and if it wasn't for Jim, I would not have joined the Craft. There is a long and exciting road ahead for me in Freemasonry. I can't wait to make the most of it, just like Jim did.

I feel the only big secret about the Craft (in my friend Jim's eyes) was something that came when you joined Freemasonry – and that is 'brotherly love'. 



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Tip Card #5 Why a Grand Lodge

AIM – To help us understand why we have a Grand Lodge.

Target

To explain the purpose of Grand Lodge, what it does for us and how we benefit.

Reasoning

The prevailing attitude towards Grand Lodge appears to be ‘who needs it?’ If anything upsets our lodge, we generally assume it is because Grand Lodge acted, or failed to act, in a particular manner. Having an awareness of the functions of Grand Lodge should help us to recognise the value of their actions and decisions.

Methodology

Firstly, a little bit of history ...

The first Grand Lodge was formed in London, England, following a meeting between four London lodges in 1717. These lodges could see there was a need for a single governing body to define and guide ‘speculative Freemasonry’ – to establish norms for ritual and elaborate upon the philosophy. It led to the ‘Book of Constitutions’ being written, amongst other things, and set the foundations for Freemasonry as we know it today.

The principal role of any Grand Lodge, including ours, is to always ensure that the ancient Landmarks of the Order are preserved when enacting laws and regulations, when investigating

and deciding on all matters relative to the Craft, to particular lodges or to individual brethren. They are our ‘Ancient Charges’ specialists.

Grand Lodge attends to a myriad of business responsibilities: record keeping; issuing of Charters for lodges; notices and certificates, looking after our media interests and communicating with our brother masons throughout the world. They arrange insurances, maintain a library and a museum; they arrange the printing and issuing of ritual books, training material and stationery items, and much more including looking after the Grand Master’s appointments and other managerial and ceremonial matters throughout the jurisdiction.

Put simply, Grand Lodge handles the legalities and the paper shuffling, which frees the Private Lodges from many routine responsibilities thus enabling them to get on with the job of ‘being’ a masonic lodge, engaging in community and charitable activities and promoting Freemasonry.

But it does come at a price. Each member pays an annual levy through his lodge for these services. This levy, or capitation fee, is judiciously set each year which, when added to income generated by Grand Lodge commercial activities, including the hiring of rooms

and event catering, provides the necessary funding for Grand Lodge to carry out its duties on our behalf.

Under the constitution each warranted lodge governs itself as a separate entity: chooses and installs its own Master and his officers, initiates candidates, sets their own fees, organises their own calendar, manages their own business affairs and generally sees to the happiness and welfare of their members without interference from Grand Lodge – however it is there if needed.

Conclusion

Every Master Mason is a member of Grand Lodge, which exists solely for the benefit of Private Lodges and is reliant upon their members to fill the huge range of positions essential to the Craft: DGIWs, RGCs, Ceremonial team members, even the position of Grand Master. Some brethren receive Grand Lodge rank to fulfil these roles or as thanks for a job well done either in Grand Lodge or a Private Lodge.

Attending Grand Lodge Communications, our open forum and decision-making arena, is the best way of observing Grand Lodge in action and it is where we can voice our opinion and vote too! Attending will enhance your masonic experiences.

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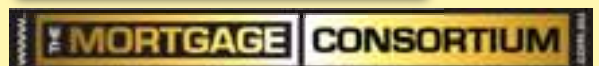
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Masonic symbol baffles experts

A mystery symbol cast into two of the driving wheels of a preserved 118-year-old British-built steam locomotive has baffled experts on both sides of the world.

The symbol was discovered during recent repair work on P class 4-6-0 No 3237 Lachlan at Eveleigh depot in Sydney and is thought to have been on the locomotive since being built by Beyer, Peacock & Co in Manchester in 1892.

It appears to be the masonic symbol of a craftsman's square and compass and is cast into the two rear driving wheels beside the number 8583 which is also unexplained.

According to the Beyer Peacock archives, No 3237 was one of two standard gauge compound locomotives built at the company's Gorton works for NSW Railways and was despatched to Australia from Manchester on 15 February 1893.

It was withdrawn in 1971 after a service life on principally passenger and mail trains, of no fewer than 78 years and bought for preservation by a group calling themselves the Lachlan Vintage Village for A\$7,000.

No 3237 subsequently became part of the Lachlan Valley Railway Society collection and returned to service in 2007 after a 27-year restoration. It was named 'Lachlan' after the river of the same name and operates trips, including suburban shuttles around Sydney for the NSW Rail Transport Museum, from its base at the Eveleigh depot.

LVRs volunteer Michael Kemp, who helps with No 3237's maintenance, said the symbol and number were discovered on the rear pair of the locomotive's driving wheels during stripping for repainting as the 4-6-0 was being prepared for the 2010 season.

The group has identified the symbol as that of the Freemasons logo but has been



P class 4-6-0 No 3237 at Eveleigh depot in 2009 and (inset) the mystery symbol

unable to establish why it is there or what the number refers to. 'We were wondering whether anyone in the UK has any ideas,' said Mike.

The archives of Beyer Peacock are held by the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry whose senior archivist Jan Hicks told Heritage Review that No 3237, a number given to the locomotive in Australia, was one of two compound 4-6-0 locomotives built at Gorton in 1892 under NSW Railways' order No 7572.

The two were given the progressive numbers 3448 and 3449 for identification purposes during their build and for reassembly in Australia.

'Each component of the two locomotives would have had the relevant progressive number stamped on it prior to it being stripped down for shipping to ensure correct reassembly in Australia,' she said.

'There is nothing in the order book to say that a masonic symbol was to be stamped on to the wheels – the only instruction for symbols is NSW Railways to be stamped on certain parts of the locomotive which could be seen externally but not the wheels,' added Jan, who did however provide a glimmer of a clue to the

number 8583 stamped on two of 3237's driving wheels.

She said that was the number for an order from NSW Railways in 1901 which includes 4-6-0 locomotives.

'Perhaps the wheels from one of those later locomotives were transferred at some point to No 3237 in Australia but that doesn't explain why the order number, rather than a progressive number, would have been stamped on the wheel.'

Jan described the Beyer Peacock records, which include locomotive drawings, works photography negatives, order books and draughtsmen's notebooks, as 'one of the best company archives I have ever worked with'.

Sarah Roe, press and publicity officer at the Museum, said 'We don't have any light to shed on the masonic symbols, other than the fact that masons were active in business in Manchester at that time. It is quite likely that an individual foundry man who was part of the masons added it as his own sign.'

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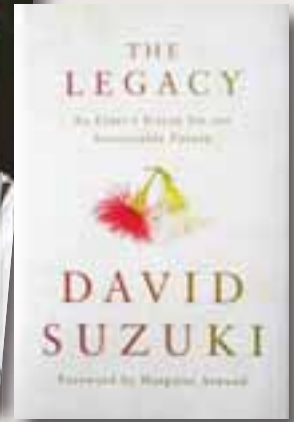
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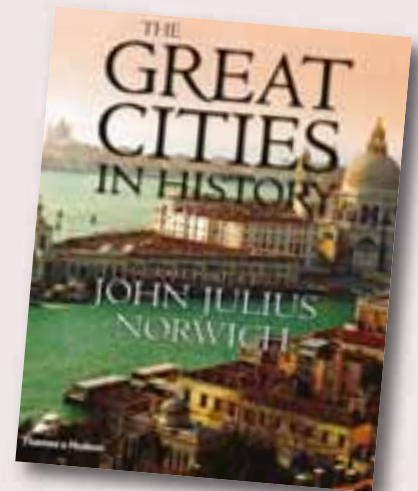
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From the Grand Secretary

Membership Profile

Within the UGL website, there is a specific area restricted to subscribing members only and many brethren would be aware that when a member accesses this page, a 'profile' of him appears.

The 'profile' page contains specific data that is most important and useful to Grand Lodge – particularly for the Board of Management when it requires demographic research.

There are still, however, many brethren who have not provided their birth dates or contact details which are used specifically for Grand Lodge purposes.

May I encourage ALL brethren to at least access this site once and consider updating the profile information? All that is required is your surname and membership number – which appears on your MM Certificate and may also be obtained from your Lodge Secretary.

Membership Kits

Some months ago, all lodges were provided with three copies of our new 'Membership Kits' which, apart from unique and informative documentation, also included a DVD.

The documentation gives some interesting information and also provides answers that should be used to questions that are often posed in relation to the Craft. The DVD contains responses from new members when asked of their involvement in the Craft, what attracted them to join and how they now enjoy Freemasonry – all totally unrehearsed. It is a very good production.

It was hoped that the DVD would be shown, at some point, at all lodge meetings and also used to show to prospective candidates. If your lodge is yet to show this DVD at a regular meeting, please ask your WM, Secretary or Membership Officer to arrange it for you.

All brethren may, of course, purchase their own 'kit' to keep at their home or lend to friends who may display an interest in what the Craft is all about. The 'kits' may be purchased at \$5.00 each and are a wonderful investment to assist in securing future membership for the Institution.

Volunteers

For many years, the Grand Secretariat and Museum of Freemasonry have greatly appreciated the assistance given by a small but very loyal group of volunteers, mainly brethren who have retired from the work force and now have some time to assist the Craft in some way.

There are a multitude of tasks to be carried out in the Secretariat and especially in the Museum of Freemasonry where the Archivist, Librarian and Museum Curator would greatly appreciate some voluntary contribution.

If you feel you may be able to assist, please contact RW Bro Chris Craven, Deputy Grand Secretary (PO Box A259, PO, Sydney South NSW 1235 or by email: chris@mof.org.au) with some information about yourself and any specific area that you may best be suited.

A Unique story from Albury

The Grand Master MW Bro Dr Greg Levenston attended the Installation of Lodge Farrer No 93 at the Albury Masonic Centre on Tuesday 12 October and made it an extra special occasion by inviting the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, MW Bro Vaughn Werner to also be present. It was a magnificent occasion which will no doubt be remembered by all present for years to come. In addition, the Grand Secretary of Victoria, RW Bro Barry Reaper PDGM and I were also present.

At the meeting, I had the opportunity to meet with RW Bro Dr Neville Groves PJGW of Lodge Farrer who asked if it would be possible to determine if the Combermere Lodge No 605 United Grand Lodge of England still existed as, in 1878, it had actually presented a sterling silver plate to Lodge Combermere No 61 of this Constitution. The plate still takes pride of place in the Albury Masonic Centre Lodge Room. (Lodge Combermere No 61 had consolidated with Lodge Farrer No 93).

Just one week later, and after a brief exchange of emails, Bro Groves had established contact with the Secretary of the Combermere Lodge in the UK. This will no doubt lead to a strong affiliation between their respective lodges from here on in as they have already 'compared notes' with the Combermere Lodge's Secretary in the UK now endeavouring to retrieve further history of the plate held at Albury.

Only in Freemasonry could such an affiliation come about in such a short time.

Christmas shopping

All are welcome, and encouraged, to visit the Museum of Freemasonry's retail outlet on the ground floor, Sydney Masonic Centre in Goulburn Street. The shop carries a great range of items – ideal for that special 'gift' at this time of year.

Purchases, and a review of what is available, can also be carried out in the MoF shop's website which can be accessed from the UGL website or at store.mof.org.au.

Christmas/New Year Closure

As usual, the Grand Secretariat will close over the above period. Last day of business will be 23 December and the office will re-open Monday 10 January 2011. Lodge Secretaries will have contact details in case of any emergency.

On behalf of all staff, Season's Greetings and best wishes for 2011 are extended to all readers. 🎅



L to R: MW Bro Dr Greg Levenston, W Bro Gillett and MW Bro Vaughn Werner

What is the problem?

RW Bro Greg Goding, PAGM, UGL Queensland, recently gave an address in Sydney Lodge. Here are excerpts from that address.

Charles Darwin, the famous naturalist and theorist on Evolution, wrote: 'Nothing survives because of strength or intelligence. It survives because of its ability to adapt to change.'

As an organisation we need to be able to adapt to a changing world and in a lot of cases we have not been able to do so. In fact, many members and lodges have defiantly resisted the need to change and reject the fact that we live in a new world.

The world today is a completely different place. It has been suggested that our world has in fact changed more in the past 30 years than the previous 40,000 years. All jurisdictions suffer identical problems and a huge part of those problems have come about because we continue to try to run Freemasonry in the year 2010 based on theories and methods of 30, 40 or 50 years ago.

I would suggest that those methods and theories didn't necessarily work back then and certainly do not work today. About ten years ago, my lodge was suffering the effects of a dwindling membership, being run by the same men who had run it for the previous 25, and it was dying. We were down to about 35 active members with another 20 who were too old to attend or simply disinterested.

We then identified what we truly believed were the real issues and problems and set about to change the culture. Today we have 152 members of which about 130 are active. We have three different lodges, 20 initiates, 14 Fellowcrafts, nine good men ready to join them and our average age has dropped from 68 ten years ago to 42 today.

Right through Australasia, the problem has never been attracting men into the organisation – our problem has been keeping them. The world has changed and the men we would like to attract are a completely different race of people. A common factor in all jurisdictions is that for every ten men we bring into the Craft, we lose eight of them within the first ten

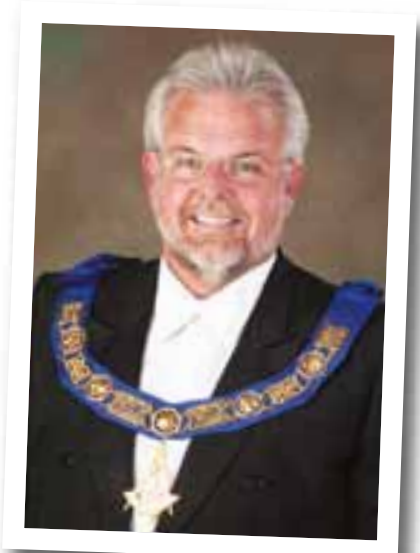
years. If I was to run my business that way I would go broke. But it shows how good is our product of Freemasonry because it has survived all this time despite us – rather than because of us.

Those we would like to join us are highly educated, encouraged to ask 'Why?' rather than blindly accept. Their lives are busier than any generation before them. I believe we have had limited success with our problems because we have never been prepared to face up to the real problems or come up with real solutions. Some of the problems are so blatantly obvious and yet we cannot see them or choose not to see them.

Probably the most basic problem is that less than 10% of our members have the confidence or competency to actually answer the question: 'What is Freemasonry?' Can you answer it within two or three minutes? Then try it without mentioning the word Charity and see how good you are. Another massive problem is that less than 20% of our members actually put up their hands to proclaim they are a mason. Many members who have resigned tell me the same thing – they see so many of us as hypocrites who profess this lifestyle of Freemasonry but live a completely different way of life. They hear of this wonderful 'Brotherly Love' yet see brethren arguing and fighting both inside and outside their lodges.

Many felt pushed into office and through office just to keep the lodge going one more year and felt they had been used simply to fill an office. When they joined, they heard it was only one night a month but once we got them in, the goal posts were moved and they had to visit, go through office, join some other Order and it was no longer the organisation they had joined.

But there are solutions which cost nothing to implement. All we have to do is change our mind set. We have to change the culture within the organisation, to start listening to the views of the new men amongst us, seek those who have left us



and listen to their reasons for leaving and we need to be prepared to admit we have problems, recognise them and be willing to do something about them.

Another point we can accept, support and live by is the fact that Freemasonry is a commitment of four hours once a month, not the old one night a month until we get you in. My experience is that you allow members to take their time to grow into Freemasonry and do not push them. They eventually end up giving more than four hours once a month but it is when it suits them, their lives and their families.

Never once have I been asked about the cost of Freemasonry. One of the most common questions is: 'How much time is it going to take out of my life?' Those we seek are in fact money rich but time poor. Another common question is: 'What is in it for me?' Freemasonry offers us a beautiful sanctuary where we can escape for those four hours a month. If when they get to their sanctuary and it is no different to the rubbish going on in the world where they work and live – why would they even bother getting dressed up, giving up yet another night of their lives and going to lodge.

Don't think it is only the new men who need education about Freemasonry. It is a lot of our existing and long term members who also need help. There is no single statement we can learn parrot fashion to answer the question 'What is Freemasonry?'

Freemasonry is a million things to a million different Freemasons and that is the strength of the Craft, not a weakness. Instead of looking for something too fancy to say, simply talk from your hearts.



Pro humanitate

Remembrance Day is a time to remember the **men and women of Australia's military services** and in particular those who paid the supreme sacrifice. In remembering, we tend to think of those in the front line and whilst they deserve our thoughts and prayers, there are many support groups which have given meritorious service. **The Australian Army Nursing Service** is one of those groups.



Despite giving dedicated service in all theatres of war, the Australian Nursing Service is amongst the least publicised of all army services. In *The 7.30 Report* on 25 April 2002, Maxine McKew said of the Australian Army Nurses in Vietnam: 'With little preparation they were plunged into a horrific situation that was worlds away from their experiences back home. Yet even now, when the Vietnam veterans have at last been accorded recognition and respect, the nurses' role has been largely forgotten.'

The Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps (RAANC) can trace its history back to the Australian Army Nursing Service which was formed in 1898 and served with Australian troops in the Boer War. The Corps motto 'Pro Humanitate' (for Humanity) embraces the values of compassion and service to the sick and wounded in war and peace.

The Corps was formed from the Royal Australian Army Nursing Service and the Australian Army Medical Women's Service. Its members have served in many theatres of war and other operations including Vietnam, the 1991 Gulf War, Cambodia, Rwanda, Bougainville and East Timor.

In an Anzac Address in Brisbane on Vietnam Day 2008, June Naughton spoke on the role of nurses in the Vietnam conflict. June served as a theatre sister in Vietnam and is well qualified to speak on her subject. Her address is reproduced below.

'Your Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Vietnam Veterans,

I have been invited to be the Guest Speaker on the Vietnam Day 2008, here in Anzac Square, Brisbane.

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sary of the formation of the 1 Australian Field Hospital Vietnam, the largest Australian medical unit to serve overseas since World War II.

Until the arrival of 2 Field Ambulance in Vietnam in mid 1966, medical support to Australian and New Zealand troops was provided by US Army Medical resources; 2 Field Ambulance was required to provide a small forward element at Nui Dat to give direct support to the Australian Task Force.

The main element was located at Vung Tau as part of the Australian Logistic Support Group. The US Army 36 Evacuation Hospital, a large 500-bed facility, was also located in Vung Tau.

The Battle of Long Tan took place on this day, 18 August, in 1966, and the Australian casualties were treated at 2 Field Ambulance and 36 Evacuation Hospital.

8 Field Ambulance with four nurses on establishment replaced 2 Field Ambulance and in May 1967, the first four Australian Nursing Officers arrived in Vietnam. 8 Field Ambulance established a 50-bed facility at Vung Tau, but still remained reliant on US Army Medical support.

On 1 April 1968, the 1 Australian Field Hospital with 100 beds was established and when US 36 Evacuation Hospital moved from Vung Tau, the unit was solely

responsible for the medical support of Australian and New Zealand troops. It soon established a reputation and the American Medical Command often referred to it as the "best little hospital in Vietnam".

There were only 12 Australian nurses supported by two New Zealand nurses on the establishment of 1 Australian Field Hospital. With a 12 monthly rotation of staff it was necessary for all medical and nursing staff to work 12 hour shifts six days a week to maintain the constant medical and nursing support needed.

In 1967/68 there was a large number of patients with malaria, making it necessary to expand the 100 beds in the hospital to 200 by using double bunk beds. Malaria was a serious problem in the Vietnam War and caused a serious loss of manpower until the problem of drug resistance was controlled.

The role of Australian Army Nursing Officers was to provide specialised nursing care in all disciplines of medicine. Surgery intensive care was emerging as a new discipline in medical practice and it rapidly gained greater importance in the management of serious battle casualties.

I was posted to the hospital arriving just before Christmas 1969. My area of nursing expertise was operating theatre management. I was responsible to the CO



Commemorative Service

Freemasons had an opportunity to commemorate **Remembrance Day on 11 November 2010** in a Service held at the Masonic Club, Castlereagh Street Sydney.

The Red Blazers will be well represented at the Masonic Club to mark this special service and dinner.

Let's We Forget.

and the Senior Surgeon for the reception and clinical management of battle casualties, and for the management of the operating theatres. We were able to operate on three casualties at any one time.

An important advance in the treatment of battle casualties was the introduction of the helicopter as the main means of evacuating battle casualties. While used in Korea and Malaya, it was in Vietnam that the specially designated helicopter ambulance played such a dominant role. Clearly marked with the symbol of the Red Cross, these helicopters were unarmed and were affectionately known by their call sign DUSTOFF.

With the introduction of the heliambulance, battle casualties were evacuated directly from the battle zone and transported rapidly and smoothly to the nearest hospital. This meant that more seriously injured casualties survived while in previous conflicts these casualties would almost certainly have perished. It also meant that the complexity of medical management increased

As I stand here before the monument to Vietnam Veterans, it seems appropriate to reflect that it depicts an Australian soldier guiding a DUSTOFF chopper into a landing zone to evacuate his wounded mate. ↗

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Do you travel?

Are you a traveller and when you travel do you like to visit a lodge?

Whether you are visiting a lodge in London, San Francisco, Auckland or Singapore there are certain procedures to be followed and certain rules to be observed.

However, the process is basically the same for any visitors to ensure that only genuine masons are admitted and welcomed.

Here are some suggestions to follow before you leave on your next visit, whether interstate or overseas.

1. **Check with Grand Lodge.** They will advise you of lodges meeting in the city you plan to visit and can provide a Travelling Certificate to show that you are a member in good standing. Also check that NSW recognises the lodge that you plan to visit to avoid any last minute disappointments.
2. **Be prepared.** Take your latest lodge notice paper with you to show you are up-to-date in dues. If you have room, take your apron, an appropriate suit and tie. Not all lodges wear dinner suits but they will generally accept a properly dressed visitor. If you can't take an apron, tell the lodge representative as soon as you arrive.
4. **Examination.** If it is your first visit to this lodge, it will probably be necessary for you to undergo an examination before being admitted. Make sure you arrive early to give the officers time to meet you, check your credentials and conduct the

examination. There could be some differences in the ritual you use compared with the lodge or country you are visiting but stick with your own ritual.

4. **Ritual.** Don't be surprised if there are differences to your lodge and follow what you have been taught. Every country has small differences although the basic tenets are the same. Don't try to copy what the members are doing, stay with your own ritual. Both of you will learn from the other and the home lodge will not be upset. In fact, they may ask you to explain some of your actions and discuss the differences.
5. **Contact.** When you arrive in the city of your destination, it is always advisable to make immediate contact with the Grand Lodge. They will check your credentials and provide information on the lodge you plan to visit, its address and time of starting. If you don't have a particular visit in mind, the Grand Lodge will often nominate a lodge that will be suitable to your time and near your place of residence.
6. **Enjoy.** Visiting is a backbone of Freemasonry and enables the worldwide spread of the Brotherhood to continue. Visiting gives you knowledge, makes new friends and gives a better meaning to being a 'Brother'. You will find your welcome, acceptance and friendship become treasured memories to be enjoyed for years to come.



UGL Book Club

The next Book Club will be held on **10 February, 2011** at 5:30pm
Venue: UGL room to be allocated **Book:** Born in Blood.



Luna Park



The origins of Luna Park go back to Coney Island, USA, part of metropolitan New York, where in the late 1800s a number of competing amusement parks sprang up. **Today it is celebrating its 75th year.**

Elmer Dundy and Frederic Thompson developed an amusement called 'A Trip to the Moon' which was extremely successful. In 1903 they opened their own amusement park on Coney Island and called it Luna Park in acknowledgement of their successful ride.

Soon Luna Parks spread throughout the world. American showmen, brothers Herman, Leon and Harold Phillips with J D Williams, opened Australia's first Luna Park at St Kilda in 1912. Showman David Atkins noticed its enormous success and convinced the Phillips to open a Luna Park in Glenelg, Adelaide in 1930. Ted Hopkins, an electrical engineer, joined the Park just prior to its opening to complete the electrical and mechanical installation. Despite several successful seasons, the Glenelg Park was forced to close because of friction with local residents and a local council that resisted any changes or expansion of the Park.

Herman Phillips and David Atkins searched for a suitable place to relocate the South Australian Luna Park and found the vacant Harbour Bridge factory site at Milsons Point. Under the guidance of Ted Hopkins, Luna Park Glenelg was dismantled, packed, transported by ship and reassembled in Sydney.

Herman Phillips planned the layout of the park, Rupert Browne a scenic artist from Luna Park St Kilda gave the layout artistic imagination and Ted Hopkins made everything work. The whole Sydney site was constructed in just over three months and involved the employment of 800 structural workers, 70 electricians and 35 artists as well as many others.

When the doors opened at 8.00pm on 4 October 1935, it cost six pence (five cents) to enter (three pence for children) and six pence for most rides. The Big

Dipper and Coney Island cost nine pence. The Park was an instant success. After the first year, the admission charge was removed and Luna Park proudly advertised 'Admission Free'.

During the war years the lights of Luna Park were 'browned out' and the Park became a magnet for servicemen. The Park was closed every winter to enable an overhaul, paint the rides and add new attractions, continuing until 1972.

During the 1970s the park was altered from its original state, some older rides were demolished, and new rides introduced but they lacked the artistic facades that had been characteristic of the Park. The Park stopped closing for its regular winter maintenance schedules and in 1979 a tragic fire in the ghost train ride finally caused Luna Park to close down completely.

The government called for tenders for use of the site in July 1979 but public agitation was growing. The Friends of Luna Park, headed by Martin Sharp and Peter Kingston, was established to hold exhibitions, public meetings and a protest concert to draw attention to the park's condition.

In April 1981, after unsuccessful negotiations between the old and the new lessees over the name and key equipment, the Government forced the old lease owners to vacate the site. On 31 May and 1 June 1981, an auction was held within the park and many of the original amusements and artworks were sold. When the new operators entered the site, the Big Dipper, David Jones Locker and the River Caves were bulldozed and burnt.

New rides were installed and the park took on a distinctive American theme park flavour, reopening in May 1982. In 1987 the lease was transferred to Prome Amusements and Luna Park 'closed for

renovations' in April 1988. The entry face was removed and the towers dismantled.

While Luna Park remained dilapidated and empty, public pressure increased. In November 1989, the Government announced there would be no high rise development on the Luna Park site and the lease was withdrawn in June 1990 following the leaseholder's failure to re-open the park as an amusement centre.

After years of lobbying by the dedicated Friends of Luna Park assisted by North Sydney Council, the government passed the Luna Park Site Act in 1990. This Act made the site Crown land dedicated for public recreation, amusement and entertainment. The Luna Park Reserve Trust was formed and took control of the park on 12 October 1990 and major restoration of all its buildings began in 1992.

After the State Government spent a reported \$55 million on revamping the Park, it reopened in January 1995 under the management of Luna Park Amusements Pty Ltd – a joint venture whose major shareholders were the Government through Luna Park Reserve Trust and Wittingslow Amusement Group of Melbourne. It was open for only just over a year; residents' complaints about the new Big Dipper caused it to be closed in February 1996. Without the revenue from the Big Dipper, running the Park as an amusement park was not viable.

In 1997, the Government adopted The Luna Park Plan of Management after consultation with residents, the general public and potential operators. The precinct of Luna Park and its associated heritage items were classified and placed on the Register of the National Estate.

The operators of the Metro Theatre in George Street Sydney, Peter Hearne and

Warwick Doughty, along with Michael Edgley formed Metro Edgley Pty Ltd (MEPL) to bring their vision for the closed park to fruition. The large Australian construction company Multiplex, along with local businessmen, joined MEPL and after a long and rigorous public tender process period, the NSW Government announced in July 1999 that Metro Edgley was preferred to lease and run the Park.

In July 2001 the Big Dipper roller-coaster was sold and moved to Dreamworld on Queensland's Gold Coast. Final approvals for the redevelopment work were announced on 25 January 2003 and building work commenced soon after.

The redevelopment was based on keeping the site's unique identity and heritage features while providing a range of new entertainment and social facilities. A new 2,000 seat Big Top, onsite car park, restaurant/brasserie, refurbished Crystal Palace function centre now stand alongside the restored old favourites: Coney Island, Wild Mouse, Rotor and other classic rides. At a cost in excess of \$80 million and at no cost to the taxpayer, the Park re-opened on 4 April 2004.



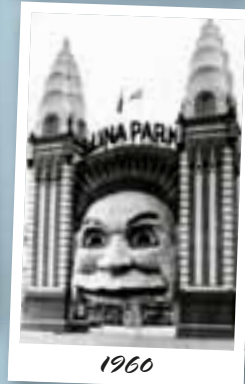
1935



1938



late 1950s



1960



1982



1995



2004

After 75 years, the famous Face on Sydney Harbour has undergone many cosmetic changes and 'face-lifts' to keep its youthful looks, including:

1935:

Based on the Mr Moon entrance to Melbourne's Luna Park, Sydney's original face was designed by Rupert Browne and constructed for the park's opening. The supporting towers were decorated in the popular art deco style with scalloped spires reminiscent of New York's Chrysler Building – which in 1931 was the world's tallest building. At the time it was the largest neon installation in Australia.

1938:

The face received its first facelift following deterioration from exposure to the weather and poor materials.

Late 1950s:

The Face had become grotesque due to the sagging and deterioration of materials.

1960:

Resident artist Arthur Barton completely remodelled the face based on the happy face of 'Old King Cole' (a merry old soul!). It is still considered the most popular expression, charged with emotion and beaming with happiness.

1982:

In alignment with the reopening of Luna Park, a new Face was built from fibreglass instead of plaster.

1995:

New towers were built as exact replicas of the 1935 towers. A new fibreglass face was installed modelled on the popular Arthur Barton Face.

2004:

Resident artist Ashley Taylor gave the Face another 'nip and tuck' including a brush of the teeth and a lick of paint on its rosy cheeks in preparation for the Park's re-opening.



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2020 MASONS

Saturday, 11 September 2010 saw the **formal re-establishment of the 2020 Masons program** which seeks to implement the program supported by a formal, defensible but flexible structure with the express purpose to **secure and support the expansion of Freemasonry across the jurisdiction.**

2020 Purpose

The primary purpose of the program is to:

1. Create a series of strategic and operational committees at the Regional and Jurisdictional level;
2. To implement programs through accessing the skill sets and ideals of newer and younger masons in conjunction with experienced and invigorated members of the Craft;
3. To reduce the attrition of newer and younger members leaving the Craft within the first five years;
4. To provide suitable training and instruction to masons throughout the Craft; and
5. To ensure adequate succession plans are in place for the future leadership of the Craft.

Areas of Focus


The six areas of focus for the program are Membership, Education, Ceremonial, Marketing, Information Technology and Charity.

2020 Goals

The primary goals of the 2020 program are:

1. To bring relevance to Freemasonry from a 2020 perspective to the BoM
 2. To establish the strategy for the ongoing development and implementation of the 2020 program;
 3. To establish Regional committees, focusing on Regional issues;
 4. To establish communication between the 2020 strategic advisory group (including AGM) and the Regional teams; and
 5. To establish a sound basis of succession planning for the continuance of the program and the Craft.
- The 2020 Mason program is designed

to enlist the assistance of brethren who are committed to the promotion of the Craft through the dedication of their time and skills to the benefit of the Craft, with the express purpose of obtaining and retaining quality members.

We encourage interested brethren to go to the 2020 Masons section of the UGL NSW website and by contacting the Assistant Grand Master RW Bro Walid Mehanna via email on 2020@freemason-snsnswact.org.au. 



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

Are there any rewards for being a mason?

Yes, but don't expect them to be financial. Masonry is the world's first and largest fraternal organization and is based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to help make the world a better place. We lead by example, give back to our communities, invest in children, our neighbourhoods and our future.

What values do masons promote?

As stated, we value family and community. We also promote ethics, tolerance,

education, diversity, philanthropy and believe there is more to life than pleasure and money.

Why are the square and compasses used as masonic symbols?

Freemasonry uses the simple tools of the stonemason as symbols to teach its principles. For example, the 'Square and Compasses' are universally recognised as the emblem of Freemasonry. The square is to regulate conduct and a square deal has become part of everyday language. The compasses are to keep our passions and prejudices within due bounds.

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masoniCare Benevolence Appeal – the time is now to enact the North East Charge

Brethren and their families can turn to the Grand Charity's Benevolence Fund in times of financial need.

The Benevolence Fund, a fund which was once handled by the former Board of Benevolence, uses dividends, interest and other income derived from investments to sustain these grants, which can range from \$5,000 to \$6,500.

The Benevolence Fund is experiencing a substantial increase in demand from brethren who have fallen on hard times. The income from the present corpus of the fund is insufficient to assist brethren who have a genuine need for help. The fund relies on investment income and any donations received to assist the needy brethren. However, a reduction in investment income and rising grant demands means that only about \$30,000 will be available this year.

This is not enough to cover the expected financial demands on this most worthwhile Fund over the next year.

We cannot allow this to happen. One of the most cherished principles of Freemasonry is Charity and it is time to enact the

North East Charge.

The Benevolence Corpus needs an injection of **\$1,000,000 now** to get it to a level where the income can really benefit our deserving brethren and their families.

The 'masoniCare Benevolence Appeal' has been created to turn the decline around. The appeal needs the direct support from both individuals and lodges, by way of donations and bequests. This equates to \$2,500 per Lodge in NSW and the ACT.

Unfortunately Taxation Laws mean that the donations to this particular fund are not tax deductible, however the purpose is so worthwhile and so pressing that this should not deter you or your lodge.

Please be generous and give to the 'masoniCare Benevolence Appeal', so that less fortunate brethren and their families may always be comforted in the knowledge that masons will always be there for them.

Donations can be made to any masoniCare Caring Officer (mCO) in your lodge, or directly to masoniCare via our website (www.masonicare.org.au), mail or in person.

Responding to natural disasters

Recent natural disasters reinforce the need for coordinated support from Australian citizens. NSW and ACT Freemasonry is in a unique position to mobilise its membership to contribute significant financial and volunteer assistance in times of need.

masoniCare is developing a Disaster Relief Program to ensure effective responses to natural disasters. The Program will provide masoniCare and brethren with an improved and standardised approach of responding and dealing with these disasters. Program benefits would include:

- Enabling an efficient and quick response to a disaster situation.
- Providing structured criteria and guidance to enable appropriate decision making.
- Identifying and allocating resources to improve masoniCare's assistance capabilities before a disaster situation.
- Improving communications and provide brethren with a sense of pride and ownership.
- Enabling efficient mobilisation of a strong membership resource through volunteering support and/or financial donations.
- Enhancing masoniCare's and Freemasonry's reputation in the community.
- Grow the current Disaster Relief fund and provide further guidance for the distribution of funds in times of need.

Through the successful development and implementation of the Disaster Relief Program, we will demonstrate a strong leadership position through social responsibility and professional governance. This in turn will raise our organisation's profile resulting in increased fundraising and support.

Co-ordinating and implementing the Disaster Relief Program will be the responsibility of Board member, Bro Joshua Shields. Further developments and details of this Program will be available shortly. Stay tuned.



The masoniCare Board

Back (L to R): RW Bro Walid Mehanna, Assistant Grand Master; Finance Convenor, RW Bro Richard Collins, PDGM, GT; MW Bro Dr Greg Levenston, Grand Master; Chairman, RW Bro Greg Redfern, PJGW; RW Bro Glenn Eley DGM

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Fundraising News

MasoniCare has teamed up with Cellarmasters Community Network to raise money for our charity. Every time an order is placed via the website below, Cellarmasters will donate \$10 to masoniCare. As an introductory offer we have secured a \$50 discount voucher for all masons, their friends and families. The discount



will be honoured even if you are a current member of Cellarmasters. You just need to spend at least \$120 and then you can take \$50 off!

For the month of December, Cellarmasters Community Network is offering 12 bottles of top quality Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc reduced from \$327.88 to \$149, or only \$99 with your exclusive \$50 voucher (save up to \$228).

Go to www.cellarmasterscommunity.com.au/masonicare and share this information with your friends and families (to redeem your voucher, orders must be placed via the above website).

Holiday Message from the Chairman

For many Australian families, for many masons and their families, 2010 has been a difficult year. Please help us to continue helping brethren in need by donating to the masoniCare Benevolent Appeal. We hope with your support and our efforts we will progress to better times in 2011 and continue to affectively represent the charitable arm of Freemasonry together with the other vital masonic charities.

masoniCare remains strong and ready to help the community.

We wish all masons and their families well and together we look forward to 2011.

RW Bro Greg Redfern PJGW

Join masoniCare!

Is charity one of the virtues that attracted you to Freemasonry? Are you interested in expanding your charitable efforts? Would you like to collaborate with fellow masons in successfully driving the Grand Charity into the future?

If you are interested, we would like to hear from you! masoniCare is looking for masons to become involved in developing masoniCare's fundraising, marketing, communications and public relations portfolios. If you feel you have the skills and expertise that would assist us in strengthening our cause in these areas, please contact masoniCare's Marketing Officer, Renay Farrell on 02 9284 2838 or info@masoniCare.org.au

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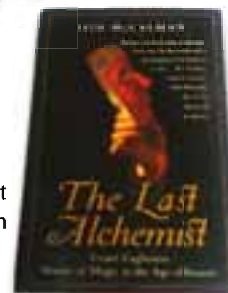
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Yes, men do get Osteoporosis!

Often when people think about osteoporosis they think of it as a disease that women get but **men get osteoporosis** too. While it is true that osteoporosis is more common in women than in men, **one in three men over the age of sixty** will experience a fracture due to osteoporosis.

What is osteoporosis?

Osteoporosis is a condition whereby bones become fragile and brittle. When a person has osteoporosis they lose bone density (thickness) because minerals, such as calcium, are lost from the bone more rapidly than they can be replenished. The consequence of this is that bone becomes thin and brittle and can fracture (break) more easily than normal bone. A person with osteoporosis can sustain a fracture from a minor incident or bump. This is known as a minimal trauma or fragility fracture. For example, a minimal trauma fracture of the ribs or spine can occur in someone with osteoporosis from something as simple as sneezing or coughing. Osteoporosis fractures can occur anywhere in the skeleton; however, they are most common in the hip, spine, ribs, pelvis, wrist and upper arm (humerus). The picture below shows the difference between normal and osteoporotic bone.

How do I know if I have osteoporosis?

Osteoporosis is often referred to as a 'silent disease'. This is because people usually have no signs or symptoms until they sustain a fracture.

The condition is diagnosed primarily through the use of a bone density test. A bone density test is a simple scan, usually of the low back and hip. The scan results will give you a T-score which is a measure of your bone density in relation to that of a normal young adult. Table 1 outlines T-score measures and what they mean.

The scan results will also give you a Z-score which compares your bone density to others of your age.

Table 1: T-score meanings

T-SCORE	MEANING
-1 or higher	Normal
Between -1 and -2.5	Osteopenia (low bone density but not within the osteoporosis range)
-2.5 or lower	Osteoporosis

It is recommended that you discuss whether you should have a bone density test with your doctor. Your particular risk factors (as listed following) will influence your doctor's decision.

Other factors that are considered in diagnosing osteoporosis are loss of height, as this may indicate compression fractures of the spine, and overall medical history.

What are the risk factors for osteoporosis in men?

Risk factor include:

- A family history of osteoporosis and fractures
- A previous minimal trauma fracture and age over 50 years
- Age over 60 years
- Long term use of corticosteroid steroid medication
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Being underweight
- Other medical conditions such as overactive thyroid or parathyroid glands and chronic gut diseases such as coeliac disease
- Low testosterone levels
- Anticonvulsant medications used to treat epilepsy and some psychiatric conditions
- Some cancer treatments

In addition to these risk factors there are a number of lifestyle risk factors. These risk factors are important to understand as they are factors that you can change. Lifestyle risk factors include:

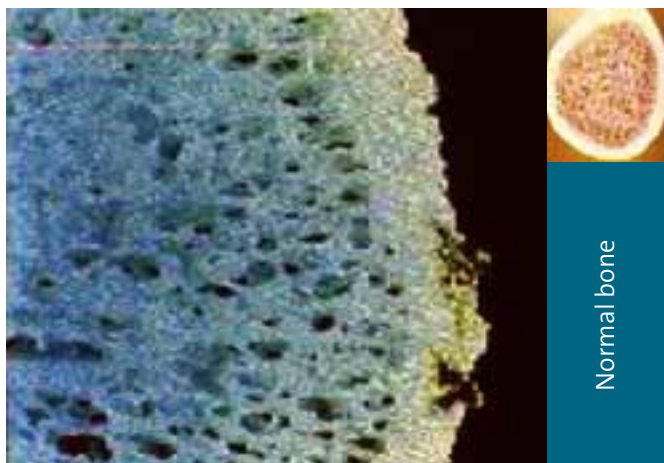
- A sedentary lifestyle
- Smoking
- Excess alcohol
- Low calcium intake
- Vitamin D deficiency

What can I do to prevent osteoporosis?

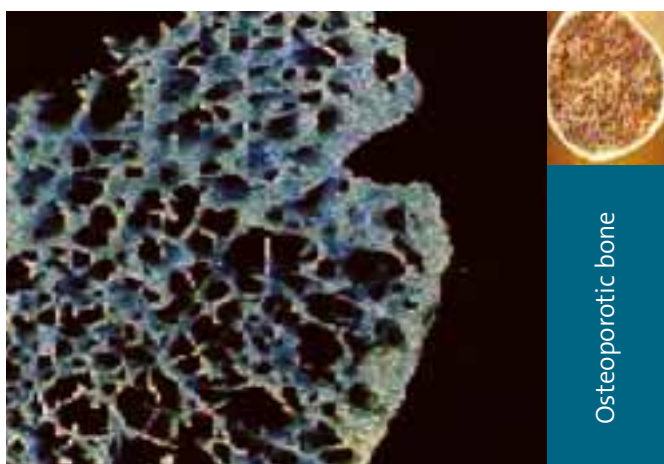
Adequate calcium and vitamin D intake and exercise are key factors in osteoporosis prevention.

Recommended daily intake of calcium for adults is 1000mg, this increases to 1300mg/day for post-menopausal women and men over 70 years. The main dietary sources of calcium are dairy products the rest comes from small amounts of calcium in breads, cereals, fruits and vegetables. For some people reaching their daily dietary intake is difficult, in this situation calcium supplements may be beneficial. You should discuss the use of supplements with your doctor before you commence taking them.





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Vitamin D has several functions, however, in relation to osteoporosis it helps in the absorption of calcium from the gut and in strengthening the skeleton. Vitamin D is found in small amounts in food such as fatty fish, liver, eggs and fortified foods such as margarine. However, diet alone will not provide enough vitamin D. The main source of vitamin D is sunlight. To gain sufficient sunlight exposure the guidelines in Table 2 are recommended for people living in Sydney and surrounds.

It is advised that only 15% of your body needs to be exposed, for example, hands face and arms. The recommended times for sun exposure vary depending on the geographical latitude of where you live.

Exercise is another important factor in preventing osteoporosis. There are four important elements of exercise that need to be considered. These are weight bearing, resistance (weight training), high impact (where possible) and balance and coordination.

It is suggested that you discuss a suitable exercise program with either your doctor or a physiotherapist.

Table 2: Sunlight exposure guidelines

<p>Summer (before 10.00 am or after 2.00pm*) 6 to 8 minutes</p>
<p>Winter (before 10.00am or after 2.00pm) 26 to 28 minutes (at 12.00 noon) 16 minutes</p>
<p>Before 11.00am and after 3.00pm in daylight saving time</p>

If you have osteoporosis calcium and vitamin D intake and exercise all remain important; however, there are also a range of medications that are available. Broadly speaking these medications work by either helping to prevent bone breakdown or helping to increase new bone cell development. Medications should be discussed with your doctor.

For further information on any of the

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aspects of osteoporosis, that have been discussed in this article, please contact Osteoporosis NSW on 1800 242 141.

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Christmas Quiz



Did you know that Isaac Newton was born on Christmas Day, 1642, or that Old Man Christmas lived in a Lapland Town named Rovaniemi or that the Swiss Father Christmas is helped by his wife Lucy? Below are a variety of questions on the traditions, celebrations and trivia about this special time. **Test your family's knowledge over the Festive season.**

- 1 What did my true love send me on the sixth day of Christmas?
- 2 Who said 'Christmas is humbug'?
- 3 Name a popular song written about the tragedy of Cyclone Tracey in 1974.
- 4 Name five of Santa Claus' reindeer.
- 5 Boxing Day is also known as:
 - (a) All Saints Day
 - (b) Epiphany
 - (c) St Stephen's Day
 - (d) Michaelmas
- 6 Fill in the missing word in the following:
 - (a) God ... us, every one!
 - (b) Deck the halls with ... of holly!
- 7 What is the correct name for the Twelfth Day of Christmas?
 - (a) All Saints Day
 - (b) Epiphany
 - (c) Michaelmas
 - (d) St Stephen's Day
- 8 Name the Three Wise Men (hint: their names begin with C, M and B).
- 9 Where is Christmas Eve known as the Festival of The Star?
 - (a) Sweden
 - (b) Mexico
 - (c) Poland
 - (d) Germany
- 10 Where is baked carp served at Christmas Dinner?
 - (a) France
 - (b) Hungary
 - (c) Austria
 - (d) Czechoslovakia
- 11 Who was Tiny Tim's father in Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*?
- 12 Saint Nicholas is the Patron Saint of which of the following?
 - (a) Children
 - (b) Fishermen
 - (c) Pilgrims
 - (d) Brewers
- 13 Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, introduced what Christmas tradition to Britain last century?
- 14 What Australian yachting event takes place each year on Boxing Day?
- 15 What do Scots call the New Year festivities?
- 16 Cappellitti is a Christmas treat in which country?
- 17 Where is The Shepherds' Mass celebrated?
 - (a) France
 - (b) Poland
 - (c) South America
 - (d) Italy
- 18 In which country is Christmas Eve known as Grand Market Night?
 - (a) Mexico
 - (b) New Zealand
 - (c) India
 - (d) Jamaica
- 19 Where does the British Royal Family usually attend church on Christmas Morning?
 - (a) Balmoral Castle
 - (b) Westminster Abbey
 - (c) Windsor Castle
- 20 Who is said to have banned mince pies?
 - (a) King Henry VIII
 - (b) Oliver Cromwell
 - (c) Queen Anne
- 21 Which movie does not contain scenes of a Christmas celebration?
 - (a) Miracle on 34th Street
 - (b) The Miracle Worker
 - (c) Babes in Toyland
- 22 Which flower is said to be the most popular symbol of Christmas?
 - (a) Peace Lily
 - (b) Cyclamen
 - (c) Poinsettia
 - (d) Christmas Bell

The answers to all these questions are on the next page, upside down. No peeking!



Have your say



Friendship Rally

For some years now it has been the custom of the Qld Masonic Touring Club Inc, in conjunction with similar caravanning clubs of Victoria and South Australia, to hold what has become known as the 'Hand of Friendship Rally' at a two year interval. This is conducted at a location within each state and on 30 June 2011 will be hosted by the Queensland club at Lawnton near Brisbane. We realise that at that time of year there may be a number of Freemasons and their families, not necessarily with membership of any club, travelling on holiday through our part of the country and we would wish to extend an invitation to all to be included in the rally meeting. This includes caravans, motor homes, camper trailers, etc. with no restriction on the type of vehicle used.

I can supply further information for anyone interested.

ROY FURSMAN PAGM, CLUB PRESIDENT

Applications wanted

The Trustees of the Lorna Milgate Scholarship Fund recently met to deliberate on new scholarships to be awarded. There were seven new scholarships awarded which brings the current operating total to 20. They are amongst the most valuable of their type in NSW and are worth \$2,000 per semester. There were 41 nominations by lodges but it was disappointing that only 13 of those nominated actually submitted an application. We have some excellent students currently holding scholarships and indeed the results presented by the current holders show a predominance of high distinctions, distinctions and credits. Following is an excerpt from student Sarah Cattle of West Wyalong.

'Thank you for the Scholarship nomination and I would like to inform you of my progress. I have recently finished my third year of university and will be starting my final year in March. Last year was a very enjoyable year. I completed a practicum at Kildare Catholic College and was involved in a Refugee Action Support Program. My practicum was a wonderful experience and I learnt a great deal from it. The Refugee program was a valuable experience that I would encourage anyone to become involved in. During the program, I spent two mornings a week at Wagga Wagga High School working with refugee students both within their class and in a one-on-one setting. I believe it will have great benefits for my future as a teacher. Thank you once again.'

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ANSWERS to Christmas Quiz

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| 22 | (c) Poinsettia |
| | Helen Keller |
| 21 | (b) The Miracle Worker – the story of |
| 20 | (b) Oliver Cromwell |
| 19 | (c) St George's Chapel Windsor Castle |
| 18 | (d) Jamaica |
| 17 | (a) France |
| 16 | Italy |
| 15 | Hogmanay |
| | Race |
| 14 | The start of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht |
| 13 | The Christmas Tree |
| 12 | All of them! |
| 11 | Bob Cratchit |
| 10 | (d) Czechoslovakia |
| 9 | (c) Poland |
| 8 | Casper, Melchior, Balthazar |
| 7 | (b) Epiphany |
| | (b) boughs |
| 6 | (a) bless |
| 5 | (c) St Stephen's Day |
| | Cupid, Doner, Biffzen, Rudolph |
| 4 | Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, |
| 3 | Santa Never Made It To Darwin |
| 2 | Ebenezer Scrooge |
| 1 | Six geese a laying |

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Opening of New Extensions

The Whiddon Group were successful in obtaining three Zero Real Interest Loans and associated beds from the Commonwealth Government. The three sites were Kyogle with an additional 9 beds, Wee Waa and Narrabri an additional 10 beds each.

On 9 October the Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries opened the Wee Waa extension in the morning and the Narrabri extension in the afternoon. Bruce Gray, Chairman of the Wee Waa and Districts Aged Care Committee and RW Bro Robert Young, Chairman of the Narrabri Support Committee were both in attendance with members of the Board of The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of NSW, Robyn Faber, Mayor Narrabri Shire Council and many committee members, clients, friends and staff.



From left to right: Maree Taylor, DCS Narrabri/Wee Waa; John Couper, Chairman TWG; Robyn Faber, Mayor Narrabri Shire Council; Kevin Humphries, Member for Barwon; Robert Young, Chairman Narrabri Support Committee

The Board would like to acknowledge and thank those who gave so generously to the Appeal and wishes everyone a joyous and Merry Christmas

Help us care for future generations

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

Making a bequest

There are a number of ways which you can help The Whiddon Group through a bequest in your will. Here are some examples:

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 30 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.
3. After providing for family and friends, you may decide to leave the residue of your estate (what is left) to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of NSW.
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.*
5. You can take out a life insurance policy or an endowment policy with The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of NSW nominated as the *sole beneficiary*. *This option may have possible taxation ramifications and should be discussed with a solicitor.*

If you have any questions regarding a bequest, or would like to make one, simply contact the Chief Executive Officer on (02) 9827 6632.



Regional Roundup



A helping hand from the ladies



Trauma Teddies, a favourite subject of Mrs Judy Wood, has become a challenge for the ladies who attend the John Sunman Daylight Conclave OSM at Laurelbank, Willoughby.

Mrs Wood, wife of Bro Graham, is a member of the Red Cross and with other members has been knitting these bears for some time. When completed, they are distributed to emergency children's wards at hospitals and to ambulance stations for injured or ill children. The children are usually distressed and upset but on receiving a 'Teddy' they become more composed and smiles appear.

Ambulance officers and medical staff sometimes ask the children to point out

places on the Teddies where it hurts or where they feel sick, so the gift serves a double purpose.

When Judy found that some of the ladies of the Conclave liked knitting, the Red Cross supplied the patterns and filling and others contributed by donating wool. A working bee organised by Judy sews the halves together, Graham and colleagues fill the centres and the ladies complete the product.

After the ladies of the Conclave took up the challenge, Jill Davis and husband Don delivered 74 halves after last month's meeting for completion and distribution. Anyone requiring further information can contact Judy Wood on 9880 9121.

LODGE WYALDRA No 238

Nothing to wine about

The Grand Master and a strong delegation were present at Lodge Wyaldra No 238 in Gulgong in September for the installation of RW Bro Dr Richard Wingate PSGW.

The Installing Master was RW Bro Ken Mole PDGM in the absence because of work commitments of the IPM W Bro John Muscat.

Special presentations were given of bottles of wine which were made by W Bro Ian McMaster who has a winery just outside Gulgong.



A very special wine label!

LODGE DUNOON No 436

Graham gets a double

The Installation of Bro Graham Moon as WM of Lodge Dunoon No 436, on 25 September, after 31 years as a mason, was an occasion which for two reasons he will always remember.

When the Grand Master's representative, RW Bro Bruce Arnol, Regional Grand Counsellor for Region 5, presented W Bro Moon with his Master's Certificate, in

front of 20 Grand Lodge Officers and 37 brethren, he told him to go down on to the floor for another presentation.

Bro Ron Gee, the Secretary of the Maribah Reunion, which consists of masons in the Maritime Services Board, where Graham worked for 26 years, had driven from Sydney to present him with an engraved gavel.

This gavel was made by Bro Wes Bothamley (now deceased) on Goat Island, out of teak taken from timbers salvaged from an old Sydney pilot vessel, the *Captain Cook*.

Graham also thanked the 24 brethren from Tweed Heads who had hired a bus to travel the 100 km to Dunoon for his Installation, as well as brethren from Nelsons Bay, Grafton, Lismore, Ballina and Byron Bay.



LODGE PERFECT OF CANBERRA No 951

Perfect support

Once again, the members of Lodge Perfect of Canberra No 951, and masoniCare, have provided significant financial support to the ACT Palliative Care Society.

The members of the lodge contributed a total of \$4,025, which was matched by a grant of \$4,000 from masoniCare.

The masoniCare cheque was presented to Mr David Lawrence, President of the Palliative Care Society, by local DGIW, VW Bro Warren Barsley, on 24 August.

VW Bro Geoff Ludowyk, masoniCare District Representative for Region 10, W Bro Graham Glidden, Senior Warden, and Bro Peter Forster, Charity Coordinator, from Lodge Perfect, were also in attendance.

The ACT Palliative Care Society is a non-government funded body that trains and coordinates some 130 volunteers who support people living with a terminal illness, at the Clare Holland House Hospice, and in private homes and residential aged care facilities.



L to R: Sister Teresa Hussey, (Little Company of Mary), Janet Turner, (Volunteer Co-ordinator), W Bro Peter Forster, (Lodge Perfect), Mary Anne Rosier, (palliative care volunteer), W Bro Graham Glidden, (Lodge Perfect), Dr Valerie Brown, (Board member, PC Society), Megan Evans, (Training Facilitator), and VW Bro Warren Barsley, DGIW, District 103.

The \$8,000 provided by Freemasonry will largely fund the annual retreat for the palliative care volunteers to replenish their skills in caring for the dying and their families.

Lodge Perfect has been supporting the Palliative Care Society since 2004, initially from lodge funds but since 2006 with personal contributions from members. As with other lodges in the ACT, Lodge Perfect also supports Sailability ACT and feeding the homeless, on a regular basis.

THE HILLS LODGE No 1025

A packed Installation

The lodge room was filled to capacity at the Castle Hill Masonic Centre on Wednesday, 15 September for the Installation of Bro Simon Oliver as WM of the Hills Lodge No 1025.

The Grand Master was represented by MW Bro Raymond Brooke PGM and the Grand Director of Ceremonies was VW Bro Fidel Pamplona AGDC.

The ceremony marked the end of a three year term in the chair for the Installing Master, VW Bro Sam Harrison PDGDC who, among his many achievements during that extended period in office, attained the Accreditation of the lodge.



MW Bro Raymond Brooke presents W Bro Simon Oliver with his Installed Master's Certificate. Far right: Installing Master VW Bro Sam Harrison

The occasion was notable for the attendance of four Apprentices and three Fellow Crafts, and for the exceptional delivery of the Charge to the brethren by RW Bro Neville Carpenter PJGW who is approaching ninety years of age.

LODGE BULLI THIRROUL No 1040

Districts support Bulli



Bro Justin Suwart

Lodge Bulli Thirroul No 1040, hosted the District 112 meeting at the Bulli Masonic Centre on Friday, 27 August with VW Bro Brian Willis, WM of the lodge in the Chair.

The work for the evening was to pass to the Second Degree Bro Justin Suwart, a MAS candidate, from Lodge Theo Grey No 234.

VW Bro Keith Clemmett, DGIW for District 112, represented the Grand Master.

Brethren from Lodges Kiama No 35, Illawarra No 59, Leisure Coast Daylight No 999, Balgownie No 944, Theo Grey and Lodge Bulli Thirroul assisted the WM.

During the proceedings, the RGC for Region 11, RW Bro Neil Atkins, presented VW Bro Clemmett with the Masonic District Service Medal Award for his services to Freemasonry and the community in District 112.

The opportunity was also taken to present VW Bro Clemmett with his Patent of Office as DGIW for the term 2010-2012.

At the festive board, Miss Belinda Newson was introduced. Belinda, who is undertaking a communications course at TAFE, was appointed to the management team of Lodge Theo Grey as media adviser.



The DGIW, VW Bro Keith Clemmett and Miss Belinda Newson



DISTRICT 44

A double presentation

Monday, 6 September was the occasion of two presentations as reward for effort.

The first was the Grand Master's Regional Award for excellence of service to Masonry and the Community, presented to W Bro Don Andrews (at left in photo), by VW Bro Brian McIlvenna PDGIW.

His work in assisting District 44 in presenting Riding for the Disabled and Manning Rural Hospital with \$9,000 and \$8,000 respectively, was much admired.

The district was also assisted with grants from masoniCare.

A further presentation was made to VW Bro Brian McIlvenna PDGIW and Mrs Jan McIlvenna, on behalf of the brethren and ladies of District 44.

Brian has concluded his two years as the District Grand Inspector of Workings for the district, which extends from



VW Bro Brian McIlvenna presents W Bro Don Andrews with The Grand Master's Regional Award for excellence of service to Masonry and the Community

Gloucester through Forster, Wingham and Taree to Laurieton.

The presentation was made by VW Bro Jim Henderson, Master of Lodge Gloucester No 291, and successor to Brian as DGIW for District 44.

Working Tools

The Coffs Coast Freemasons Association were very pleased to help the Coffs Harbour Men's Shed by donating \$1,000 worth of tools that were needed to help to establish the Shed.



Members of the Coffs Coast Freemasons Association with tools donated to the Coffs Harbour Men's Shed project.

LODGE LAKE MACQUARIE No 243

Help for Sailability

Sunday, 3 October saw the inaugural event of sailing for the disabled at Sailability's facilities at the Toronto Amateur Sailing Club.

The members of Lodge Lake Macquarie No 243 in Toronto attended in force to officially hand over the new Access 303 dinghy they have donated to give the Disabled Community of Toronto and District the benefit of sailing under the guidance of some of Lake Macquarie's most experienced sailors, and volunteers.

The President of Sailability, Mr Geoff Thornely, welcomed the local masons and accepted the new vessel, named 'Fraternity', after its launching in the traditional manner.

The WM, W Bro John Campbell, with members of the lodge, expressed their pleasure in being able to support a local organisation with such a worthwhile venture.

A number of lodge members have



Members of Lodge Lake Macquarie L to R: Alan Crowe, John Clark, Clive Lipscombe (DGIW), John Campbell (WM), Gordon Gibbons, Geoff Thornely - kneeling (President Sailability), Allan Black, Ted Hyland, Stuart Wrightson, Bill Hall, Ian Marshall, Bruce Robberds

offered their services as volunteers on each Sunday of the sailing season.

LODGE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY No 544

University Re-Installation

At the Re-Installation of VW Bro David Mendelssohn PDGIW as WM of Lodge University of Sydney No 544, on Friday, 15 October, the Grand Master was represented by RW Bro William Whitby PJGW. The Installing Master was W Bro John Nathan.

Addressing the lodge following the ceremony, RW Bro Whitby referred to the long association he had enjoyed with the lodge and his pleasure in noting the large number of Entered Apprentices present, all initiates of the lodge.



L to R: Bro Jad Jelwan, Bro Saad Al-Mozany, Bro Sam Nishanian, RW Bro Bill Whitby, Bro Django Nathan and Bro Chris Gaffey.



LODGE EMU PLAINS No 860

Not made with hands

In late September, almost 70 brethren, mainly from Districts 34 and 37, assembled under the Grand Arch at the Jenolan Caves, prior to descending scores of steps to take part in and witness the two districts' combined Master's Night, held under the Charter of Lodge Emu Plains No 860.

In the presence of the Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Greg Levenston, Bro Ian Burns from Lodge Alpha No 970, proved an exceptional candidate for the Second Degree and was accompanied during the ceremony by the WM of that lodge, W Bro Les Combes, Junior Warden for the occasion.

The masonic significance of a ladder rising from the floor of the Cathedral



The Candidate, Bro Ian Burns, flanked by W Bro Les Combes (L) and W Bro Tom Bell (R).

Cavern, and the cavern itself likened by the WM of Lodge Emu Plains, W Bro Tom Bell, to a place not made with hands, was not lost on the assembled brethren.

After the ceremony brethren made their way to Oberon for the festive board at the Titanian Motel, where most were booked in for the night.

LODGE RICHARD COLEY No 152

Country hospitality

As has become customary, on the weekend of 18–19 September, several carloads of masons from Lodge Richard Coley No 152, with their wives, travelled the 500 kilometres to the installation ceremony of Lodge Cootamundra St John No 124.

The event was especially significant this year as the WM Elect, RW Bro Don Geddes PJGW, was previously a member of Lodge Emu Plains No 860 and well known throughout the district and the region.

Following the Installation, more than



L to R: Bro Ross Reid G Stwd, RW Bro Don Geddes WM, Bro Peter Mason G Stwd.

60 masons, their wives and friends enjoyed the traditional banquet and in the morning attended a barbecue breakfast.

The countryside was ablaze with colour as the canola crops were in full bloom and the vivid gold paddocks stretched for as far as the eye could see.

LODGE CORRECTIVE SERVICES No 1039

A pair of initiations

Embodied in the Charter of Lodge Corrective Services No 1039, is the provision for them to convene twice a year at a location away from their regular meeting place at South Windsor and within a reasonable distance from a gaol; thus enabling prison officers from that institution who are members of the Craft to attend.

In September, the lodge was opened by W Bro Greg Steele at the Portland Masonic Centre for a double initiation.

VW Bro David Carruthers PDGDC then took the Chair to initiate the Candidates, Mr Arron Brown and Mr Andrew Black.

Following the ceremony, W Bro Steel resumed the Chair and welcomed the DGIW for District 34, VW Bro Bob McCallum, and VW Bro Don Murray, the DGIW for District 94.

The Portland Centre is a two storey building on a hill overlooking the town and retaining much of the aura of Freemasonry as it was in 1923, when it was consecrated, with the original organ and VSL still serviceable.



L to R: Senior Deacon, Bro Wakefield; VW Bro Carruthers; Bro Black; Bro Brown; W Bro Steele; Junior Deacon, Bro Jennings.

LODGE TEMORA No 168

Long term masons

Four brethren of Lodge Temora No 168 whose combined service to the Craft totaled 230 years of continuous masonry were recently recognised for their long-term commitment.

Bro Jack Eisenhauer was presented with his 70-year membership jewel, W Bro Jack Boyton his 60-years jewel, while VW Bro Tony Sinclair PDGIW and W Bro Cam West each received their 50-year jewel.



These four dedicated masons joined fellow lodge members RW Bro Harold Hetherington OAM PSGW, VW Bro Bruce King PDGIW, RW Bro Ron Allen PJGW and Bro Ron McGuirk, who all received their 50-year jewels earlier this year.



THE QUEEN'S LODGE No 229

Support for prostate cancer group

On the night of The Queen's Lodge's 110th Installation, the Immediate Past Master, W Bro Maurice Donnelly, presented a cheque for \$1,500 to Mr Alan Moran, representing the Nepean/Blue Mountains Prostate Cancer Support Group.

The money for this worthy cause came from donations, raffles and other fundraising activities and will be used by the group to help support those affected by the disease through counselling, literature, DVDs and other means.

The Support Group meets at the Nepean Hospital each third Monday night



L to R: W Bro John Mathe, Mr Alan Moran and W Bro Maurice Donnelly

in Lecture Room one, Learning and Development Unit, at 6.30pm.

Mr Moran paid tribute to the generosity of the lodge and its members, and expressed his own gratitude and that of the Foundation.

District 7 has chosen to adopt this charity for at least the next two years.

LODGE ALBERT C. PETRIE No 954

A wonderful Installation

At the Nowra Masonic Centre, on 14 August, Lodge Albert C. Petrie No 954 held its 49th Installation meeting.

On this occasion, Bro John Dyason, a 2020 Mason, was installed as WM by VW Bro Graham Burke PDGIW of Lodge Nowra Unity No 60.

The Grand Master's representative was RW Bro Reg Ferguson PJGW, a founder member of the lodge and a friend of the late Albert C. Petrie. RW Bro Ferguson first served as WM of Lodge Albert C. Petrie in 1967 and again in 1999.

Among brethren attending were two Fellowcraft Freemasons from Lodge Albert C. Petrie and an Entered Apprentice from Lodge Nowra Unity. Brethren from Districts 112, 113 and the newly formed D115 also attended.

A musical interlude was provided when W Bro Michael Hill gave a pleasing rendition of *What a Wonderful World*. The Herald was Bro Peter Williams.

In his address to the brethren, RW Bro Ferguson gave an account of the early days of Lodge Albert C. Petrie.

LODGE EUROBODALLA DAYLIGHT No 989

25th installation

Fifty-nine brethren were in attendance at the Moruya Masonic Centre on Friday, 27 August to witness Bro Sidney Robinson installed as WM of Lodge Eurobodalla Daylight No 989. As this was the 25th Installation of the lodge, the Foundation Master of the lodge for 1986-1987, VW Bro Rex Williams PGDGC, was invited to take the Chair. The representa-

tive of the Grand Master was RW Bro Michael Freeman-Robinson PSGW.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Immediate Past Master of the lodge, W Bro Grahame Dove, was presented with an ornately carved Masonic Cane representing each degree in Freemasonry, as a memento of his year in office. This is a long-standing tradition of the lodge.

LODGE BENJAMIN PRYOR No 709

A musical welcome

RW Bro Ron Webb's first official duty as Junior Grand Warden was to represent the Grand Master at the Installation of W Bro Colin Webber as WM of Lodge Benjamin Pryor No 709, accompanied by Grand Director for the occasion, W Bro Charles Wattle, Grand Sword Bearer.

The installation ceremony, which was held at Belmont on the Central Coast, was well attended, with brethren travelling from near and far, including a Fraternal of 20 brethren from Lodge Richard Coley No 152, who had travelled by coach from Windsor.

When the Grand Delegation entered the lodge room they were welcomed by a quintet of musicians rather than the customary lone herald.

The ceremony was punctuated by musical items and, in response to his welcome, the Junior Grand Warden thanked the members of Lodge Benjamin Pryor for an evening 'with a difference'.

The Installation Banquet and warm fellowship that followed were classic examples of Freemasonry on the Central Coast.



RW Bro Ron Webb, Junior Grand Warden, presents W Bro Webber with his Re-installed Master's Certificate.

Carved Masonic Cane presented to each Past Master of Lodge Eurobodalla No 989.



The newly installed WM was presented with a District 114 travelling gavel by RW Bro Dr Don Pryde PJGW, WM of Lodge Montague Daylight No 1009 to hold until the next Installation within the District.



We apologise for the error that occurred in the Service Certificate listings in the Spring edition.

The correct listings follow:

60 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 Gympie 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 Artarmon United 285; RODRICK, JOHN, Lodge Artarmon United 285; ROSENBERG, BRUCE, The Schools Lodge 639; RUSSELL, HAROLD, The St. George Lodge 328; SATCHEL, 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

50 YEARS SERVICE: ADNUM, COLYN, Lodge Illawarra 59; ALLAN, MAX, Lodge Bulli Thirroul 1040; ARMSTRONG, FREDERICK, Wallis Plains 4; BARLOW, JAMES, Lodge Gympie 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 Gympie 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; LYMBERG, 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; ROBBERDS, 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

The following Service Certificates have been awarded since publication of our Spring edition:

70 Years Service

DIBBEN, VICTOR	Laurelbank Kuring-gai Daylight Lodge 230
HOLCROFT, WARWICK	Lodge Barham 561
MARLOW, WALTER	Lodge Epping 390

60 Years Service

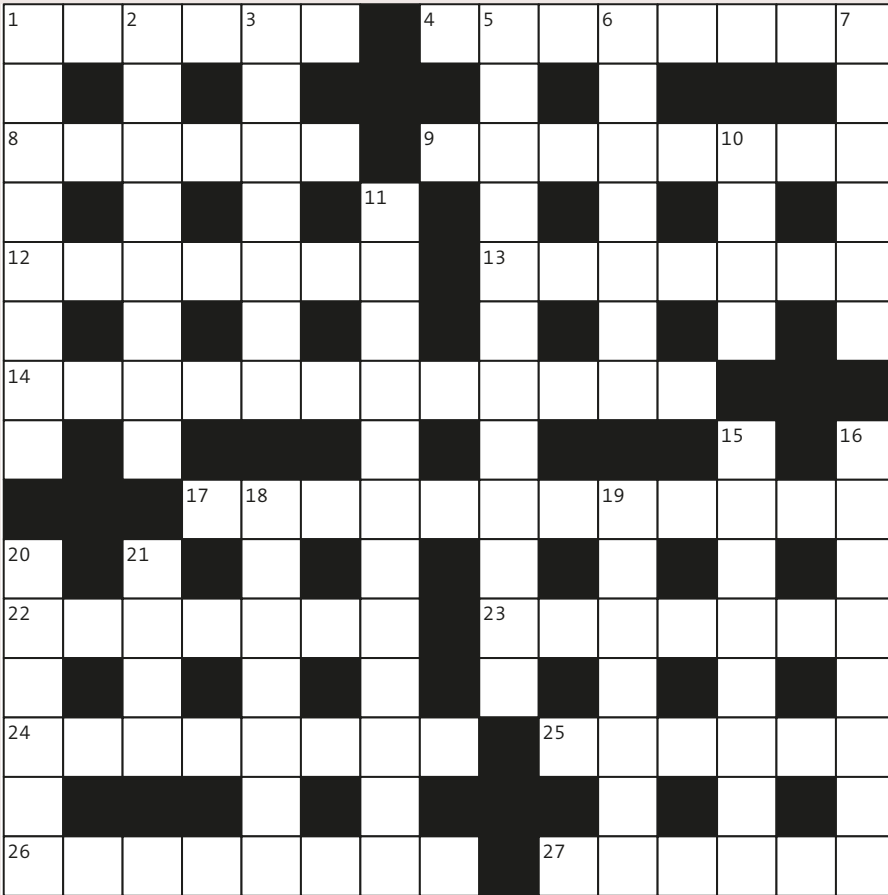
BAILEY, KENNETH	Lodge Balranald 214
BYRNES, ERNEST	The Hawkesbury Heritage Lodge 150
CAMPBELL, WILLIAM	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300
CANNON, GEORGE	Lodge Condobolin 185
CHAD, ALEX	Lodge Liverpool Plains 191
FISHER, RONALD	Lodge Cowra 33
FISHPOOL, KENNETH	The Cobar Lodge 97
FRITH, IAN	Lodge Eltham 272
LEGGETT, ERIC	Lodge University of Sydney 544
MACDONALD, ALAN	Lodge Canberra 465
MANSBRIDGE, ALLAN	Lodge Panania 845
MARSELOS, JOHN	Wallis Plains 4
MCDONALD, GORDON	Lodge Namoi 207
MCFARLANE, BARRY	Lodge Liverpool Plains 191
POTTER, LESLIE	Lodge Gloucester 291
QUAYLE, JOHN	Lodge St James 45
SMITH, JOHN	Lodge Tomalpin 253

SPARGO, ALAN	Northern Line Daylight Lodge 1003
SWEENEY, ROBERT	Lodge Lismore City United 77
TAIT, WILLIAM	Lodge Leeton-Yanco 313
TOMS, GORDON	Lodge Oberon 355
WALES, HUGH	Lodge Federal Burrowa 193
WOTTON, THOMAS	Lodge Balranald 214

50 Years Service

ALLEN, NELSON	Lodge Lake Macquarie 243
ATTWOOD, PETER	Lodge Dunedoo 647
BANKS, ALAN	Lodge Millthorpe 276
BARBEY, REX	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
BLANSHARD, RICHARD	Lodge Toukley 933
BODINNAR, LESLIE	Lodge Balranald 214
CALE, LESLIE	Lodge Dunedoo 647
CRITOPH, WALTER	Lodge Wyong Tuggerah Lakes 247
CUNNINGHAM, BRUCE	Lodge Beecroft 359
EAGLES, JOHN	The Hawkesbury Heritage Lodge 150
FAIRBAIRN, TREVOR	Lodge Helensburgh 566
GUASCOINE, GEORGE	Forster Great Lakes United 994
HAYES, ALFRED	Lodge Double Bay 331
HEADLEY, KEVIN	Lodge Edinburgh St John 38
HENDRIE, DOUGLAS	Lodge Morisset 441
HEPWORTH, KEVIN	Forster Great Lakes United 994

HODGSON, WILLIAM	Lodge Balranald 214
HORSFALL, ARTHUR	The Sir Walter Scott Lodge 123
ISON, RODNEY	Lodge Allan Stuart 416
JONES, RONALD	Lodge Millthorpe 276
KEOGH, GERALD	The Hawkesbury Heritage Lodge 150
KERR, ALLAN	Lodge Timor 274
MAY, ROBERT	Lodge Condobolin 185
MCMARTIN, LEIGH	Lodge St David and St John 180
MILLING, KENNETH	Lodge Dunedoo 647
MONK, IAN	Lodge Hurlstone Park United 288
NORMAN, ERIC	Lodge Warragamba 541
PENGILLEY, CLEMENT	Lodge Belubula 472
PRACY, KEITH	Lodge James Colley Daylight 395
RICHARDS, WILLIAM	Concord Technology 432
RILEY, WALTER	Lodge Greater Taree L66
ROBERTS, DAVID	Lodge Cavanbah 231
RUBIE, KEVIN	The Central Coast Lodge 2001
STANFORD, NEVILLE	Lodge Dunedoo 647
THEW, OWEN	Lodge Bathurst United 79
UNWIN, NOEL	Lodge of Peace 120
WAUGH, EDWARD	The Central Coast Lodge 2001
WILLCOCKS, ALAN	The Maroubra Lodge 725
WILSON, IAN	Lodge Vaucluse 266
WOODGATE, KEVIN	Lodge Calala Tamworth 652
WOODHILL, RONALD	The Yass Lodge Of Concord 27
YATES, DANIEL	Lodge Gadara 39



ACROSS

- 1 & 4 Adept pecuniary interests involved in lily-work's meaning.... (6, 3, 5)
- 8 & 17and it's a pity friendly talent misses what pomegranate seeds infer....(6, 3, 9)
- 9 & 24about how naughty trend isn't to develop into network's association with 1 and 8 across (5, 3, 8)

- 12 Turn into a big cat and treat as a celebrity (7)
- 13 Break a big git into one thousand million (7)
- 14 A certain entry wrongly made about 300 year event (12)
- 17 See 8 across
- 22 Claims I make about the Muslims' beliefs (7)
- 23 Exercise caution at the sale (7)
- 24 See 9 across

- 25 Dr uses threats of coercion (6)
- 26 Quite lethargic without a catalogue (8)
- 27 Staves of involvement in such matches (6)

DOWN

- 1 Toss apple out to occupy the area (8)
- 2 Grows richer to study a liberal art or science (8)
- 3 Tat's mate and rodents create song birds (7)
- 5 Dress up Nana in orange, when she's the one in her nineties (12)
- 6 Got into top gear in the kitchen garden (7)
- 7 Some send item back with a piece of insect's limb segment (6)
- 10 Popular group from Sweden have it each way with a sailor (4)
- 11 I recite facts as rewritten on such documents (12)
- 15 Man from Timor is hardworking and conscientious (8)
- 16 Turns icy as son suffers with poor circulation (8)
- 18 Non mail item readdressed in name only (7)
- 19 Take some uncle's identification initially into account (7)
- 20 Islam's letters converted for Catholic Mass texts (6)
- 21 Such defloration includes a dry sherry (4)

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Name	Lodge	Name	Lodge	Name	Lodge
ALDERSON, Brenton	Lodge Speers Point 538	FOHRMAN, Laif	Lodge Kiama 35 LOE	NIELSEN, Kim	Lodge Warringah 83
AL-KHALILI, Laith	Lodge Liverpool 197	FOLKARD, Scott	Lodge Phoenix 1034	NISHANIAN, Sam	Lodge University of Sydney 544
ALLEN, Dayvd	Lodge Richard Coley 152	FREDKIN, Leon	Lodge Harold Herman Unity 428 LOE	NOEL, John	Lodge Beauty of Cabra Vale 743
AL-MOLKOW, Fadi	The Hawkesbury Heritage Lodge 150	FREDKIN, Toby	Lodge Harold Herman Unity 428 LOE	NOLAN, Kim	Lodge Corrective Services 1039
AL-MOZANY, Saad	Lodge University of Sydney 544	GEORGES, Anthony	Lodge Alpha 970	NORMAN, Jade	Lodge St Andrews 281
AMBROSIO, Will	Lodge Phoenix 1034	GOOCH, Geoff	Lodge Rudyard Kipling 143	OAKMAN, Peter	Lodge Carnarvon 172
ASSHETON, Keiran	Nowra Unity 60	GRAMELIS, Eugene	The Sydney Lodge 1020	O'CONNOR, Luke	The Hawkesbury Heritage Lodge 150
AZIZ, Michael	Lodge Liverpool 197	GREEN, Adam	Lodge Mark Owen 828	OLSEN, Robert	Lodge Macquarie 53
BAILES, James	Lodge Army and Navy 517	GRIFFIN, Edwin	Lodge Kyogle-Geneva United 245	OLSEN, Stuart	Lodge Macquarie 53
BAILEY, Greg	Lodge Greater Taree L66	HADDAD, Anthony	Horizons 1032	PAMPLONA, Larry	Lodge Jose Rizal 1045
BALK, Glen	Lodge Sylvania 853 LOE	HAGIVASSILLIS, George	Horizons 1032	PHOENIX, Cameron	Parramatta City Daylight Lodge 1014
BALME, Francois-Xavier	The Lodge of Australia 3	HALL, Dash	Lodge Mark Owen 828	PLACIDO, Daniel	Lodge Jose Rizal 1045
BANCS, George	The St George Lodge 328	HALLORAN, Michael	Lodge Gynea 796	POTTS, Simon	Lodge Lachlan Macquarie 1042
BANKO, Todd	Lodge Farrer 93	HAMMAM, Elie	Lodge Guildford 321	PRISO, Jerome	Lodge France 1021
BANTING, Edward	Lodge Jose Rizal 1045	HANNAH, Nathan	Lodge Merewether-Cardiff 576	QUINN, Graeme	Lodge Glen Innes 44
BATEMAN, Lee	Lodge City of Newcastle 1035	HARTY, Raymond	The Hills Lodge 1025	RADFORD, Ross	Lodge Hastings 69
BATTUNG, Roiland	Lodge Oatley 381	HEATH, Anthony	Lodge Edinburgh St John 38	RIFAI, Ahmed	The Cedars Lodge 1041
BERNARTE, Erwin	Horizons 1032	HENDERSON, Victor	Lodge Sutherland 585	ROBERTS, Lance	Lodge City of Newcastle 1035
BINAY, Rosendo	Lodge Beauty of Cabra Vale 743	HIRST, JP	Lodge Canberra 465	RODIC, Rajko	The Maroubra Lodge 725
BISSON, Jamie	Lodge St James 45	HUMPHRY, Matt	Brundah Endeavour 429	ROGERS, Lance	Lodge Unity 6
BOURKE, Nathan	The Sydney Lodge 1020	IBARCENA, Alexander	Lodge Beecroft 359	ROLA, Nawal	Lodge Springwood 409
BOX, Thomas	The Lodge of Australia 3	JACKSON, Rex	Lodge Helensburgh 566	ROSS, Chris	Lodge Thespian Lewis 804
BRUINENBERG, Luke	Lodge Wahroonga 674	JAMIESON, Terrance	Lodge Cronulla 312	ROW, Stewart	Lodge Timor 274
BYRNE, Peter	Lodge Corrective Services 1039	JARMAN, Leslie	Lodge Armidale 641	ROWE, Garry	Lodge Richard Coley 152
CAPARARO, Jason	The Peel Lodge 209	JENKINS, Mathew	Bundaleeah Daylight Lodge 992	RYAN, Douglas	Lodge Liverpool 197
CARROLL, Mick	Lodge Benjamin Pryor 709	JORDAN, Dave	Lodge Fire Brigades 940	SAMYIA, Brent	Lodge Blacktown Kildare 393
CARTER-MOUAT, Benjamin	Lodge Blacktown Kildare 393	KELLY, Stephen	Lodge Scone 183	SARKIS, Patrick	The Sydney Lodge 1020
CASHA, Mark	Lodge Corrective Services 1039	KERSHAW, Damian	Lodge Blackheath 370	SCHWEINITZ, Gerhard	Lodge Kellerman 1027
CHAMI, Joe	The Sydney Lodge 1020	KHAN, Zain	Lodge Alpha 970	SHIMIZU, Ken	The Sydney Lodge 1020
CHANDRA, Shalvin	Lodge Alpha 970	KHOO, John	Brundah Endeavour 429	SIMONDZ, Denis	Lodge Broughton 131
CHANDRA, Elvin	Lodge Alpha 970	KNOWLES, Matthew	Lodge Nepean 29	SINGH, Raj	Lodge Enterprise 400
CHOUDHURY, Tonmoy	Lodge Epping 390	KOVACIC, Branco	Balmain Lodge 23	SMITH, Geoffrey	Lodge Taralga 648
CLARKE, Jim	Lodge Wyong Tuggerah Lakes 247	KRAMER, Brian	Lodge Southern Cross 91	SMITH, Gregory	Lodge Kiama 35 LOE
COMARMOND, Peter	Lodge Kirrawee 903	KUMAR, Raj	Lodge Ingleburn 815	SODE, Glen	Horizons 1032
CONELIUS, Peter	Lodge Kiama 35 LOE	LACEY, Mal	Lodge Millthorpe 276	SOLOMON, Johnathon	Lodge Paxton 608
CROCKFORD, Bradley	Lodge Woden Valley 974	LEAR, Wayne	The Sydney Lodge 1020	STAPLES, Chad	Lodge Blacktown Kildare 393
CUMMINGS, Stuart	Lodge Army and Navy 517	LEE, Sean	The Hawkesbury Heritage Lodge 150	STATHIS, Aaron	The United Lodge of Sydney 11
CURREY, Darcy	The Waratah Lodge 170	LIM LO SUV, Kelvin	Lodge Education 814	STEPHENS, Nicholas	Lodge Swansea Belmont 1030
CURRIE, Jeff	Lodge Ethos 963	LYNCH, Trevor	Lodge Albert C. Petrie 954	STEWART, Nathan	Lodge Sawtell Twilight 741
CUSHAN, Adrian	Lodge Albert C. Petrie 954	MACDONALD, Edward	Lodge Picton 258	STUHT, Andy	Lodge Army and Navy 517
CUSHWAY, Barrie	Lodge Swansea Belmont 1030	MAI, Man Xuan	The Lodge of Australia 3	SULLIVAN, Timothy	Lodge Albert C. Petrie 954
DARWICH, Bassam	Lodge Aviation 688	McADAM, Jeffrey	Lodge Ethos 963	SUMMERELL, Bryce	Antiquity 1
DA-VID, Alain	Lodge Liverpool 197	McASKILL, Stuart	Lodge Artarmon United 285	TANNO, Yoshi	Lodge F S Mance 671
DELAVERIS, Nicholas	Horizons 1032	McGILL, Keith	Lodge Burnside 729 LOE	THACKER, Keith	Lodge Ingleburn 815
DICKSON, Jason	Bundaleeah Daylight Lodge 992	McKRELL, Zebulan	Lodge Speers Point 538	THOMSON, Glen	Lodge Milton 63
DOMINGO, Christopher	Lodge Aviation 688	McLENNAN, Marcus	Lodge Allan Stuart 416	THOMSON, Terrence	Lodge Corrective Services 1039
DONNELLY, John	Lodge Cooma Monaro 164	McPHEE, Daniel	Lodge Toukley 933	TOLL, Terence	Lodge Baradine St Andrew 801
DOWNING, James	Lodge St James 45	McPHEE, Wayne	Lodge Fidelity King Solomon 101	TOREVELL, David	Lodge Middle Harbour 292
DUFF, Andrew	Lodge Toukley 933	MOORE, Christian	Lodge Hunter Hiram 246	TOWEY, Jason	Lodge Sutherland 585
DUFFEY, Grant	Lodge Southern Cross 91	MOUFFERRIGE, James	The Cedars Lodge 1041	TURNER, John	Lodge Inverell 48
ESTERA, Gerardo	Lodge Beauty of Cabra Vale 743	MUHI, Bernado	Lodge Celebration of Fairfield 345	WILSON, Randall	The Sydney Lodge 1020
FIGUEROA, Emille	Lodge Woronora 414 LOE	NEIT, Daryl	Lodge Capitol 612	WITHERS, David	Lodge Calala Tamworth 652
FILIO, Titus	Lodge Blacktown Kildare 393	NEIT, Ben	Lodge Capitol 612	WYKES, James	The Peel Lodge 209
FIMOGNARI, Vincent	Lodge Merrylands 479	NG, Mark	Lodge Alpha 970	ZEAITER, Michael	Horizons 1032

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What else does the RFBI do?

The benevolence activities started in 1880 are of a two kinds:

- an **annuity scheme** which forwards monthly cheques to deserving cases
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Construction of a ramp to aid nobility of elderly	\$3,000
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Portable Insulin Machine (2)	\$7,500
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