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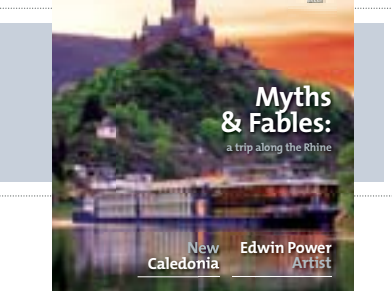
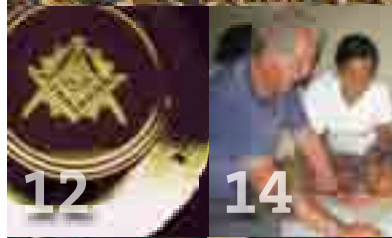
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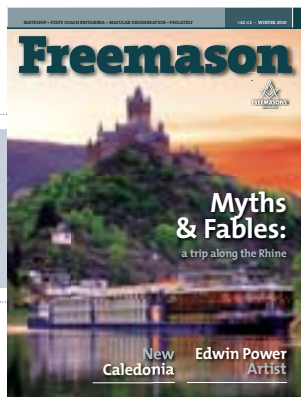
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Just shut up and do it!



Actions speak louder than words.

If we live in a civilised world, why are there people still starving? It can't be because of a food shortage because there is plenty to eat on this planet.

Maybe it's because there are not enough funds to move the food around, but again, if we examine the picture, governments seem to be able to find plenty of money for other things.

We have to conclude that what is lacking is the will and incentive. If plenty of us cared passionately enough, our leaders would make it a priority. So what are your priorities? And do they need to change?

If an action speaks louder than words, what does inaction tell you? What are we to conclude when someone consistently fails to do something that they have promised to do? It doesn't really matter how many promises are made because people are good at talking about what they intend to do or hope to do.

Why don't they actually just shut up and do it!

Usually it's because they don't want to do it, so ultimately you must judge by what you see and not what you hear. People are not always nice to each other. Sometimes they are hurtful, sometimes they are rude. Sometimes we cause offence without even realising this is what we are doing.

It's never easy to be kind and forgiving, even in the face of aggression but to do it, or even try to do it, feels fantastic.

How often do you talk to fellow members or those who fail to attend a meeting? Do you know the reason? Meaningful conversations can often prevent small problems turning into large ones. Everyone can make a difference simply by checking with someone they know who may be going through a tough time.

There are so many areas in today's world in which a friendly hand can make a huge difference. And isn't that one of the pledges we accepted when we decided to become a Freemason?

Literally, it's about stopping and saying 'Hey, I can make a difference.'

It's an old saying that if you don't ask, you'll never find out. A simple call may reveal the other person is struggling, they may have lost their job or suffered a family loss, be in financial difficulty, worried about a health problem. There are so many areas in today's world in which a friendly hand can make a huge difference. And isn't that one of the pledges we accepted when we decided to become a Freemason?

It's no secret that participation in the masonic fraternity has been declining for decades. One of the symptoms of the decline is the fact that our membership totals are now so low that the erosion has to be stopped. Numerous initiatives have been tried such as a lowered age requirement, 20/20 Masons, improving buildings, summer wear, publication of the book *It's No Secret, Real Men Wear Aprons* and articles in the media including television appearances.

Each has hinted at success but clearly getting the numbers is only part of the

issue; keeping members involved and enthusiastic about Masonry and attracting new members have to be continually and satisfactorily addressed.

What do we want to communicate to the public about Freemasonry? We have to ask the tough question of ourselves. Who are we as a fraternal organisation within the context of the culture of the 21st century?


A writer once put the situation in these words: 'One thing that tells me a company is in trouble is when they tell me how good they were in the past. Same with countries. You don't want to forget your identity. I am glad you were great in the 14th century, but that was then and this is now. When memories exceed dreams, the end is near.'

Our masonic memories are to be treasured. It's just that our masonic dreams have faltered.

So what changes have you got in store for your lodge and its members, for your family, for your community? Are they just promises, words said at the moment and maybe to be acted on if you can find the time.

Are you active or inactive? Do you forgive the older members for having their dreams or are you rude when they don't measure up any more in ritual work? Have you a set of priorities to bring before the lodge to justify the principles of the Craft?

By accepting the challenge, we assume a greater responsibility to test the integrity of what we want to communicate to our newer members and to the community.

This is the time. It is a call to action. Freemasons must take the initiative to chart our own destiny for a bright and vital future. 



A Brotherhood of Man

From an address given at the Uniting Church, Braidwood



There is no doubt the durability and success of the Lodge of Truth, Braidwood is clearly attributable to its strict adherence to the traditional values of Freemasonry. To celebrate 150 years is a long time and, to use the Australian vernacular, they must have been doing something right!

Freemasonry is a wonderful journey. It welcomes men of good standing, of any race, religion or creed, embraces and teaches ethical standards of morality, integrity, loyalty and universal tolerance.

This is the truth, but, knowing the truth is not equal to loving the truth, and loving the truth is no good unless we live the truth. The Lodge of Truth, Braidwood, has demonstrated that it knows the truth, it loves the truth, and it lives the truth.

My message today is that the future of humanity will ultimately depend upon the acceptance of the concept of **A Brotherhood of Man**.

We are living in an age of great transparency and instant communication. It is abundantly clear that our future will be influenced and mainly determined by three considerations:

Vale RW Bro Ronald Maguire PJGW

Former editor of the NSW *Freemason*, RW Bro RONALD MAGUIRE PJGW passed away on 19 March 2010 at the age of 82 years.

Because of his experience as a senior staff member on a daily Sydney newspaper, he was well suited to share his expertise as a member of the Editorial Committee and eventually as Editor of the magazine until his retirement in 2001.

His distinguished and active masonic career extended from 1951 to the date of his death and the Committee pays tribute to his contribution over the years.

The first will be our progress in foreseeing and lessening the effect of natural disasters. Scientific resources are being focussed on climate change, land stability, clean water and other matters claiming millions of lives and there has been a notable immediacy and efficiency in rendering vital aid to people in afflicted areas.

The second consideration will be an enlightened reaction to the enormous cost, the futility, and the human misery caused by military action within and between nations. A number of world leaders have used the phrase 'the war to end all wars', but sadly, some things never change. There is in human nature a spark of evil, an inevitable addiction to power, to recognition, and to wealth.

There are possibly 30 current conflicts in progress killing and maiming thousands of men, women and children including so-called ethnic cleansing, the euphemism for genocide.

The third consideration will be our commitment to the reduction of social inequality. Each of us can make a difference.

Above nationalities, there is an eternal ideal: fairness between the earth's people to rise above injustice, economic repression, religious bigotry, and of course racism. The moral question of this generation is extreme poverty. In Africa alone, thousands of children die every day of hunger and disease, to a disturbingly muted response. They die in some of the poorest villages on earth.

Once we accepted slavery as the natural condition. Once we accepted apartheid as the natural condition. Why do we still accept extreme poverty as the natural condition?

Reducing extreme poverty will require a considerable increase in public awareness and human compassion. When Neil Armstrong looked down on the world

from the moon, he saw but one body, an undivided world. That's how it should be.

A reasonable degree of nationalism is a good thing, but excessive nationalism, which has resulted in the death of 100 million people during the 20th century, is no more than thinly disguised, glorified tribalism.


No philosophy has ever improved upon the golden rule, which advocates consideration for our fellow beings. Saint Paul's expression of faith, hope and love, form an important part of the masonic ritual.

Freemasonry has embraced the theme, one world, one people, one dream, and will continue to play its part. In recent years NSW masons have given \$4 million financial assistance to worthy charitable causes, including more than 200 which have no connection with Freemasonry – need being the sole criterion.

On the moral question of extreme poverty, it is time now for the leading governments of the world to take morally justified and clear decisions to reduce extreme poverty. We don't live alone, we are members of one body, and we are responsible for each other. Sadly the time will surely come, when, if men will not learn, they will be taught, in fire, blood and anguish.

John Lennon 40 years ago sang:

*Imagine all the people,
sharing all the world,
living life in peace,
no need for greed and hunger,
a brotherhood of man.
You may say I'm a dreamer,
but I'm not the only one.
I hope someday you'll join us,
and the world will be as one.*

Whilst righteousness between the people of the earth may never be fully achieved, the nearer we get to it, the better for mankind, and the greater good. 



How to introduce friends to Freemasonry

What is Freemasonry? **Why should I join?** What do I hope to achieve or learn by being a Freemason? What's it all about?



These are questions a prospective candidate may have. But can you answer them?

MW Bro Dr Levenston at his Grand Installation stated that if you meet or know worthy members of society, you should consider inviting them to join our ranks. All masons should be on the lookout for such persons. But what do you say to someone whose shoulder you have just tapped, without revealing any secrets and yet still presenting the allure that being a mason has to offer?

Every mason must be ready at all times with a short and precise description of Freemasonry: an elevator statement that in 30 to 60 seconds describes Freemasonry and alludes to the benefits of becoming a mason. Remember WIFM, 'what's in it for me'. This is what you must address.

In my view most masons, especially those who have been masons for many years, would have difficulty with this. Yes, you are joining a fraternity; Freemasonry does good deeds for the community and many famous persons are or were Freemasons. But what's in it for me? Why should I join?

In my view, the answer lies in the allegory surrounding Freemasonry. An allegory is a poem, story or picture that when interpreted reveals a hidden moral message. With education, the rough ashlar becomes a thing of beauty. With study and learning, the symbology of Masonry when translated from the operative to the speculative provides lessons to use in life. Sometimes the allegory needs to be explained. Sometimes you need to reflect upon the translation of the allegory into lessons for life. Allegory is used so that the lessons do not become sermons. But sometimes when the reflection does not occur, the lesson is missed. Thus Freemasonry helps an able person become more able.

It would benefit masons to spend time debating what the allegory means. This would help to lift the veil to expose the lessons underneath. It would ensure those who join actually understand and apply the meanings veiled within the allegory. The learning of ritual can help reinforce the message, but is not vital. Those, like myself, who have studied extensively, do not need to prove anything by learning ritual. It can become a chore. I don't believe it would disadvantage the Craft for the charge to be projected onto a wall of the lodge room, if the person giving it needed help.


In our turbulent times, men in all walks of life are searching for answers. Freemasonry has many of these answers. Masons have an obligation to their fellow man to share the lessons the Craft teaches. In this way all masons will be doing what they can to help their fellow man, with the added bonus of ensuring the Craft continues to survive and prosper.

Keep your eye out for just, upright and mature men. Tell them about Freemasonry and ask would they like to know more. The next step, depending on how well you know them, is to give them an application form or pass their names

on to Grand Lodge.

But what about that elevator statement? What do you say to a person to raise their interest in Freemasonry? Your elevator statement could be along the lines of: 'It is a fraternity of men who meet in a play that acts out various aspects associated with King Solomon's temple. However, within that play or ritual, are lessons about life and how to be a better person. This is described through symbols and allegory, each with a meaning that can be interpreted into an aspect of life. How to treat your fellow man, how to live and various other aspects a person comes across every day in their life.'

You could go on longer about turning a rough stone from the quarry into a thing of beauty with education. The various other synonyms that liken building a temple to building a man, and how the tools associated with construction can relate to the lessons you encounter in life. Your 60 seconds is up. The elevator has reached its floor, the door opens and it is time to say goodbye. Your friend steps out of the elevator and goes about his daily business.

Your time to create interest has passed. It now only remains to ask the person, would they like to know more? 



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March Communication

The **election of the Grand Master** and the **proposed 2010/2011 budget** attracted more than 500 members to the March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

Special seating was arranged in the lobby to accommodate the overflow as every seat was taken in the Grand Lodge room.

MW Bro Dr Greg Levenston was re-elected as Grand Master 300/199 votes from challenger RW Bro Derek Robson AM DGM with three informal, and the fees and dues for the next masonic year were adopted.

However, the proposal to increase the capitation fee by \$9.00 to \$129 per member earned opposition from a number of speakers after the Grand Treasurer had explained the reasons.

Adoption of the motion was voted on by a show of hands but the Grand Master then requested a secret ballot be taken and it was subsequently carried.

Reports were presented by the Executive Council, the Board of Management,

masoniCare and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Executive Council recommended, and the meeting approved, recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mauritius and various Prince Hall Grand Lodges in the USA, Bahamas and the Caribbean and confirmed that the Grand Charity, masoniCare, had committed more than one million dollars in funds to match fundraising of the members.

During the period, the Grand Charity made donations to children's organisations, oncology units, cochlear implant centres, cancer societies, Autism Australia, New England Volunteer Air Transport, Port Macquarie Sea Rescue and St John Ambulance.

The Board of Management reported its concern at the number of reports indicating many lodges are struggling to manage their operations to a point where they fail to open, or are suffering overwhelming financial difficulties. It said it is important that these lodges communicate via their DGIW and RGC to the Board that they require assistance. Lodges which have already made such an approach have found the Board able to respond accordingly and been

sympathetic to their plight.

New membership packages are ready for distribution to every lodge. Each lodge will receive three copies at no charge and further copies will be available at \$5 per copy.

The Communications Committee has advised the Board of its concerns with emails being sent out with multiple 'addresses' displayed. It is advisable that brethren need to consider privacy laws when sending and communicating via emails and the internet.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence expressed concern at the large number of new Irregular Grand Lodges and warned that association with these Orders will result in immediate suspension or expulsion of brethren from this jurisdiction as per the Constitution. It reported on a movement called the United Grand Lodge of America and another group calling itself the Grand Lodge of All England which is attempting to create lodges in England and at least one lodge in Australia.

The Committee is monitoring the situation, as well as circumstances in Brazil, Ghana, Cyprus, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Macedonia.

Where Governor Macquarie walked



On Friday 23 April at the Blacktown Masonic Centre, the Macquarie Conclave No 2 celebrated its Enthronement meeting with the re-enthronement of Ill Kt Ron Portis as its MPS and Em Kt Eamon Moulding as its Viceroy for this 2010–11 year. Strong membership growth has enabled most offices to be filled by new Worthy Knights. This Conclave, formed in 1937, is committed to the Family of Freemasonry in the Western Sydney area.



L–R: Intendant General Rt Ill Kt Phil Rosen, Grand Viceroy Rt Ill and Em Kt Ted Griffiths KCC, MPS Ill Kt Ron Portis, Viceroy Em Kt Eamon Moulding, Grand Sovereign M Ill Kt Tim Foster GCC

A Preview of the June Communication Program

Grand Lodge will hold its Quarterly Communication on Wednesday, 9 June at the Sydney Masonic Centre, starting at 7.30pm.

Agenda

- > Election of Grand Officers for 2010–2011
- > Appointments by the Grand Master
- > DGIW Recommendations
- > Annual Reports
- > Constitutional changes (if any)
- > Conferral of Grand Rank (if any)
- > General Business

Announcement

The Grand Proclamation will be held on Wednesday, 11 August, at 7pm with dinner to follow.

Redefining our image

I am mid-term in my agenda to drive this Jurisdiction forward, so that we can gain confidence in presenting an understood and relevant public face to the community over the next five years.

This administration has been transparent, prudent, inclusive and caring. This has formed a firm foundation to support the challenges of change, and those building blocks of change include:

- Redefining our external image by the revitalised and evolving buildings' rationalisation program.
- A comprehensive external PR campaign across the Jurisdiction and beyond, engaging public interest and enquiry. This is promoted by the distribution of our book, *It's No Secret, Real Men Wear Aprons*. The projected sales return will support the ongoing Image and Marketing campaign in 2011-12.
- A Masonic Education curriculum and the 'It's time to TALK' lodge resource and new masons' kit, using the funds of the membership development levy.
- The 20/20 developing talent identification process, harnessing leaders and ideas for tomorrow. I challenge the 20/20 masons to nominate a leader to represent your views and positions in the governance of this Grand Lodge.
- Defining the role of women in this organisation through the Womens' Advisory Committee and Freemasons' Association, a relationship which needs to be enhanced and appreciated.
- The establishment of new lodges as a firm indication of the positive turnaround in confidence and morale.
- Annual Regional Conferences are breaking down barriers, taking away 'us and them', taking away 'country and metropolitan', which means every decision to allocate limited available resources is considered.

This election has identified those alternative voices that need to be heard, masons expressing their anxiety at the necessity to change, the scope of change, and the speed of change. Freemasonry today is not, and should not be, the same experience as in 1950. We are evolving, society is more complex, and we are demanding to be seen as part of that society and its future. We must apply our basic tenets and strengths to the community with pride, passion and urgency.

I am instructing the Deputy Grand Master to further develop his statements so that Executive Council and the Boards may adapt further to issues of governance and budgeting so strongly supported by a section of the masons tonight.

I am pleased by the progress both Boards have made in reviewing the Strategic Plan and the progress made. More needs to be done, especially at grass roots level.

One specific area we continue to grapple with is obvious inequity in asset values between city and country. We need a formula of wealth redistribution, whereby an application based on strategic importance and business plan will trigger a formulated percentage of sales and assets being transferred to areas of most need.

Also, as an organisation in the 21st Century, I feel we have to change this system of electing the Grand Master. Some are publicly opposed to changing the status quo, others are demanding a change. It is time to revisit this issue calmly and objectively. I favour an adaptation of the Victorian system which would result in a three year term in NSW/ACT and a college determining the candidate, even at DGM level.

A white paper will be distributed to the lodges for comment and I will place this item on the September Communication Agenda for determination, so the process will be in position for next year.



The Grand Treasurer's report on fees and dues reflects consideration of the recovering world financial crisis, strong growth across our core businesses and a strong desire for masonic services costs to be as near to self supporting as can be managed. Over the last six years these costs have been dropping in real dollar terms, and reflect well on the organisation. For this reason, capitation fees will still rise this year, albeit at a partly subsidised lesser rate than last year.

The masoniCare Caring Officer's program will start on 31 March when all Lodge Caring Officers will be known as masoniCare Caring Officers (mCOs). Educational seminars will be available soon.

I also table the 'It's Time To Talk' resource kit that all lodges will have this month, including 'new member' folders. Further kits are available at \$5 each, by ordering through the webshop.

Brethren, you know me now. I wish you as masons and private lodges to take control of your circumstances across this Jurisdiction, and take responsibility for your own future; to understand why you are a mason and apply that knowledge. Let us continue to work together.

And I say to you – this is not a time to divide, but to unite. We are in the fight of our lives.

Whether in the country, towns or cities of this Jurisdiction, carry Freemasonry on your shoulders and place it in the community in the pre-eminent position it deserves in the 21st Century.

I can do it, you can do it, we can do it, tonight and every day which lies ahead.

Now is the time to confidently focus your energies and firmly embrace the future of Freemasonry in New South Wales and the ACT.



Art is a Power

Edwin Power is the WM of Lodge William Ross No 76 but his Masonry is at times overshadowed by his artistic output.

In the home Edwin built in a forest east of Goulburn is displayed a wide range of talent including pen etchings, oils and watercolours, sculptures from recycled material, welding and photography.

After migrating from England to Australia with his family in 1982, he pursued a variety of jobs such as selling insurance, driving a taxi, marriage celebrant and running a kitchen before deciding to build his own dwelling.

With wife Janine, they cleared a 40 hectare plot in an abandoned pine forest and built a straw bale house wired with solar power and in the process discovered the value of Hebel as a material.

Hebel is lightweight masonry blocks constructed from aerated concrete and Edwin used his artistic talent to create carvings of ancient temples, mythical animals and birds to sit alongside wood sculptures made from tree roots and bas-reliefs on walls.

He has had exhibitions in Braidwood and Goulburn, people have commissioned works from him but very few of the completed Hebel pieces have been for sale.



'I feel ready to go on with my art. I don't have any idea what will happen next because I act on inspiration which usually just comes out of thin air,' Edwin said.

'When building an extension for the house, I discovered how versatile Hebel could be and believe this year could be a turning point.'

W Bro Power has also built wonderful friendships within Masonry and promoted many discussions as well as organising work within his lodge.

His biggest support comes from wife Janine who wrote to the *Freemason* on her pride in her husband.





‘I have watched him grow as a man and a mason over the six years he has been a member and if ever there was a year to remember in the life of a man, this is the year for my husband,’ she said.

‘He has been interviewed by the *High-life* magazine for his Hebel carvings and has generated discussion in the *Freemason* with his letters.

‘His discussions are sometimes quite left field but with his artistic talent, that is how he lives and thinks, outside the normal box. He has found acceptance, even while being refined with warmth in his masonic journey.

‘Masonry’s future depends on new candidates and the acceptance of people, sometimes despite their left field ideas and maybe this is one of the qualities that will attract new candidates. Masonry does indeed make good men better.’



Left: Edwin with his wife and greatest supporter, Janine

Left above: Life-size Aboriginal portrait – DAS clay on canvas. DAS is a moist modelling clay from Italy that air dries completely so doesn’t require firing.

Left below: Edwin at work on a commission for a garden ornament made from a one piece Hebel slab 3.5 metres x 800cms and incorporating a larger than life copy of the client’s favourite brooch!

Above: Janine’s ‘cows’ grazing in the early morning frost on their property, Misty Grove Farm. Edwin made these from plywood (painted in Solar-guard) as real cattle would not survive on the pastures produced by the rather poor local soils.

Right (main picture): Carving in Assyrian temple art style – it was believed that winged gods came and gave gifts of knowledge or advice.

Right inset: Another commission on a 3.5 metre tall Hebel slab – the three wise monkeys (Hear no evil, See no evil, Speak no evil – good masonic practice!) depicted in suits and ties and climbing the ladder of success.





Mateship

Lance-Corporal James Davis shares his thoughts and experience of mateship

When war broke out in 1914, Australia had been a Commonwealth for only 13 years. In 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of an Allied expedition to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula to open the way to the Black Sea for the allied navies. The plan was to capture Istanbul, the capital of the Ottoman Empire and an ally of Germany.

Very early on the morning of 25 April 1915, long before sunrise, the ANZACs were getting ready to go into battle. They had sailed from Egypt, and now lay off the coast of Turkey in the darkness. They didn't know if the Turkish soldiers would be awake, or how many there were. All they knew was that once ashore, they had to go inland, as far from the beach as possible, and make room for more men to land behind them. At least, that was the plan.

They quietly climbed down rope ladders and stepped into small boats. These were then towed as close as possible to the beach before the men rowed the last part to the shore. They had practised this many times, but they were still very nervous. Suddenly, a bright flare went up into the sky, turning night into day. The ANZACs were still making their way to the shore when the machine-guns and rifles opened up.

Many men were killed or wounded in those first few hours. Some men didn't even get out of the boats before they were shot. Some drowned because their packs were so heavy, or because they had never been taught to swim. They had expected a flat beach but instead they were at the base of cliffs. They had landed in the wrong place!

The campaign dragged on for eight months and at the end of 1915, the Allied Forces were evacuated after both sides had suffered heavy casualties. Over 8,000 Australian and 2,700 New Zealand soldiers died.

News of the landing at Gallipoli made a profound impact on Australians and



'Mateship'

Inset: W Bro James Davis



New Zealanders at home and 25 April quickly became the day when we remembered the sacrifice of those who had died in war.

The creation of what became known as the 'ANZAC legend' became an important part of the national identity, and shaped the way in which we viewed our past and our future.

In my mind the two most relevant qualities to come out of Gallipoli and World War I would have to be the iconic Aussie 'larrikin' and the legendary Aussie 'mateship'.

The 'larrikin' we have heard much about. Stories passed down from our great grandfathers, grandfathers, and fathers, stories from World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam of Aussie Diggers playing havoc on everyone from the enemy, to our allies, our officers and even to our own mates.

Despite the best efforts of many an officer born without a sense of humour, the larrikin is not dead, he is alive and well. For example, while deployed on Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004, there existed a young officer, widely disliked due to his lack of humour, double standards, and incompetence.

He continued to leave his pistol behind in the toilet. If a lowly digger was to do this he would be charged but nothing was done to discipline the arrogant young lieutenant.

At this point a young private decided to glue the pistol to the young lieutenant's desk with industrial adhesive. The lieutenant never found out who had glued his pistol to his desk, nor did he ever leave it behind again.

The other quality is 'mateship'. A brilliant definition of the Australian terms of 'mate' and 'digger', goes like this: *'Digger' and 'dig' were used by soldiers as friendly terms of address along with 'cobber' and 'mate' ... These terms have been defined as 'a man for whom freedom, comradeship, a wide tolerance, and a strong sense of the innate worth of man, count for more than all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory in them'.*

On the same deployment to Iraq, I was involved in an incident where I almost died. While on a night patrol to a covert observation post in an abandoned hospital in the middle of the Red Zone in Southern Baghdad, as lead scout I was first over a wall not knowing it had a gaping hole on the other side caused by bomb damage. I fell approximately six metres, landing at the bottom unconscious, suffering temporary paralysis and widespread nerve damage. Another soldier instantly climbed down halfway before jumping the rest, conducted first aid and stayed with me. He is the reason I am alive today. Later he was awarded 'The Cave Award' for that outstanding mateship which is alive and well today.

Mateship is not only part and parcel of being an Australian soldier, but also of being the type of man that made Australia.

In addition to all of this, the principles associated with mateship are at the very core of Masonry. And with Freemasonry's fine tradition of mateship and brotherhood, and the example set by brethren in all wars, we should all not only remember ANZAC day to honour it, but also to take lessons from it, that we may live better lives as masons.



Have your say



Junk mail?

I have just opened v42 n1 'Freemason' and was insulted to find a junk mail insert. 'Freemason' purports to present interesting and sometimes serious material to insightful readers; it is not 'New Idea' sort of mind numbing rubbish sometimes found in waiting rooms.

I have a 'no junk mail' sticker on my letter box to avoid resource wasting rubbish I am forced to recycle.

I used the return envelope to instruct the junk mailer not to stuff my magazine again and request the same from you.

I have been sufficiently incensed to advise you. Others may not. I'd suggest an invitation for readers to comment on this cheapening of Freemasonry before rubbish stuffing again.

DOUG CAMPBELL ACT

Editor's Note: Unfortunately, the dictates of economy and expenditure sometimes make it necessary to accept advertising which may not please every reader. It is a practice now followed by major newspapers and serious and light magazines in an effort to defray costs in an ever more expensive world. The NSW Freemason has a responsibility to its members and the Grand Lodge to keep within its budget and endeavours to attain this target with the use of advertising.

Voting rights

As one of the 500 or so brethren who attended the meeting of our Grand Lodge in March, I was surprised to note there was evidently no provision to allow those not present to vote on any of the very important issues to be considered on that evening.

There was great interest in the points raised by brethren on the financial situation of Grand Lodge and the proposal for an increase in the capitation fee was carried by a majority of only 27 votes, ie by 5.7% of those who voted.

Of our 13,638 members, the 475 members who voted represent just 3.5% and the 251 who voted in favour of the proposal was just 1.8% of our total membership.

It is not easy for members living outside the Sydney area to attend meetings of Grand Lodge and the absence of any provision for all brethren to vote is certainly a denial of their democratic right to express their opinion of the running of our organisation.

Other organisations such as registered companies and sporting bodies have provision for their shareholders and members to lodge postal and proxy votes at general meetings, regardless of where they live.

Why not give our members the same rights?

VW BRO ALAN MACDONALD, PJGW
Lodge Canberra 465

On the level

An interesting point was brought up by our Bro F C Downey of Lodge Wagga Wagga No 22 regarding the wearing of Grand Lodge Regalia at regular lodge meetings.

My personal feeling is that this would not be a good idea as we are supposed to meet on the level and part on the square. All brethren should be equal and the wearing of regalia different to that normally worn by members would infer that the wearer is setting himself above the other brethren. For this reason we in NSW and ACT (usually) wear a 'uniform' of dinner dress, white mess jackets or full evening dress tails depending on the masonic occasion. The important point is that all present appear to be 'uniform'.

Many lodges and indeed other Orders and jurisdictions call on their brethren to wear white gloves when at lodge so that when greeting one another you do not know whether you are shaking the calloused hand of a labourer or the soft hand of a peer of the realm. You are just greeting a brother.

Grand Lodge officers present and past get ample opportunity to wear their very impressive regalia when attending Installations and other events as Grand Lodge Officers.

In some European jurisdictions, when a brother has finished his term as a Grand Officer he reverts to being called Brother

and not having the title Most, Right or Very Worshipful in front.

For the same reasons I believe that our Charities would be better not handing out medals etc to mark the amount of a donation given by a brother. Benevolence should be confidential and be between a brother and his maker. I am sure the Charities could make better use of the monies going toward the cost of producing those medals etc. Remember: 'Such a donation as his circumstances in life may fairly warrant'? What may seem just pocket money to one brother may be a substantial amount to another.

Our brother FC Downey indeed raises a good point which is worthy of discussion.

BRO MICHAEL SHEARER
Lodge Warringah No 83
Lodge France No 1021

Becoming a mason

After reading the article 'Everyone has a story' in the summer edition of the Freemason, I would like to give this report.

Both my grandfathers were Freemasons and often asked me when I was going to make the first step. This was after I had left the merchant service in England after the war and my farewell trip to see the family before coming to Australia.

I had no idea what they meant but became a mason through my brother-in-law in Lodge Dignity at Auburn. I am now a member of Lodge James Kibble, who was a blacksmith, the same as my maternal grandfather, John William Tulip.

Last year, John celebrated his 80th birthday with a cake of 80 candles and is a native of Jarrow-on-Tyne in England. He still spends a great deal of his time walking around the beauty spots of his town of Hoddesdon.

I have been WM of Lodge James Kibble and I guess both of them would be proud to see me in this situation.

VW BRO JOHN CHAPMAN
Green Point NSW



History on the move

It could be described as the **biggest collection of British history** in one movable item.

That would be sufficient to describe the decorations and the capsule created by Sydney resident Jim Frecklington OAM in his work on building the State Coach Britannia for presentation to Queen Elizabeth II, a task which has taken five years to complete.

The gold-plated capsule will be inserted into the top of the crown at the top of the coach. The capsule will be divided into an upper and lower section, three parts in the upper and one in the lower. The three upper compartments will contain gold, frankincense and myrrh while the lower section will hold a chip detailing the Bible.

In height, the capsule is 38mm (1.5 inches) and in width 50mm (2 inches) and on its base is engraved the masonic Square and Compasses.

Australia has more than a casual interest in the coach. Among the many historic timber and other artefacts incorporated into the coach are items from people and ships which have had a part in Australian history.

These items have been fixed in the interior of the coach which has been richly lined and upholstered in Australia by Brian Richardson using 20 metres of the finest pastel gold coloured silk brocade. In the shape of small squares, the items have been artfully inlaid as special segments of the interior panels of the doors and around the inside. Among them are mementoes from the vessels HMS *Endeavour*, HMS *Sirius*, SS *Great Britain*, SS *Great Eastern*, *Queen Mary*, *Queen Elizabeth*, *Queen Mary 2* and *Queen Elizabeth 2*. There are also sections from the *Cutty Sark*, former Royal Yacht *Britannia*, HMS *Endeavour*, HMS *Sirius*, the *Mary Rose*, HMS *Victory*, sporting grounds such as Lords, Wimbledon, St Andrews Golf Club and Rugby School as well as Gallipoli, a Spitfire and various palaces and cathedrals.

Queen Mary was a Royal Mail Steamer of the Cunard Line and sailed for 31 years, carried over two million passengers and made 1,000 crossings of the North Atlantic. During World War II she was stripped to carry as many as 15,000 troops at a time.



The State Coach Britannia and the base of the gold-plated capsule engraved with the masonic Square and Compasses

She made 14 voyages from Australia to the Middle East and made her last voyage in late 1967. *Queen Elizabeth* made similar voyages to and from Australia during the War and both liners are represented by small artefacts inside the coach.

Queen Mary 2 and *Queen Elizabeth 2* have both sailed into Sydney Harbour as part of their round-the-world journeys.

SS *Great Britain* brought 16,000 immigrants to Australia while SS *Great Eastern* had a special dry dock built to accommodate it in Sydney although it was never used.

The *Mary Rose* led the English against the French fleet in 1513 while HMS *Victory* was under the command of Admiral Lord Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

Some of the ballast from HMS *Endeavour* is part of the coach, as is timber from the home of Joseph Banks and a section of Scott's Hut and his sledge to the South Pole in 1912 which was reportedly built at Manly. New Zealand is also represented by part of Sir Edmund Hillary's ladder from his 1953 Everest expedition and some New Zealand kauri, the world's oldest workable wood.

Frecklington said the purpose of these relics is to permanently chronicle and present a rich tapestry of historical events,

customs, achievements, heritage and tradition that is Britannia. All of the items have been specially selected from a wide range of sites and from artefacts specially significant to the history of the British people and to members of the Commonwealth.

Having spent time at the Royal Stables in London, Frecklington is well aware of the requirements of the Royal Coaches and designed and created the Australia State Coach which in 1988 became the Bicentennial gift from the people of Australia to Queen Elizabeth II.

The title 'Britannia' is the ancient Latin name for the island of Great Britain and in the 1st century AD, in honour of his exploits there, the Roman Emperor Claudius named his newborn son Britannicus. In the course of history, Britannia became emblematic of Britain and has been personified as a female figure, appeared on coins and in song such as 'Rule Britannia'.

This new coach clearly indicates the visionary dream that inspired Jim Frecklington and demonstrates his amazing creativity and skills in the rare art form of coach building.



From the Grand Secretary

A letter received ...

Dear Grand Secretary,

The discussion at the March Communication over fees and dues was interesting yet disappointing with so much obvious 'dissent' – all over a \$9.00 increase?

In years of attendance at Grand Communications, I have never had need to query or complain about any issue brought forward relating to MY Grand Lodge. I always consider how fortunate we are, and have been, that within the organisation we have all the professional and entrepreneurial skills that we could wish in our elected offices. Importantly, too, is that the expertise given by these brethren is at no cost to this organisation.

I appreciate the stringent work that goes into the operation of the Grand Lodge – obviously by you as Grand Secretary and your most dedicated and helpful staff and the brethren who volunteer so much time and effort for the Craft. Yet some brethren have the audacity to stand in Grand Lodge and do nothing but criticise everything. Are they not aware they are criticising their fellow brethren – insinuating that the work these people do for the Craft is not enough!

The talent we have

Do brethren know, or care to realise, the qualifications, experience and talent we have in just the Grand Registrar and Grand Treasurer alone? Obviously not, otherwise why would they make statements suggesting we look for some 'talent' within our ranks? What have we got now – might I ask?

From what I can see, our 'working ranks' are full of brethren holding exemplary credentials and I am more than happy and confident with that knowledge. We could not do better!

Grand Secretary, I choose to be a member of the Craft and that privilege must come at a cost. A brother mentioned at Grand Lodge that the fees for membership are insignificant when matched with some of his personal expenses. I applaud him and agree with him fully.

I too choose to belong to several social and sporting clubs. They cost me over \$1,400 a

year and yet my usage of them is becoming less and less.

I choose to buy daily newspapers and various periodicals. Recently, one of them increased its cost resulting in additional outlay to me of \$26.00 per year. I continue to buy them.

I choose to have 'pay TV' at my home again at some considerable expense. All I seem to get is commercials and repeated programs. I still keep it.

I choose to have Private Health Care at an exorbitant cost. I won't go any further on that one!

I choose to regularly visit the theatre – movies and live productions. Again, at a rather large cost but, again at my choosing.

I have a computer at home that was initially to send and receive a handful of emails each week with my family and to use the ever intriguing 'internet'. This costs me money as does 'virus protection' and occasional download costs when my young family members visit.

These are just a few costs that I CHOOSE to have.

So, Grand Secretary, the \$129.00 it costs me as a member of the greatest organisation in the world is really nothing in the scheme of things. I think of what it brings me.

It brings me the privilege of being a Freemason.

It allows me to 'delve' into the many other Orders open for Freemasons to join.

It has given me the opportunity to meet many wonderful people whom I can now count as good friends – friends I admire, trust and that I can rely on for support if ever needed.

It gives the opportunity to socialise as much as I like and to make new friends and continue to meet the most interesting people.

It gives me the chance to visit other lodges anywhere in the world where I know I will be made most welcome and treated with much respect. I do have personal experience.

I can view the website of my Grand Lodge and keep as up to date as possible on masonic happenings.

A wonderful publication

I receive a wonderful publication every few months – the FREEMASON magazine – a product of which I am very proud and show it to family and friends whenever I can.

Finally, my masonic history will always be there for anyone to see. My descendants can trace what I did in Freemasonry, and when. Perhaps they will have the opportunity to find somebody who may have known me personally too.

They will see how I contributed to Freemasonry and, perhaps, how Freemasonry may have rewarded me in some way. As a Past Master, they can see Minutes of meetings over which I presided and physically touch those pages which bear my signature.

To think that Freemasonry offers me just these few things and much more is remarkable.

What is even more remarkable is that it cost me less than \$2.50 a week!

Grand Secretary the cost of my other voluntary 'pleasures' in life will be sacrificed long before I ever consider relinquishing my membership of this great and wonderful fraternity.

With fraternal regards and best wishes
Anonymous Past Master
(name withheld on request)

Grand Proclamation

The Grand Master has decided that the Ceremony of Proclamation and investiture of Grand Officers will take place in the Sydney Masonic Centre on Wednesday 11 August 2010 commencing at 7.00 pm.

The ceremony will be open to the public as will the banquet to follow in the Grand Banquet Hall. Full details and registration forms will be issued in the not too distant future.

The Regular Communication of Grand Lodge will still be held on the second Wednesday in September. Details for this will also be distributed in due course.

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Voluntary aid to developing countries

RW Bro Jack McNaughton PAGM of Lodge Benjamin Pryor No 709 is a retired building contractor and for the past 12 years has been a registered volunteer with **Australian Business Volunteers (ABV)**.



ABV is a non-government, not for profit overseas development agency which sends Australian volunteers to undertake skills transfer assignments in developing countries in the Asia Pacific Region. Since ABV was established in 1981 it has completed several thousand assignments in 24 developing countries throughout the region. Volunteers work under a strict code of conduct not only providing skills exchange but also as ambassadors for ABV, Australia's aid program, and ultimately Australia.

Jack has previously completed several assignments in the outer islands of Vanuatu and in Samoa with the construction of schools and churches. All of these were challenging and rewarding experiences with very basic local accommodation and food thus providing extensive exposure to the cultures and customs.

Recently he put his United Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter commitments on hold to carry out a six week assignment in East Timor where he was required to assist with the development of a family business that has been operating in Dili during an extremely difficult period. It is the aim of ABV to reduce unemployment

and poverty by improving the capabilities of Non Government Organisations and hopefully creating additional employment. Timor-Leste is the world's newest nation. On 20 May 2002 Timor-Leste's Declaration of Independence was restored and power handed over from the United Nations to the first constitutional Government of Timor-Leste.

The purpose of the assignment was to improve the technical skills and business practices of this company which involved establishing computer programs on all their work practices, schedules, manuals, forward planning and both business and financial plans. The company is also planning to venture into other areas of work which required assisting them with procedures and feasibility studies. With very little English spoken, all of this was carried out through an interpreter to ensure the meanings were not lost or changed in the translation.

To enable Jack to complete this task it was necessary to observe work in progress and view completed work in Dili and country districts. This required travelling long distances on winding mountain roads, passing through rural communities, villages and market places. With many of

these mountains rising directly out of the sea and with roads cut into the steep mountainsides, rockslides are a major problem during the wet season (November to June), often taking many days or weeks to clear.

Because of its history East Timor is like no other country encountered by ABV, which together with other International Development Agencies seeks to reduce local poverty and promote economic growth. In 1999, at the request of the East Timorese, the United Nations assisted in restoring peace and they are still very active in helping to build the country's ability to govern peacefully and democratically.

The East Timorese have experienced severe hardship over a long period of time with 400 years of colonial rule and 25 years of occupation; they are very proud of their independence and are working hard towards building the future of their new country.

Jack enjoyed the challenge which involved extensive exposure to the country's culture, the lifestyle and customs of the local people and he is now looking forward to his next ABV assignment.



Auxiliary closes

The NSW Masonic Auxiliary held its final gathering on 28 March this year to conclude a memorable period of friendship.

Originally known as the NSW Masonic Hospital Auxiliary, it was formed to assist the hospital at Ashfield by way of fundraising for the benefit of the hospital and handling of the hospital kiosk. When the hospital was sold, the name was changed and the members extended their activities to raising money for various charities. Over the past 10 years, the total income raised was approximately \$834,179.

Among the charities to benefit were Careflight, Camp Quality, Autism, Berry Masonic Village Auxiliary, Children's Cancer Institute of Australia, Kidney Health Australia, masoniCare and the Grand Lodge Library.

With the changing times, the members decided on the closure and the March gathering was an opportunity to renew past friendships and memories of the many fundraising events over the years.

Lodge Lightning Ridge 595 meets second Friday of each month.
Free above and below ground Opal Tours arranged.
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Q&A

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

Do masons need to devote a lot of their own time to community work?

As a mason, the time you devote to community work is entirely up to you. You are asked to support your lodge by attending its regular meeting once a month. No more is expected of you.

Some of your buildings have the word 'temple' on them. Why is that?

In the past, our lodges were called 'temples' – an allegoric reference to King Solomon's Temple, constructed by early masons whose principles of integrity, goodwill and charity we have inherited.

If I choose to make a donation, how is that done?

There are many charity organisations which masons assist by direct donations of money, personal skills and time. How a mason chooses to contribute is a personal and strictly private matter.

How much would it cost to join?

There is a joining fee and dues which are payable monthly or yearly. The dues cover the lodge's administration costs, as well as food and refreshments at the monthly meeting. Fees vary from lodge to lodge. (A mason generally is not required to pay when he visits other lodges. He is always received as a welcome guest.)



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Bonjour my friends

New Caledonia, the **Paris of the Pacific**, is a well-visited holiday destination for Australians and in April attracted the attention of a **group of NSW Freemasons**.

Captain James Cook, during his historic round the world voyage, discovered and named New Caledonia in 1774. In 1788 it is said La Perouse came within sight of the islands on his fateful voyage of discovery.

On 11 April 2010, the NSW/ACT Grand Master, MW Bro Greg Levenston, led eight brethren and seven ladies on an expedition to the islands on a journey of masonic discovery.

MW Bro Bernard Paul (Grand Maitre Provincial) plus a number of his brethren and ladies met the party at Nouméa Airport before transfer to their hotel.

Although the climate differs, the terrain of New Caledonia is similar to that of New Zealand with plains stretching from the sea to the hills and mountains. Most accommodation is apartments and currently there is a lot of expansion and development. The main island has large deposits of nickel, enough to last a further 500 years, and the export of these deposits creates the wealth for the inhabitants.

Freemasonry in New Caledonia is not publicly discussed, the brethren do not wear masonic jewellery and the only Masonic Centre, which is in the suburbs of Nouméa, has no signs or insignia of identification.

On Monday 12 April the Grand Master was invited to lunch with Pierre Frogier, President of the Southern Province of New Caledonia and a member of the Grand Lodge National Francaise. Noumea-born Pierre Frogier is a French politician, who was President of the Government of New Caledonia from 2001 to 2004 and is also a current Member of the National Assembly in Paris. The lunch involved a most interesting discussion on current



Above: Members of the delegation, the candidate and local members after the ceremony at lodge J-F de Galaup Comte de La Perouse.

Above right: Grand Master presenting a gift to Pierre Frogier, President of the Southern Province of New Caledonia.

Right: The ladies enjoying a mild New Caledonia evening.

local issues concerning the people of New Caledonia. The Grand Master made a point of inviting M. Frogier to visit the Museum of Freemasonry on the next occasion he travels to Sydney.

In the evening the delegation attended a Grand Lodge meeting called exclusively for their benefit in order that they may receive a detailed explanation of how Freemasonry is administered in the Province.

An explanation was given of the four separate rites operating in the province. When a candidate joins Freemasonry, he is given the opportunity of visiting these other rites, and is free to transfer his membership if he gains more spiritual comfort than from the one he was initiated into.


The following night the delegation attended Lodge J-F de Galaup Comte de



LaPerouse for an Initiation. Prior to the meeting they were informed there would be an English translation and wondered why this would be necessary as, after all, a 1st degree is a 1st degree and those present should have no difficulty following it. How wrong they were!

All of the ceremony is expertly read with more attention placed on drama and emphasis rather than learning by rote. Suspense and drama is further emphasised by music and lighting. The lodge has one brother regulating a panel which operates a first class sound system whilst another operates a lighting panel. As in a Hitchcock movie, the sound and lighting amplifies the suspense and drama.

Those present at the refectory were treated with an assortment of French and island delights that were served during a program of boisterous toast making.

The masonic ladies also fared well being the guests of the lodge ladies. 



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Masonic Youth Welfare fund





Women in Freemasonry

Part 3: Masonic Orders which admit both men and women as Freemasons

In Part Two of the series 'Women in Freemasonry', I provided a brief background of the development of Masonic Orders for women since the formation of Speculative Freemasonry in the late 1600s. The article included details of the two most well known female Orders in Australia, namely, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of the Amaranth.

Also included in Part Two were details of The Order of Women Freemasons, an Order restricted to women only and which mirrors its male counterpart in the conferral of the three Degrees of Craft Freemasonry on its members. Members are also able to progress to other Degrees and Orders in Freemasonry which parallel the Degrees and Orders of mainstream or Regular Grand Lodges. In June 2008 the Order celebrated its Centenary at The Royal Albert Hall, London in the presence of more than 5000 members.

In this issue of *Freemason* I intend covering two Orders which admit men and women as Freemasons. They are The Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons and The Order of International Co-Freemasonry.

The Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons

The Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons was formed in 1913 as a breakaway group from the Honourable Fraternity of Antient Masonry. The breakaway resulted from a desire by members of the new Order to conduct the Degrees of Freemasonry beyond the three Craft Degrees.

A pamphlet published in 1988 by Enid Scott, a former Assistant Grand Master of the Order entitled *Women in Freemasonry* states:

It was in 1902 that the first lodge of Co-Masons was formed in London and that importation from France soon snowballed. But within a few years some of its members became uneasy regarding the course being taken by the governing body in Paris. They felt that their ancient forms were in jeop-

ardy and a departure from their traditional style was taking place; history was being repeated, for it was a similar state that had arisen in regular Freemasonry in the mid-18th century. Various members resigned from the Order and formed themselves into a Society from which was to emerge the Honourable Fraternity of Antient Masonry, but still as an association for men and women. On 5 June 1908 a Grand Lodge was formed with a Reverend Brother as Grand Master. Approximately ten years later it was decided to restrict admission to women only but to allow existing male members to remain. Within a very short period the title was changed to the Order of Women Freemasons but the form of address as 'Brother' remained, the term 'Sister' having been discontinued soon after the formation in 1908 as it was deemed unfitting for members of a universal Brotherhood of Freemasons. It is also of some interest to note that history was repeated again, in that the Royal Arch became the subject of a division in their ranks, rather on the lines of the Antients and Moderns years before the Union in 1813. A group of its members wished to include the Royal Arch in the system but failed to obtain authority from their Grand Lodge, which caused them to secede and form the first Lodge of yet another Order - The Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons, two Grand Lodges running in parallel was almost a carbon copy performance, but in this case the time for a Union, similar to that which took place in 1813, is yet to come.'

The Order of International Co-Freemasonry

Originally founded in Paris, France, in 1893, Co-Masonry, as it is called, was consecrated in Great Britain in 1902 by the well known social worker, educationist, theosophist, prolific writer and highly regarded orator, Dr Annie Besant, (1847-1933).

Dr Besant saw Co-Freemasonry 'as a movement which practised true brotherhood, in which women and men worked

side by side for the perfecting of humanity'. In 1902 she travelled to Paris with six friends where they were initiated, passed and raised in the three degrees of Freemasonry in the International Order of



Dr Annie Besant in 1897

Co-Freemasonry, Le Droit Humain. On her return to England Dr Besant founded the first Lodge of Co-Freemasonry in the United Kingdom (of which she was the Worshipful Master) and the British Federation of Le Droit Humain. She went on to consecrate further lodges throughout the United Kingdom.

New lodges were also formed in South America, Canada, India, Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand, all of which were united under the name of the British Federation. (Australian Co-Freemasonry now works under the Australian Federation).

Dr Besant was an ardent supporter of women's suffrage and in 1911 she headed a contingent of Co-Masonic ladies, under their lodge banners and in full regalia, in the great 40,000 strong protest march of women through London just days before the Coronation of George V. Although masonic involvement in political movements was unusual, Dr Besant sanctioned wearing regalia on this occasion because she regarded the women's movement as a matter of national concern, not as one of party politics.

Other notable masonic women of the time who saw Co-Freemasonry as a means of serving humanity included Charlotte Despard, founder of the Women's Freedom League; Marion Lindsay Halsey, daughter of the Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England; Anne Cobden-Sanderson, daughter of the Liberal Reformer, Richard Cobden; Eustice and Hettie Miles who used their vegetarian restaurant in Charing Cross to hold

masonic meetings and dinners to celebrate the release of suffragettes from prison; the Hon Evelina Haverfield, daughter of William Scarlett, 3rd Baron Abinger; Muriel Countess de la Warr, the daughter of Thomas Brassey, 1st Earl of Brassey (1836–1918), Lord of the Admiralty. Muriel's grandfather was Thomas Brassey (1805–1870), the successful railway contractor. Her inheritance allowed her to donate large sums of money to the suffrage movement and to the needy. She is also said to have provided financial assistance to the *Daily Herald* newspaper in its support of suffrage.

Appalled by the squalor and conditions throughout the country, many of the women masons became active in the administration of the English 'Poor Law' system which provided relief to the elderly and those in need.

The masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth were also practised by women masons during World War I in the establishment of such organisations as the Women's Legion, the Women's Emergency Corps and the Women's Volunteer Reserve.

The Order was established in Australia in 1911 with lodges in all States and one could not do better than to quote in part from the Order's web page: www.australian-co-masonry.net/firms.com/about.htm

'Co-Freemasonry is open to men and women of all races and religions. It is founded on the principles of "Liberty of Thought, Unity, Morality, Charity, Justice and the Brotherhood of Mankind". It is

therefore open to all men and women who are free, of good report, and strict morals. It imposes no restrictions on the free search for truth and expects tolerance from all its members.'

The Order embraces all of the main Masonic Orders currently operating under the Ancient Scottish Rite.

At the forefront of the movement in Australia is equality for women. One notable woman who was a member of Co-Freemasonry in Australia was Edith Dirksey Cowan, philanthropist, whose face appears on the Australian fifty-dollar note. Edith Cowan was initiated into St Cuthbert's Lodge No 408, Perth, in 1916.

Her concern for people in need, particularly women, was far-reaching and she worked tirelessly to lift their position in society. Among her achievements were: first woman to be appointed a Justice for the Children's Court; indefatigable worker for the Red Cross during and following the war years; and delegate to the sixth International Conference of Women in Washington.

Co-Masonry is not recognised by mainstream Grand Lodges and therefore dual membership of Co-Masonry and Craft Masonry is not permitted. Despite the embargo, cordial relationships and mutual respect exist between masons and Co-Masons alike.

Perhaps Ann Pilcher-Dayton best describes the basis for Co-Masonry in her article 'Freemasonry and Suffrage' in the Summer No. 7 2009 edition of *Freemasonry Today*: 'To Co-Masons in Le Droit

Humain there was a clear parallel between the presence of women in Freemasonry and the equality shown by giving women the vote. They believed that masonic practices originated with the ancient mysteries of Egypt and Greece, where women played a major part. To restore women to Freemasonry was therefore a restitution of their rights rather than an innovation.

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The role of women

Women were created as companions for men but they are **equals**, one to the other. **Neither is superior.**

Women are the mothers, the life-long partners of our masons. To draw a parallel to a symbol that is familiar to masons, the women could be referred to as the 'pillars' of Freemasonry. They are extremely influential on all aspects of family life.

It is often the women who influence the minds and souls of their children, through conversations, actions and social interactions. Influences can be subtle but they make strong impressions upon the family. It is often heard that a man became interested or was 'turned-off' Freemasonry through the action of his mother or his wife. These influences are not kept within the confines of the family. They are discussed within social groupings and therefore the whole image of Freemasonry is promoted within society and impressions are formed which can be positive or negative depending upon the information given.

Once a man has been 'bitten by the Freemasonry bug' and enjoys his Freemasonry, it is so much more fulfilling for him to have his entire family on board – in particular the women in the family. It can be a journey shared. Many women are friends


because their menfolk share a common bond. This is especially so for men employed in positions that require transfers. His family can be comforted in the fact that other families who share common interests will be there to show them around and make them feel welcome.

At home, when a family is entertaining there are shared roles of responsibility. This concept could be transferred to the 'South' or banquet after an 'Open Night' where the proceedings could be less formal and more emphasis placed upon the social aspects of the evening. This would be particularly relevant when there are non-masons present who have little idea of what is going on. Women could co-host these nights.

With less spare time to spend with families it is becoming more important that women are given the opportunity to become involved in their partner's activities. Women form the important role as the other team member in the partnership – as a sounding board, a driving companion, an influencer of ideas or just enjoying some time to themselves. It should be a choice that can be made within the family. The women of time-poor fam-



ilies will resent the time Freemasonry takes their partner away and this will be reflected in the attitude she portrays to her family, friends and society in general.

Isolation is one of the greatest factors affecting the people of the country areas. The importance of women to Freemasonry is more important in these areas today and is more vital than ever. With the rising prices and lower yields all social contact must be encouraged. Women play such vital roles in the psychology of the family unit and they are often the force behind these social gatherings. The formal meeting places for the masons provide a time and place for a break from the demands of everyday life and gives them something to look forward to. Women understand the necessity for this break in routine and actively encourage attendance. 

'She was the cornerstone of our family and a woman of extraordinary accomplishment, strength and humility. She was the person who encouraged and allowed us to take chances.'

Barak Obama – talking of his mother

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The Macular Degeneration Foundation is a charity. It is the national peak body in Australia formed in 2001 by those who felt there was a real need for an Australia-wide MD organisation that was primarily patient driven. The Foundation's vision is to reduce the incidence and impact of Macular Degeneration in Australia and it is committed to working on behalf of the entire Macular Degeneration community, specifically those with the disease, their family and carers.

The MD Foundation's key objectives:

EDUCATION: Provide accurate information about MD

AWARENESS: Increase awareness of MD

RESEARCH: Support and pursue research

SUPPORT SERVICES: Facilitate access to relevant support services

REPRESENTATION: Advocate for the best interests of the MD community

Free information kit

For a free Information Kit and Amsler Grid, or any advice on MD, call the Macular Degeneration Foundation Helpline on **1800 111 709** or visit the website: www.md.foundation.com.au

Macular degeneration

What you need to know

What is Macular Degeneration?

Macular Degeneration (MD) is the leading cause of blindness and severe vision loss in Australia. MD affects one in every seven Australians over 50 years of age and the incidence increases with age. It is often referred to as Age-related Macular Degeneration or AMD.

The macula is located at the very centre of the retina. The macula enables you to read, recognise faces, drive a car and see colours clearly. MD causes progressive macula damage resulting in loss of central vision.

What are the types of MD?

There are two types of MD: Dry MD and Wet MD.

Dry MD is the most common form of the disease and results in a gradual loss of central vision.

Wet MD is characterised by a sudden and severe loss of vision. Early detection is critical so if you experience any sudden change in vision you should see an optometrist or ophthalmologist urgently.

What are the symptoms of MD?

MD can cause many different symptoms, so any difficulty with your vision should

not be dismissed as part of just 'getting older'. Early detection of any form of MD is crucial because the earlier you seek treatment; the more likely you are to have a better outcome compared to those who wait.

Symptoms of MD can include one or more of the following:

- Difficulty reading or doing any other activity which requires fine vision
- Distortion where straight lines appear wavy or bent
- Distinguishing faces becomes a problem
- Dark patches or empty spaces appearing in the centre of your vision

The need for increased illumination, sensitivity to glare, decreased night vision and poor colour sensitivity may also indicate that there is something wrong. It's important to remember that in the early stages there may be no visual symptoms. An eye test by an optometrist, including a macula check, is essential to detect the early signs of MD.

Risk Factors for MD

There are three main risk factors for MD: **AGE:** Age is a critical risk factor and if you are over 50 years of age you are at risk.

How's your macula?

EYE HEALTH CHECKLIST

- Have your eyes tested and make sure the macula is checked
- Do not smoke
- Keep a healthy lifestyle, control your weight and exercise regularly
- Eat a healthy well-balanced diet, including two to three serves of fish a week, dark green leafy vegetables and fresh fruit daily and a handful of nuts a week
- In consultation with your doctor, consider taking an appropriate eye health supplement
- Provide adequate protection for your eyes from sunlight exposure, especially when young

FAMILY HISTORY: If you have a family history of MD there is a 50% chance of developing the disease.

SMOKING: Studies have shown that people who smoke are three times more likely to develop MD. Smokers may also develop the disease ten years earlier than non-smokers.

You cannot change your genetics or your age, however the Eye Health Checklist on the previous page may help to reduce your risk of developing MD.

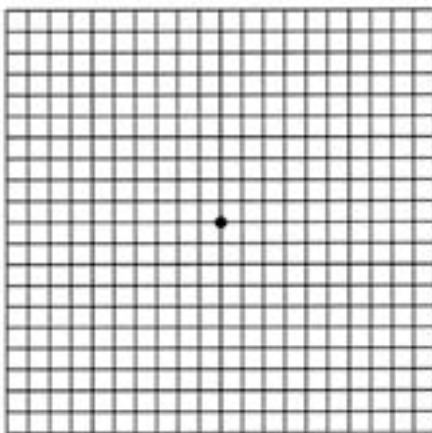
Amsler Grid

One tool that people can use at home to test for symptoms of MD is an Amsler Grid. It helps to identify any changes in vision and should be used daily. It has clear instructions to be followed for use and is simple and easy to use.

If you display any of the symptoms outlined on the grid you should contact your eye care professional immediately. However, don't forget that you should also have regular eye tests and the macula checked with your eye care professional.

A magnetised Amsler Grid for your fridge is included in the free information pack from the MD Foundation.

How the Amsler Grid works



Wearing the glasses or contact lenses you normally wear for reading, hold the grid approximately 35cms from your face in a well-lit room.

Cover one eye with your hand and focus on the centre dot with your uncovered eye. Repeat with the other eye.

If you see wavy, broken or distorted lines, or blurred or missing areas of vision, you may be displaying symptoms of MD and should contact your optometrist or ophthalmologist.

Freemason Bruce Moffat: Macular Degeneration Case Study

Bruce Moffat, a 66-year-old Cairns local, was diagnosed with Wet MD two years ago. Now legally blind with Macular Degeneration, Bruce shares his story.

Bruce Moffat joined the Freemasons in 1967 and was a 'reasonably active' member of Sydney's Lodge Willoughby. However, due to work commitments, he now considers himself as unattached.

Bruce first came to know about Macular Degeneration when his older brother was diagnosed 12 years ago. 'I quickly learned all about it – my local optometrist informed me of the importance of family history and I was given an amsler grid to use as a self monitoring tool.'

Years later when Bruce retired, he moved to Cairns and started working as a cruise ship director. 'When we were out at sea I made a few comments to colleagues about seeing rough seas on the horizon,' Bruce explains. 'My comments were met with puzzled looks and comments from colleagues such as "you need your eyes checked!"'

Bruce was experiencing a symptom of Macular Degeneration – perceiving straight lines as wavy.

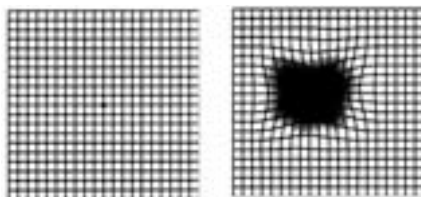
After various similar incidents at sea he mentioned these wavy lines to his optometrist at a routine check up and was immediately referred to an ophthalmologist where he was diagnosed with Wet Macular Degeneration in his left eye.

It was two years after his routine visit to the optometrist and various visits with ophthalmologists that Bruce was told he was legally blind. As a result, Bruce resigned from his job. 'It almost killed me to resign and leave the sea – I had a tremendous sense of loss.'

Bruce was put in contact with a low vision agency in Cairns where he was provided with information and tools to assist him with his low vision. 'They were so helpful. It soon made me realise that having MD was merely an inconvenience. It's a real learning curve when you're first diagnosed with MD, but you adapt and develop little tricks. I'm coping well,' says Bruce, who no longer drives and has trouble reading and recognising faces.

But it's not all bad according to Bruce. 'One of the best things about having MD is that everyone looks like Nicole Kidman or Tom Cruise to me because I can't see them clearly!' he quips.

'Living well with MD is 99% attitude. If you start feeling like a victim, that's how you'll live. I don't advertise the fact that I have MD and I've never thought of myself as a victim,' he says.



The image above on the left is that seen with normal vision. The image to the right is indicative of abnormal symptoms and you should consult your eye practitioner immediately.

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Recent developments

At the recent Quarterly Communication, the Grand Master announced that all Lodge Caring Officers will now be known as masoniCare Caring Officers (mCOs).

A masoniCare Caring Officers' Handbook has been developed to provide information on the role and duties of the mCO. Following the Quarterly Communication, several copies of the Handbook were delivered to each Lodge Secretary.

The mCO's role has not changed and will be identical to the current Caring Officer's role. The main enhancement is that the role is now fully supported by masoniCare, enabling the brethren of the lodge to be more actively involved in local charitable work via interACTION and Regional Grants.

Freemasonry is concerned about people and masoniCare's aim is to improve the lives and wellbeing of people in our community.

Together, we can make a difference within our fraternity and the general public.

Overview of an mCO

Whilst there is no formal qualification required for the position, an mCO ideally should have a suitable masonic knowledge, be a dedicated and loyal community member who is sympathetic and sensitive to the needs of others and who knows the local area well. He should be able to listen to problems without prejudice, identify areas of assistance and source a suitable solution where possible.

Despite the increasing availability of governmental and community welfare support systems, masoniCare believes that it is essential that individual lodges adopt a positive and realistic stance in assisting to eliminate or reduce the effect of problems touching members and/or their dependents.

The primary responsibility of the mCO is to the members of his lodge. The mCO should create and maintain suitable records of members and their families including the widows of former members; establish regular contact with members and widows; arrange assistance where necessary for members and widows; make contact with long-term non-attending members; maintain records of personal details such as birthdays and anniversaries;

Renay Farrell – a new face

Renay Farrell has become the new face of masoniCare after deciding to curtail her travelling experiences and accept the position of Marketing Officer.

Renay's passion for travelling led her to spend over six years living in London, Vancouver and more recently Dubai. 'I've had the most amazing experiences travelling the world with family and friends including staying overnight at the Ice Hotel in North Sweden with my sister, celebrating my 30th in Las Vegas with friends and seeing the pyramids in Cairo with my parents.'

Renay grew up in the Sydney suburb of Woronora and attended Jannali High School. After completing her Higher School Certificate she was eager to enter the workforce. 'I was always interested in working and developing new skills. My first role was with the American Chamber of Commerce as an event coordinator. It was a fantastic opportunity that allowed me to meet a diverse group of people within the business community,' she said.

Prior to joining masoniCare, Renay spent over three years with Emirates

Airlines in Dubai as a senior flight stewardess. Not only did the role allow her to utilise her customer service skills, she was also trained in leadership and managing teams. During her time with Emirates she also became a Business Class Service Trainer at the Emirates Training College.

Back in Sydney this year with experience in advertising, sales, marketing and public relations, Renay applied to Grand Lodge for the temporary role of Marketing Officer with masoniCare and was instead offered the full-time position.

'I love the focus this position has in daily contact with people and the community,' she said. 'It's an opportunity for me to develop the masoniCare marketing role, to work closely with the masoniCare Board and to provide support to the network of volunteers within Freemasonry who are doing such great work in the community.'

Renay lists travelling as a major hobby along with the importance she attaches to family and friends. She enjoys spending time with her beautiful three month old niece Emily and her two grandmothers, aged 96 and 90 as well as her sister Yvette and her parents.



She is currently studying training and assessment to carry on the skills learnt in Dubai and ideally would like to assist people in their own development.

Renay is enjoying her new role with masoniCare: 'Everyone at Grand Lodge has been really friendly, helpful and approachable. Freemasonry was very new to me prior to joining masoniCare and the more I learn the more I appreciate the wonderful values Freemasonry stands for.'



encourage home and hospital visits to members, widows and families and keep up to date with policy changes within the Masonic Charities, social security and other welfare organisations.

The duties of the mCO are best spread amongst two or more members in a lodge. It is unlikely that a single mCO can keep contact with more than eight to 10 members and their families. It is ideal if a Principal mCO is elected and appoints an mCO 'sub-committee'. That way, the Principal Officer reports to the lodge on issues and supervises the sub-committee.

Each lodge and its mCOs should ensure they are familiar with all forms of assistance available from government sources. These include aged pension, rent subsidy, disability allowance, school allowance, widow pension, nursing and caring subsidy, pensioner travel discounts, electricity, gas and telephone discounts, veterans disability pension and retirement pensions.

In spirit, the mCO should be the spearhead of increased awareness, concern and assistance to those in need. But this can only be achieved with the co-operation between mCOs and their lodge members generally. In this sense, the mCO must be the co-ordinator of a welfare support response by the lodge as a caring community within the larger community.

Each mCO should also ensure its lodge has an active charitable program remind-



ing brethren of the opportunity to partner with masoniCare to benefit the community and increase awareness of Freemasonry. masoniCare supports lodge charitable efforts and brethren should remember this when allocating their charitable dollars.

Ask masoniCare

It is important that all lodge officers are aware of the purpose of masoniCare and how we can help. All brethren should know that relief is available in times of distress and how to obtain it. Application forms for assistance are available on the masoniCare website or by contacting the masoniCare Marketing Officer.

With the assistance of masoniCare you will have the support you may need while assisting your local brethren. Fellowship, brotherly love and relief are essential planks in the life of a Freemason and we must always be mindful of the needs and wants of others.

You too can become involved

If you are interested in learning more about the mCO role, or would like to volunteer to participate in the program, please contact masoniCare. You may also wish to ask your Lodge Secretary for a copy of the mCO Handbook or you can download it from the masoniCare website at www.masonicare.org.au/About

\$1 million and counting!

The masoniCare Board is pleased to announce that it recently reached the milestone of committing itself to just over \$1 million in donations through its interACTION Grants program.

This is a wonderful achievement of which all masons in NSW and the ACT should be proud. This milestone is a testament to those masons working tirelessly in their communities raising funds for those in need.

It also highlights that even more than \$1 million has been donated to the community. masoniCare's interACTION Grants program offers dollar-for-dollar funding and with the efforts of those masons conducting fundraising activities in their community, lodges and masoniCare together have donated \$2 million to charities within NSW and the ACT.

masoniCare's interACTION Grant program is designed to help Freemasons become more involved in the local community and complement charitable fundraising activities initiated by lodges or other masonic groups.

At its April meeting, the masoniCare Board was presented with a total of 14 inter-ACTION Grant applications requesting funding to the total of \$76,000. The Board approved funding for all 15 applications to support many community projects including the Caroline Chisholm School for children with multiple disabilities to purchase computer learning programs; Triple Care Farm in Robertson to assist in helping young people overcome drug and alcohol problems and the Tamworth Base Hospital's Alison Watt Memorial Appeal to purchase advanced medical equipment.

masoniCare is your Grand Charity. Please personally support masoniCare with your donations so that we can further increase the level of Grants we make with your lodge to the community. Together with the assistance of masoniCare's Grants programs we can successfully continue to demonstrate Freemasonry in action!

masoniCare's new website is now live!

In the March issue of the *Freemason* we let you know that we were in the final stages of developing the new masoniCare website. We are now happy to reveal that the site is live and waiting for you to visit at www.masonicare.org.au

A new feature on the website is the opportunity to make an online donation via the 'Donate Now' function. Donors can choose to make a one-off donation or a recurring monthly donation. We invite you to utilise this new function to support your Grand Charity.

You may wish to use the new website to organise your social calendar by visiting the *What's On* page or keep up to date with community interest stories on our *Making News* section. If you are organising any fundraising events in your area, we would like to help you promote the event on our *What's On* page. Please provide your local masoniCare representative (your mDR or mRR) with the event details to include on the website.

Our colourful, interesting and informative website is one of the avenues we are utilising to further promote masoniCare and Freemasonry. We look forward to hearing what you think of our new website – send us your comments by visiting the *Contact Us* page. Your opinions, suggestions and comments will further assist us improve masoniCare and our efforts in the community.



In the beginning

Sydney is a wonderful city. Its sparkling harbour, its bridge and its famous Opera House are recognised the world over and represent, in the minds of many, the **gateway to Australia**.

Sydney is the mother city of the nation. Here is where it all began with the arrival from Britain of Captain Arthur Phillip RN and the people of the 11 ships of the First Fleet on a warm summer's day on 26 January 1788.

One of the marines to step ashore was W Bro Thomas Lucas, a past master of the Lodge of Temperance which met at the Black Horse Tavern in London.

The first fleters initially arrived in Botany Bay where Lt James Cook on HMS *Endeavour* had anchored in 1770 and where the botanist Bro Joseph Banks, a member of the Old Horn Lodge, London became the first Freemason to set foot on Australian soil.

Established purely as a penal colony to accommodate the overflow of unwanted British prisoners, Sydney slowly expanded and, as free settlers began to arrive, the small outpost on the other side of the world from London began to find its own identity. There were many outstanding colonists, some of whom were Freemasons and a number of them have been remembered in stone, steel and statue.

Freemasonry is an integral part of the social fabric of the community and it is therefore not surprising to find memorials to outstanding men who were members of the world's greatest fraternal organisation.

Sydney was named after Thomas Townshend, 1st Viscount Sydney, the

British Home Secretary. The first fleet commanded by Captain Arthur Phillip left England on 13 May 1787 and arrived at Botany Bay in January 1788. Phillip found the location unsuitable so he rowed northwards to enter Port Jackson, noticed but not entered by Cook.

Phillip described it as 'the finest harbour in the world where a thousand sail of the line may ride in the most perfect security'. At the head of a small cove, he saw the ideal place for the settlement.

A flagstaff was erected and the Union Jack hoisted. The marines fired several volleys and the officers drank the health of King George III and success to the new colony. Perhaps the convict Thomas Prior, whose headstone carved with masonic symbols was erected in 1836, watched the hoisting of the colours. But where was the exact location of the flagstaff? It was decided to re-enact the event at the bicentenary celebrations and a committee chaired by the Lieutenant Governor and Chief Justice, RW Bro Sir Leslie Herron, was formed to determine the location.

The first move to begin Freemasonry in the colony occurred in 1797 when the Grand Lodge of Ireland deferred a request from Privates Kerr, Farrell and Black to start a lodge within the NSW Corps.

In 1802, Captain Anthony Fenn Kemp was made a mason in a lodge not regularly constituted but properly assembled on

board the French ship *Le Naturaliste* in Port Jackson.

The 46th Regiment, which arrived in 1814, held Irish Warrant No 227 for the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues. The commanding officer, Colonel Molle, was a member. They would have no dealings with the emancipated convicts that the Governor, Bro Macquarie, was trying to encourage.

The lodge accepted as members some of the leading citizens. Prominent among them were Bros Captain John Piper, Jeffrey Hart Bent, John Oxley and Sir John Jamison and they ridiculed Macquarie at every opportunity. The members of the lodge however did toast the Governor at a public masonic ceremony when they set the foundation stone of Bro Captain Piper's villa in November 1816.

In 1817, the 46th were replaced by the 48th with Irish Warrant No 218. They were loyal to the Governor and accepted the emancipists they met at Government House. They admitted young settlers into the lodge so that they could start their own lodge in Sydney in 1820.

(From the book *The Masonic Sites of Sydney* by RW Bro Grahame Cumming OAM PDGM CMH. Copies available from Grand Lodge at \$5 each.)



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Enthronement in the Mid West



On Saturday 13 February at the Forbes Masonic Centre, the MPS of the William Rees Conclave No 21 MPKt Rex Gavin was reenthroned as the MPS and Ill Kt 'Tibby' Flint was consecrated as the Viceroy. This Conclave was founded in 1953 and participates in the Family of Freemasonry in the Forbes/Parkes area of NSW, and provides enjoyment to its Constantine knights.



L-R: Intendant General Rt Ill Kt Max Madden, Viceroy Em Kt 'Tibby' Flint, MPS Ill Kt Rex Gavin, Grand Sovereign M Ill Kt Tim Foster GCC

The Buildings Program

A report by RW Bro Paul Fletcher, PDGM, Chairman Buildings Task Force.

Prior to the establishment of the Buildings Task Force, work was undertaken by members of the Masonic Buildings Committee of the Board of Management to categorise building suitability, based on information supplied by building owners. This valuable exercise generated discussion on building matters and some brethren came to appreciate that facilities needed to be upgraded – some have already commenced improvement strategies.

At the last Grand Communication, I advised that the Board of Management had approved a recommendation to adopt a method of certification of masonic meeting places. This will replace the current system of approval with a new system, based on the inspection of all meeting places at regular intervals to determine their fitness.

Personal safety was the major driver for this change. The owners and directors of companies that manage masonic meeting places and the United Grand Lodge have a duty of care to ensure that all brethren and members of the general public are safe.

Work has commenced on writing the Certification Handbook and the task is far more complex than anticipated. The Task Force continues to work on producing a quality document that will provide building owners and brethren with a clear way to:

- assess the present condition of the building against a set of standard objective criteria;
- determine whether the building is sustainable in the medium to long-term; and

- guide the sequence in which improvements should be made.

The Handbook will provide guidance to lift the standard of any building that has been letting us down in terms of personal safety, comfort and public image. Within the Handbook, the categories have been set out in a priority sequence, commencing with fire safety, and including chapters on accessibility, comfort, finance, and external presentation.

It will also contain background information on topics such as the cycle of monitoring and inspection that will be conducted by teams composed of building owners and local present Grand Officers. Information will also be provided on rationalisation – an option that is far more likely to come into play in metropolitan Regions than country Regions, based on the distances between meeting places. There will also be information on contacts who can provide advice to building owners on all aspects of the certification process.

Within each category, there will be a checklist of prioritised standard requirements that each building must meet. For example, in safety, the checklist commences on how to get people out of a building in the event of fire and ends with fire safety measures, such as emergency lighting, exit signs and portable fire extinguishers.


Where buildings don't meet some of the present standard requirements for

safety, they will be given a reasonable time, say six months, to put those safety requirements into place.

The Task Force believes that, as our buildings improve, it will lift the morale of members, improve our public image and may contribute to an increase in enquiries from men who may want to consider joining a local lodge.

The issue is not the number of masonic meeting places. If today, we had 500 meeting places and each of those buildings was safe, comfortable, accessible, presentable, well maintained, with a sound income and a healthy sinking fund, then meeting places wouldn't be a concern. The true problem with our buildings is their condition.

The Task Force has never contemplated a cap on the number of buildings to be certified. Every building that meets the standard will be certified. The reality is that some buildings will close because the cost of repairs to meet the standard will prove to be too great.

Improving our masonic meeting places should be supported by every Freemason. It's a change we should have made long ago. Buildings that look better, are safer, more comfortable, and in a sound financial position are the style of buildings that will make the difference to the future of Freemasonry in NSW and the ACT. To achieve the goal, we will need to work together as one Band of Brothers, working as one United Grand Lodge. 

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It's time to read a book

Librarian Chris Williams has always been interested in books and libraries, even at school.



Born in Hobart, Chris studied languages at high school, went to university to study and then practice law, working mostly on criminal law and with the Tasmanian Aboriginal legal service.

'I was never athletically minded, the opposite to my older brother, and can remember that I was a library monitor at school and always enjoyed books. I still find occasional use for languages, mostly French and because of my Welsh ancestry even learnt a little of the Welsh language,' he said.

'As a lawyer, the more I worked the more I enjoyed the sense of community. I was not just part of the office, I was recognised and welcomed by people which would never happen to a mainstream lawyer.

'It also enabled me to see many social problems which developed into legal problems and which are now being recognised.'

A serious car accident in 1996 resulting in head, neck and back injuries kept Chris off work and doctors recommended he keep studying for his BA as part of his rehabilitation.

The accident also set back his lodge ambitions after joining Lodge Lenah Valley No 71 in Tasmania in 1997. He did not become a Master Mason until May 2008 in Lodge John Williams at the Kensington centre in Sydney.

He also affiliated with Eastern Suburbs Daylight Lodge in the same district when it called for support, and was installed as Master in November last year.


Chris plans to make the library as accessible as possible to everyone, whether they attend in person or use computers, with the realisation that people in country areas are usually too far away to be able to attend.

'We have 130 lectures on the new website which have been scanned and edited before being put on line. There is an amazing amount collected over the years from research lodges ranging from Tasmania to New Zealand and non-mainstream areas and this is helping to expand our resources.

'The library is open five days a week and people wander around, visit the

Museum and come in and talk. There are membership packs available and we're getting better at letting people know about the Craft and its history. We tell people there's nothing secret here.'

About 15 volunteers staff the library, some coming in every week, others once a month. Some of the older volunteers are over 80, some have been helping for more than 20 years and there is always room and work for more.

Chris has two sons and a daughter who has three children. His links with Freemasonry are extensive. His maternal grandfather was a mason in Tasmania and his father was a member of what is now Lodge Antiquity. 



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The Accidental Guerilla

Fighting the Small Wars in the midst of a Big One

By DAVID KILCULLEN

There are few who doubt that the first decade of the 21st Century has seen great changes in the nature of conflict across the globe, but many have yet to understand the depth and breadth of the current protagonists as well as their fears and concerns. There is widespread enquiry as to the world's potential to move beyond the atmosphere of strife. This book, by David Kilcullen, an Australian Royal Military College graduate and former colonel who has become a national security adviser in both the US and Australia, is a valuable instrument to reduce gaps in our understanding of causes and effects.

The book details elements of the 'loose coalition' of extremists co-ordinated by Al-Qaeda, the 'inciter-in-chief'. It adds depth to our awareness of the protracted Iraq and Afghanistan commitments and compares insurgent movement elsewhere in the world with the more commonly known terror-based events like 9/11 and the London, Madrid, Bali and other bombings. A realist but an optimist, the author shows how the accidental guerilla syndrome comes about and discusses the movement from expeditionary to home-grown terrorism. He puts the case for a worldwide consultation to address 'soft-power' means as the more suitable way, both financially and in enhancing international relationships for peace. His borrowed quote 'American power must be matched by American virtue' is telling. He submits education and the sparing use of military force using breakthrough techniques, as well as avoidance of bureaucratic misinterpretation of soundly-enunciated military principles, should be the instruments used to counter the horrors of terrorism and the estrangement of peoples and ideologies.



Presented in five chapters, the 300-page *Accidental Guerilla* is effectively split into comfortably absorbed sections and draws on carefully acknowledged bibliography. These include Kilcullen's

extensive field notes from experiences in every War on Terror theatre since 11 September 2001.

The book's sub-title Fighting the Small Wars in the midst of a Big One is indicative of breadth of outlook. There may have been some more minor conflicts omitted but the symptoms and remedies address them well in absentia. This reviewer commends the book to the reader interested in keeping big wars in the past, preferably yearning for ways of promoting brotherhood between and within nations. It is a book for re-reading and valuable reference.

Reviewed by RW Bro Major-General Raymond Sharp, AO RFD ED Ret'd

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ANZAC Fury

By PETER THOMPSON

This book commemorates the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe when 8,900 Anzac prisoners of war captured in Greece and Crete were released from captivity. In 2010 it will be exactly 70 years since the 2nd AIF arrived in the Middle East to begin their extraordinary adventures in battles against the German and Italian armies in North Africa, mainland Greece and Crete prior to the outbreak of the Pacific War.

Anzac Fury tells the riveting story of how the legendary Anzac Corps was reformed in the heat of battle during World War II to fight a powerful and mer-



ciless foe. Combining personal memories with combat action, the book gives voice to the experiences of young Australians and New Zealanders who were sent on Churchill's orders from the victorious battlefields of Libya on a disastrous mission to Greece and Crete.

Melbourne-born author Peter Thompson celebrates the Anzac spirit of sacrifice, mateship, courage and endurance that sustained the new Anzacs during the darkest days of the war. This is military history at its very best.

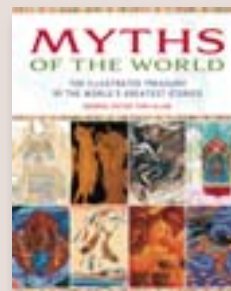
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Myths and fables

Myths and fables are often hard to prove wrong but sometimes it can happen. For example, the **Black Forest in Germany is green, the Danube is not blue and Venice is not the only major city to have canals.**

There's nothing nicer than to have a fairytale come true before your eyes and a romantic cruise along the Rhine River in Europe brings back many childhood memories of castles, dragons and maidens in distress.

The Avalon Waterways eight days of relaxing in the sun, enjoying lashings of good food and wine began with a lesson on the early working history of Holland and how it became one of the powerhouses of Europe.

When speaking of Holland, windmills and canals quickly come to mind and a guided visit was arranged to Zaanse Schans just outside Amsterdam to see the unique and fascinating Windmill Museum with its operating windmills, as well as a demonstration of how clogs are made.

Around 1920, there were only about 50 windmills left of the 1,000 which had made the Zaan district the oldest industrial area in the world and the local Wind-

mill Society currently owns 12 and operates them regularly.

A short visit to De Kat (The Cat) dye windmill to watch how it works is made more memorable by a climb up a very narrow and steep ladder to get to the top of the mill and a closer look at the whirling vanes.

The people who lived along the river Zaan built their first windmills around 1600, initially using the wind to keep their feet dry but later to develop an industrial area for the growth of barley, rice, paper, wood, hemp and many other products. From 1850, the work of the windmills was taken over by soot-spewing steam engines.

De Kat processes mineral dyes, chalk and abrasives and it is probably the last wind-powered dye mill in the world. It is an awesome feeling to stand close to the vanes and watch this monument to early industry and technology.

Then it was time to christen the new Avalon river cruiser, MS *Creativity*, in Volendam where the traditional bottle of champagne was duly despatched and the 140 passengers and crew prepared to set sail for the cruise to the Swiss city of Basel.

The first day was spent sightseeing along the Amsterdam canals, providing a good introduction to the city and its waterways, the marvellous old buildings and sights including the famous (or infamous) Red Light district.

On to the Rhine and another page in the history books of cities, cathedrals and



Windmills in Horn

castles as the vessel wanders along this majestic river where the only noticeable activity is getting into position for a good photograph.

Sailing along this international stretch of water presents remarkable scenery while the ship literally becomes a home away from home. The welcoming smiles from the crew, a refreshing cold drink and hot towel on return from shore tours and complimentary wine with dinner become routine.

It was pleasant at each meal to be personally greeted at the dining room door and to have staff lined up before dinner to invite each passenger to enjoy their meal. Staterooms were modern and comfortable with plenty of space and with the absence of waves, seasickness was a forgotten word.

Large floor to ceiling windows gave uninterrupted views on both sides of the lounge and dining room. Meals were plentiful and well-cooked and any concerns about weight problems were slightly eased by a colourful calorie counter prominently displayed on each table.





The Rhine, without doubt Europe's most famous waterway, rises high in the Swiss Alps to exit into the North Sea through the Netherlands for a total length of 1,320 kilometres. It has 36 locks to facilitate two-way travel.

Cologne Cathedral's imposing spires, standing aloof in the daylight and floodlit at night, was our first stop and a fitting tribute to Gothic architecture. It deserves the attraction of the thousands of tourists who gaze in silence at the massive arches and the entrancing work of the ancient masons.

But the tempo switches with the arrival at the 2,000 years old city of Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. The city is divided with modern stores and buildings in the New section and historic houses, medieval squares and cobbled streets in the Old section.

Luck was with us on our walking tour as the guide had only three passengers to entertain as she took us around the Old section. This included a stop where names of AIDS victims, including Rock Hudson, were inscribed on the pavement and a hole in the adjoining church wall was pointed out where a plate on a long handle was pushed from inside to enable victims to receive communion.

This stretch from Koblenz is the most beautiful on the river and a total viewing scene with castles dotted every kilometre along the shore. The cruise director expertly provided a three-hour description to spell out details of each castle as well as the famous Lorelei statue on the riverbank but there was an absence of the singing which had lured ancient sailors to their doom.

Rudesheim was a ball. Siegfried's Mechanical Museum exhibited working models of various musical instruments of past years followed by a visit to the local Schloss hotel for a glass (or two) of special coffee brandy and a singalong with a rousing rendition of 'Waltzing Matilda'.

Further musical memories flooded back with our stop at Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university town and the obligatory visit to the imposing castle along the inevitable cobblestones which were creating tender toes before sailing to Strasbourg, the seat of several European institutions, and finally Breisach, the gateway to Germany's Black Forest.

Until the Middle Ages, the Black Forest was really and truly a dark forest, a murky and almost impenetrable woodland. Modern roads and the wood industry have allowed light to penetrate, enabling a strong tourist trade and establishment of

Above left: An Amsterdam canal

Above: A castle on the Rhine

the impressive House of the Black Forest Clocks. The first cuckoo clocks were created about 1740 and clockmaker Adolf Herr controls a family woodcarving business which has been operating for eight generations. He uses linden wood because it doesn't split and will chip, slice and carve a souvenir as you watch.

The three-storey shop has one floor devoted to magnificent grandfather clocks and these, as well as other richly decorated Bahnhausle clocks, have become a symbol of the Black Forest which is instantly recognised anywhere in the world.

Time was up and our cruise was coming to an end. This new and growing industry is attracting more customers throughout the world and Patrick Clark, managing director of Avalon Waterways, said *Creativity* is the ninth vessel in the fleet. It will be joined by three more in 2011.

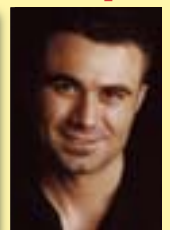
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'In the Footsteps of Freemasonry'

Due to a change in arrangements for other masonic events in November, negotiations have resulted in the registration deadline for the above tour (which starts on 31 October) to be extended.

At the moment, around 80 people have confirmed their participation in the tour and the maximum number that can be accommodated is 100.

As mentioned, the tour itself starts on 31 October and follows in the footsteps of Jesus' life and ministry. Travel around the Lake of Tiberias, Nazareth, the Templars strongholds of Acre, Safed the site of the Sanhedrin and the Cabbalists, Caesarea, Tel Aviv-Jaffa and Jerusalem of

Solomon's Temple fame. See also the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Nativity in Bethlehem and visit the sites of the Dead Sea, Kumran of the Esseenes, Beersheba and Eilat on the Red Sea with its famous King Solomon Mines, cruise in the gulf of Akkaba and dine under sea level.

A supplementary module (four days) is available to visit Egypt with its pyramids and ancient tombs, Alexandria and Cairo with the remains of King Tutankhamun and a cruise on the Nile.

To obtain a copy of the itinerary and registration form, please visit the 'Members Area' of our website:

www.freemasonsnswact.org.au
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Rumours concerning Freemasonry

Again, Freemasonry's name has been incorrectly associated with a number of things both within Australia and internationally.

In one instance, Freemasonry was supposedly involved in a US\$1 billion international scheme and more recently, this Grand Lodge was rumoured to have given financial assistance to 'prop up' one of Sydney's biggest and better known private hospitals.

Any information that you may hear which causes you any concern or doubt, please feel free to seek clarification by emailing details to:

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NSW Delegation for the Victorian Grand Installation

The Grand Lodge of NSW and ACT was represented at the Victorian Grand Installation by a delegation of over twenty masons accompanied by a number of their partners.



The Grand Master Dr Greg Levenston and Miss Judith Morrice were supported by the Deputy Grand Master RW Bro Derek Robson and the Assistant Grand Master RW Bro Jamie Melville. Both Grand Wardens and a number of the Grand Ceremonial Team as well as Past Grand Officers enjoyed the opportunity to join together in the formal functions as well as an informal dinner and social outings.

A highlight was a get-together after the Interstate Reception on Thursday night where the NSW delegation enjoyed good food and good company.

The Grand Installation was held in the Dallas Brooks Centre and was a showcase of excellent formality. The Installation Banquet was held in the Melbourne Entertainment Centre complex. A highlight at this event was the Victorian Police Show Band, present as the new Victorian Grand Master MW Bro Vaughan Werner was Assistant Commissioner of Police.

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Roger runs it well

Roger McGarry is in the **happy position** of enjoying the subjects he likes best – Accountancy/Administration, tennis and running.

Born in Sydney but schooled in Perth, Roger is the Assistant Accountant at Grand Lodge, and handles the day-to-day banking as well as financial areas involving Membership, masoniCare, charity, the Museum and Grand Lodge.

Apart from accountancy, his major leisure activities are tennis, which he plays every week, swimming, the arts and running.

'I did a lot of athletics at school and have completed at least ten in the Sydney City to Surf runs with a best time of about 53 minutes. But after a number of years away, I'll probably walk the 14kms this year. I play tennis regularly and really enjoy getting on to the court,' said Roger whose father's side of the family had a masonic background in country WA.

Fitness has always been a major factor in Roger's life, and he believes his continued interest in sport has been a major factor in maintaining good health.

Initially he was interested in pharmacy, but never got good grades because study didn't come easily.

'I was always precise and enjoyed working with figures. I just like to see money handled properly, and have never been one of those people who say near enough is good enough,' he said.

'Precise, exact and everything balanced was my style, and I used that system when Treasurer in other community service organisations.'

Roger came back last year from two weeks holiday in Singapore and the Philippines to find that with staff reductions, his job was gone. Three weeks after his return, he was interviewed and accepted for the position at Grand Lodge.

'There haven't been any problems settling in. The staff are very easy to work with.'

Singapore was his first real overseas holiday although he had taken a short break in New Zealand a number of years earlier, and said that future trips would

depend on when time was available.

His parents, both 80 this year, have retired to the South Coast some 18 years ago. He has two children, one grandson and as the eldest of four has one brother and two sisters.

During his career, he has had extensive experience in Accountancy, Administration and Office Management with a variety of different sized organisations over a number of different industries.

But he has another aim to achieve. After completing a Celebrant Course in 2007, he has been trying to become registered, however he has had difficulty in finding time and the necessary capital to set up this part-time business.

In the meantime, he will concentrate



on his accountancy work, and start getting into condition for another City to Surf run.

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Collect stamps?

The term **'philately'** when freely translated from its Greek origins means a lover (philos) of untaxed (a – negative, talein – tax) things. The **postage stamp** signified that the attached letter arrived **cost free to the recipient**. The term was invented by a Frenchman named Herpin in 1865.

Robson Lowe, a world philatelic authority, has described a stamp as 'a dirty little piece of paper that someone else had spat upon'. Obviously this description still fits some of the stamps that we use but many have been replaced by the self-adhesive variety. Despite this rather vulgar description, in excess of 30 million people around the world are avid stamp collectors.

Originally mail had been sent pay on delivery but too many letters were refused and had to be returned to the post office of origin, with all associated costs, but no revenue to the post office. A reformer, Rowland Hill, who was investigating this anomaly, suggested in 1837 that letters be sent prepaid at a penny per half ounce for any distance in Great Britain and Ireland. He proposed that wrappers and envelopes with an imprint of the post office hand stamp be sold at all post offices.

For those who wanted to use their own stationery, he suggested a piece of paper large enough to carry the stamps and covered on the back with a glutinous wash which might attach to the letter with a little moisture. When brought to parliament, the Postmaster General, Lord Lichfield, rubbished the plan by stating that this was the most extraordinary of all the

wildcat schemes he had ever encountered.

Hill, not to be defeated, distributed a pamphlet outlining his proposal to the general public, resulting in forcing the Treasury to reduce postal rates to a penny per half ounce. The Treasury then requested Hill to work out the details of his scheme and he launched a public competition for the design of his piece of paper. On 1 May 1840, the world's first postage stamp, the Penny Black bearing a portrait of the young Queen Victoria, went on sale.

Although the Post Office lost revenue under the new system, there was no question of returning to the previous post paid on delivery system. The success of the new system in terms of popularity and efficiency caused other national governments to follow suit.

The first stamps in Australia were the Sydney views series issued in 1850 by New South Wales. The first Commonwealth of Australia stamps were issued in 1913, years after Federation in 1901. Australian stamp designs are selected by the Minister on the advice of experts and postal officials. All nations compete in issuing stamps for both commerce and prestige.

It is not known precisely when stamp collecting started, however an advertisement appeared in the *London Times* in 1841, where a young lady wished to cover her dressing room walls with used stamps. She had succeeded in collecting 16,000 but needed many more to meet her aim.

The magazine *Punch* caught up with the mood by publishing the following article: 'A new mania has bitten the industriously idle ladies of England. To enable a wager to be gained, they have been indefatigable in their endeavours to collect penny stamps, in fact they betray more anxiety to treasure queens' heads than Harry the Eighth did to get rid of them.'



Philately has been the hobby of people from all walks of life. King George V insisted that Tuesday and Thursday afternoons be free from State affairs, often spending the time looking at his magnificent collection of British and Commonwealth stamps. This is now held by his granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth II.

A fault can make a stamp valuable. The famous 'swan upside down' stamps are an example. In April 1970, a Sydney schoolboy sold a sheet of 48 stamps which he had purchased for \$2 for \$5,400. The value had been omitted from the sheet.

The first stamp catalogues appeared almost simultaneously in Belgium, Britain, France, Germany and the United States during the 1860s. As there are probably over 200,000 stamp varieties, most collectors specialise, either in one country, continent, style or period. Some may specialise in art, flowers, fish, trains, ships or buildings. Many countries provide a philatelic service which caters for collectors.

Smaller States, such as the Vatican City and San Marino have derived substantial incomes from stamp sales. Contrary to the experience of currency devaluation, stamps are appreciating all the time. The most valuable piece of property for its mass and size is the one cent British Guinea stamp of 1856, only one of which is known to exist. In 114 years since it was issued (in 1970) it had appreciated some ten million times.

Although modern electronic advances in communication such as email are making letter-writing less popular, the art of collecting will still be around for a long time.

I would add more, but I must review my collection, just in case there is some insignificant stamp there which may make me a fortune.





We All Can Do

Victor Hugo was quoted as saying: *Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and cannot remain silent.*

Music is an integral part of Freemasonry. Fanfares, processional and recessional music, and incidental music are a major part of our ceremonies. Music at our banquets can foster companionship and goodwill.

When our odes sound at Grand Lodge and Installations, we are reminded of the integral part that music plays and that good things happen when masonic musicians perform with lyrics that reinforce the teachings found within Freemasonry.

Lodges which seek accreditation will soon be required to have certain processes that lay the foundation for music to be an integral part of Freemasonry.

To nurture music education, music appreciation, music resources and music therapy, a Masonic School of Music is to be created with resources, teachers, performers and lecturers to be sought.

Last November, a recital was held at Grand Lodge as the launch of Masonic Music Appreciation. Masonic musicians, professional musicians and advanced music students will be encouraged to perform in the hope of attracting members of the public into the building instead of walking past. At the same time, it becomes a means of educating masons, their families, friends, and the public of some of the benefits to be found in Freemasonry and masonic music.

We can appreciate music and musicians by organising performers and performances, thanking those who perform, attend recitals and workshops and assist in the production of music for ceremonies and recitals within our own lodge, district, region or jurisdiction.


We can nurture the creating of masonic musicians, organists and soloists within our reach to ensure that lodges have music. Our meetings are incomplete when and if music is excluded.

Some brethren have served Masonry not only with ritual but also with music.

It is amazing how these brethren can accompany a lodge as an organist, or sing a solo, play trumpet, harp or bagpipes, have an office in their lodge and then stand and recite ritual to the highest of standards.

The Masonic Ensemble always attracts applause when it performs. It can also use new members and anyone interested should contact the Grand Director of Music through Grand Lodge.

Musical brethren range from a Lewis to a leader, some have performed overseas and others at the highest levels in Australia; there are artistic directors, composers and accompanists with many awards and honours.

It is hoped that in ten years time, the number of masonic musicians will have increased but this can only come through encouragement and support. It is an action We All Can Do. 

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A football genius

With a nickname like '**Podge**' you have to be very good if you decide to take up a sport ... And that's what happened to **William Richard Maunder** whose appearances between 1921 and 1928 created a renewal of **enthusiasm for soccer** in Northern NSW.

He was born in Newcastle in 1903 and quickly joined a local junior team called the 'Woodpeckers'. He scored almost 50 goals in a season to help West Wallsend Public school win a PSAAA competition before progressing to West Wallsend seniors at the age of 16. His reputation for fair and inspirational play eventually attracted the interest of selectors and in 1921 at the age of 17 he was selected in the NSW team to tour Queensland. When negotiations were completed with New Zealand in 1922 for the first Australian team to tour overseas, Podge Maunder found his name in the touring squad.

Maunder was a star from the beginning and his brightness and skills became better with experience. He was a natural striker of the ball and fitted perfectly into the role of centre forward (chief striker) with his speed, courage under pressure, power and direction in his shots and the ability to rally his colleagues.

He had great support from his family as his father was a pioneer from 1896 to 1914 and his older brother Henry was also a soccer international. They were the first NSW brothers to play in the same Australian team.

When the Australian team reached New Zealand they had a series of matches against local teams and three Tests. The First Test was played at Dunedin on 17 June 1922 and Maunder carved his name in the record books by becoming the first player to score a goal for Australia in a soccer international, a record that cannot be beaten. He scored in the first half after New Zealand had led 1-0. New Zealand won the Test 3-1 before a crowd of 8,000. When New Zealand visited Australia in 1923, Maunder scored the winner in the 89th minute for Australia in the 2-1 success over the Kiwis at Brisbane in June, the first international goal scored by an Australian in Australia, and the first goal



'Podge' Maunder (front row, far left) with teammates from Australia's first national team in Dunedin, New Zealand in 1922.


two minutes from half time in the 4-1 loss to the visitors at Newcastle on 30 June.

Maunder's international career included ten appearances for Australia against New Zealand, Canada, China and England in which he scored six goals, the remaining three against Canada.

Maunder was just 20 years old when he led the Australians for the first time in the scoreless draw against Canada at the Newcastle Showground in June 1924. He was captain again the following year against England in Melbourne but sustained a knee injury which kept him out of action for at least a year and had an ultimate effect on his career.

As a professional sprinter he won many races, went on to captain NSW and Australia and in 10 seasons scored more than

500 goals as well as rejecting an offer to play professionally with Scottish club St Mirren. He was inducted into the Football Federation Australia Hall of Fame in February 1999.

William Maunder came from a masonic background with many members of his family in the Craft. He was initiated into Lodge St Andrews at West Wallsend on 6 May 1925 at the age of 22 with his occupation given as a clerk, passed 3 June and raised 1 July. He affiliated with Lodge Sedgwick No 125, meeting at the Masonic Centre, National Park Road, Newcastle on 21 November 1935. He left that lodge in 1949 but had affiliated into Lodge Eastwood No 390 on 5 July 1945 and remained a member until his death on 25 June 1964. 



Grand Lodge Receptionist Brenda Chin celebrates receiving her Citizenship Certificate with the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

A Change in Auburn

On Thursday 18 March at the Auburn Masonic Centre and in the RL Loyd Conclave No 14, PKt Jack Munton was enthroned as its MPS by P Knight Brian Wilcox, and Em Kt James Dwyer was consecrated as its new Viceroy. A strong sense of knighthood in this Conclave enables all knights to enjoy their Constantine Masonry.



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What the initials mean

The use of initials to depict an office, person or event is widespread throughout the world and

Freemasonry has a similar situation. Many readers of the *NSW Freemason* would be unfamiliar with the initials

scattered in the respective stories and reports and to assist them, this issue will explain those initials and the office they represent.

The prefix P before initials such as PGM (Past Grand Master) indicates an officer who has previously held the position or who has been given conferred grand rank.

Key to Officers of the Grand Lodge:

- GM:** The Grand Master, the leader of Freemasonry in NSW/ACT
- DGM:** The Deputy Grand Master
- AGM:** The Assistant Grand Master
- SGW/JGW:** Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, the principal officers assisting the Grand Master
- GC:** Grand Chaplain
- GDC:** Grand Director of Ceremonies, who controls the proceedings
- SGD/JGD:** Senior and Junior Grand Deacons, who assist the other Officers
- GO:** Grand Organist, who provides appropriate music
- GD of M:** Grand Director of Music
- RGC:** Regional Grand Counsellor, who supervises a defined region within the State
- DGIW:** District Grand Inspector of Workings, who supervises a defined District

Officers and members of a Private Lodge:

- WM:** The Worshipful Master, the leader of the lodge
- PM:** A Past Worshipful Master
- SW/JW:** Senior and Junior Wardens, who assist the Worshipful Master
- SD/JD:** Senior and Junior Deacons, who assist the other Officers
- DC:** Director of Ceremonies for the lodge
- MM:** Master Mason, a member of the Lodge
- FCF:** Fellow Craft Freemason, a progressing candidate
- EAF:** Entered Apprentice Freemason, a new candidate

Tip Card #3 Teams

AIM – This tip is to help your lodge operate as a cohesive unit – one for all and all for one! Do your members act as a team and reap the rewards that come with success?

Target

We all have a favourite team we like to follow, that's the Aussie way. We also like to think that our team is the best and is the winning team. So it should be in our lodge too.

Teams don't just happen; teams are moulded, structured, trained and have their strengths continually reinforced and their weaknesses, well, they try to work these out of their system.

What makes a successful team?

Why are some teams with 'winning players' still losers?

It should come as no surprise to you that success does not come easily and maintaining success is not easy either. For any team to move ahead and/or try to remain on top requires strong leadership, wisdom, planning, mentoring, training, social events, family support, mixed with a little concoction of vision, desire, hard work and a preparedness to always be ready to adapt to the ever-changing wants and needs of the team, society or even the world.

You would have noticed throughout your life that just as some teams are winning teams so too some lodges are more successful than others. Alternatively, other teams and lodges just can't get it together and struggle most of the time. There have been occasions when a team or a lodge had their 15 minutes of glory then disappeared. This is because they were not a team.

Reasoning

A successful team is one that works together and plays together, including their families wherever possible in team activities and their social events. They generally also have a lot of social events. Everybody is

encouraged to be involved on and off the field. Team members are supportive of each other in both good and bad times. New members are mentored and individuals who consider themselves to be bigger and better than the team are generally weeded out.

Methodology

Whilst watching your favourite team sports in the future, take note of the number of times a team member, or members, run onto the field with one or more of their children or take them on a lap of honour after the game. Also take note how often the TV cameras zoom in on the wives and children in the crowd. These are not accidents; they are a purposely-engineered exercise in supporting and maintaining the 'mental health' of the team.

Target

Q. Where does Freemasonry come into this?

A. We are possibly the largest and most formative team ever put together in the world.

Q. How is the mental health of your lodge? Is your lodge successful or on a losing streak?

A. It is up to you, as a team member, to assess the health and condition of your lodge and to take any action necessary to restore your lodge to its rightful position.

All lodges deserve to be winners so if you feel something is missing, have a talk with your teammates at your next lodge meeting. Together you can fix it – all it takes is leadership, wisdom, planning, training, desire, socials, mentoring, vision etc. etc.



Regional Roundup



LODGE KEMPSEY MACLEAY No 203

Lodge Kempsey

In February, VW Bro Clifton Rudder PDGDC was awarded Life Membership of Lodge Kempsey Macleay No 203, in recognition of his many years of faithful service to the lodge.

The certificate was presented by the WM, RW Bro John Cook at the Cedar Place nursing home. VW Bro Rudder was initiated into the lodge in 1978, took the Chair in 1984 and was the lodge organist for many years. He is still in regular contact with members and is ably cared for by his wife Lillian.



VW Bro Clifton and RW Bro John Cook

ANZAC Ceremony

The Sutherland Shire Freemasons from District 29 have again joined the annual ANZAC Parade from the Servicemen's Club to the shrine at Sutherland.

They were represented by four brethren, including an Entered Apprentice, as well as a young lady, the daughter of one of the brethren.

Two books, which will go to a local school and be of benefit to youngsters for years to come, were donated. The books had the District's name and masonic logo on the inside cover so that children can see that Freemasons play a role in their community.

LODGE SWANSEA BELMONT No 1030

Support for Sailability

Two disabled and wheelchair-bound sailors were able to attend the Sailability National Titles, thanks to the generosity of the District 42 masons.

Lodge Swansea Belmont No 1030's annual appeal on behalf of the Sailability Belmont 16s successfully raised \$1,500 to assist. Lodge Swansea Belmont has now been supporting the Sailability Belmont 16s with annual donations for over eight years.

Previously the lodge, with support of the brethren of District 42, has raised money for a hoist for lifting the sailors'



wheelchairs on to the skiffs.

Sailability Belmont 16s is a volunteer organisation whose aims are to introduce sailing as a recreational and competitive sport to people who would not normally come into contact with water sports, especially the disabled.

Well done Lyn

At the May meeting of District 31, held under the charter of Lodge Punchbowl No 244, the Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston, presented Lyn Quirk with the Grand Master's Distinguished Service Award for her 'invaluable contribution to Freemasonry and the community in general'.

Lyn has been very active in the Craft since her husband, RW Bro Bruce Quirk joined Lodge Warragamba No 541 35 years ago, and has devoted herself to the scouting movement, St Vincent's Hospital, The Leukaemia Foundation and Kingswood High School, where she presents a memorial shield to the highest achiever in the support classes, an annual event for almost 20 years.

In recent years Lyn, although disabled, has accompanied her husband on his many visits as DGIW of District 34 and



Lyn Quirk with the Grand Master's Award

lately, RGC of Region 3.

On hearing of the presentation, VW Bro David Carruthers (IPM of Lodge Corrective Services), a memorial shield manufacturer, offered to mount the award in a suitable frame.



Fireys blow out the candles

Over 160 masons, partners and guests joined the WM, W Bro Daniel Butler and the Grand Master, in the banquet hall of the Sydney Masonic Centre to celebrate the 50th birthday of Lodge Fire Brigades.

The Grand Master thanked Lodge Fire Brigades for its continued support and



The Grand Master and W Bro Daniel Butler, with officers of Lodge Fire Brigades

specifically for its contribution to the Masonic Building Task Force which will enable Freemasons to meet in buildings that are safe, comfortable and proper places to conduct their proceedings.

W Bro John Carroll proposed the Toast to Lodge Fire Brigades and gave a short talk on the lodge and the diversity of its members. The WM then cut a magnificent cake adorned with the emblem of the lodge.

LODGE WAHROONGA No 674

Father and son

The March meeting of Lodge Wahroonga No 674 was special as it was the occasion of a father passing his son to the Second Degree.

The WM, W Bro Pritam Singh, opened the lodge and in due course invited W Bro Riminda Barr to take the chair to conduct the ceremony.

There were two candidates, Bro Jahan Barr and Bro Douglas Wylie, friends from their schooldays and now both studying at university in Canberra.

The two proved excellent candidates and were warmly congratulated at the end of the ceremony by the WM and by W Bro Barr, who was raised in Lodge Wahroonga in his early days in the Craft, while a member of Lodge Warragamba No 541.



Bro Jahan Barr and his father, W Bro Riminda Barr

LACHLAN MACQUARIE LODGE 1042

A moving ceremony

In January, Lachlan Macquarie Lodge 1042, the newest lodge in Region 5, Mid North Coast, went on a fraternal visit on behalf of one of their members, Bro Tommy Jeffs, who had temporarily moved to Cowra.

Tommy, who had taken his First and Second Degrees while in Port Macquarie, went to Cowra to help his brother Collin, who is owner and manager of The Imperial Hotel there.

The lodge was represented by its Foundation Master and Immediate Past Master, W Bro Graham Tunstall. Bro Jeffs wanted

Alpha's Anniversary

Lodge Alpha No 970 celebrated its 500th meeting in grand style with close to 140 brethren present for the occasion, including eight Entered Apprentices and seven Fellowcrafts.

The Grand Master and 26 accompanying Grand Lodge Officers were greeted by the WM, W Bro Russell Dobson.

The minutes of the consecration meeting in 1969 were read by VW Bro Rosen, which aroused great interest. The Grand Master then presented RW Bro Angus Fraser with his Fifty Year Certificate.

In the south the celebrations continued with fine food distributed by the Rainbow Girls, and then the Grand Master and WM together cut the huge cake and unveiled a fine Installed Masters board, handcrafted by W Bro Les Coombs.

to take his Third degree with his Lachlan Macquarie brethren but was stopped by work commitments so 30 members and partners, including Bro Michael Sprague who was also going to take the Degree with Bro Jeffs, decided to pay a fraternal visit to Lodge Young Burrangon No 20.

Friday night was spent at The Imperial Hotel where Tommy hosted a wonderful dinner for his brethren and their partners.

Saturday saw the group move on to Young for the ceremony, which was conducted by Lachlan Macquarie Lodge officers in the Young Burrangong Masonic Centre.

After the ceremony a dinner was held at the Young Bowling Club where over 80 members and partners enjoyed the hospitality of Young.



Lachlan Macquarie Lodge members including Daylight Lodge members who travelled to Young for the ceremony (Bro Tommy Jeffs and Bro Michael Sprague, front row third and fourth from left respectively)



LODGE RUDYARD KIPLING No 143

Lodge Rudyard Kipling visit

On Tuesday 23 March, a large contingent of brethren from Lodge Morisset No 441 travelled by coach to the Bexley Masonic Centre in Sydney.

The occasion was a fraternal visit to Lodge Rudyard Kipling No 143. Among the brethren from Morisset were two Fellowcraft Freemasons, Bro Darren James McManus-Smith and Bro Daniel Kelvin Sloane.

These two brethren were raised to the Third Degree by the Worshipful Master and brethren of Lodge Rudyard Kipling.

The connection between these two lodges began when the Director of Ceremonies of Lodge Rudyard Kipling, RW Bro Bill Welch and his wife Marie, moved to the Central Coast and Bill joined Lodge

Morisset, thus founding a lasting friendship between the two lodges.

A delightful meal was served for all present, accompanied by fine wine especially bottled for the lodge.

The late Bro Rudyard Kipling would surely have approved.



RW Bro Robson AM, Deputy Grand Master, with the two Worshipful Masters and Candidates for the evening

Coast Freemasons Association CANDO! Golf Classic



L-R: VW Bro Norm Standing, DGIW of District 52, grandson Matthew Standing, son Tim Standing

A sharp shower right at the beginning of play did not dampen the spirits of 36 three-man Ambrose teams participating in The Coffs Coast and Clarence CANDO! Golf Classic, at the Coffs Harbour Golf Club on 26 February.

Members of the Coffs Coast Freemasons Association spent months planning and seeking sponsorship from local business houses.

The prize of a Ford Fiesta for every hole in one on the 3rd hole was up for grabs, and all the players tried hard to win it. The event was a great success and raised nearly \$4,250.

'We are very pleased with the success of the Golf Day and thank all the players and local business houses for their support,' said VW Bro Norm Standing, DGIW of District 52, chairman of the Coffs Coast Freemasons Association.

'It was also a special day for my wife Judy and I. Our son and grandson trav-

LODGE WYALDRA No 238

ANZAC Night at Lodge Wyaldra



Lodge Wyaldra No 238 held its customary ANZAC Night, with visitors invited from the RSL, fire brigade and local high school to take part and share the occasion.

The town's bugler attended and provided his musical expertise, and he brought along his grandson, who helped the Worshipful Master lay the wreath.

Swords and .303 rifles were employed in performing parade ground drills.

In the south there was army stew and plenty of sweets, thank to the hardworking ladies of the lodge who provided a magnificent and appropriate meal.

A good night was had by all, thanks to the spirit of those who came along and made it so.

Bro Peter Doran, who works as a paramedic in the ambulance service in the Gulgong area, was raised to the third degree at the March meeting with VW Bro John Esber PDGIW taking the Chair for the ceremony.

elled down from Brisbane especially to play in a team together,' he said.

The CANDO! Golf Classic was part of an ongoing fundraising campaign to raise \$100,000 to set up the Coffs Coast and Clarence CANDO! Cancer Trust that will assist cancer patients attending the Coffs Harbour Cancer Institute.



THE CEDARS LODGE No 1041

Cedars Spectacular

Nearly 200 masons attended the Installation of Bro Nicholas Cook at The Cedars Lodge No 1041 earlier this year by Installing Master, RW Bro Garry Sayed.

The Grand Master, who was accompanied by over 50 Grand Lodge Officers, greeted all the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcrafts, together with M Ex Comp Ted Keenahan of the Mark and Royal Arch Masons, MW Grand Supreme Ruler Michael Shearer of the Order of the Secret Monitor and many 20/20 Masons.

The south that followed was memo-



L-R: The Grand Master, MW Bro Gregory Levenston, W Bro Nicholas Cooke, Worshipful Master and RW Bro Garry Sayed, Installing Master

orable for the Lebanese banquet and for the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Mrs Noha Sayed for her outstanding efforts during the lodge's first two years.

Masonry in action

Freemasons? Who are you? What do you do? These were the questions most often asked at District 114 raffle selling stalls, at the shopping malls in Batemans Bay, at the Moruya Markets and at the Eurobodalla Show.

The primary purpose of the stalls was to let people know Freemasonry has been operating in the community for over 130 years. The District brethren also held a

successful raffle which raised \$18,777, which included a masoniCare grant of \$8,000 and a grant of \$3,500 from the Moruya Country Markets.

This made a very significant impact on purchasing equipment and refurbishing the Moruya Hospital Cancer Care Centre and at the same time demonstrated that Freemasonry is active in the community.



The District 114 stall at the Eurobodalla Show. L-R: Bro John Irtel, W Bro Des Good, Mrs Naomi Good, Mrs Judy Bradford, VW Bro Allan Brown.

LODGE KATOOMBA No 118

Katoomba Final

Installation nights are always notable and memorable occasions, and the Installation of Bro David Cooze as WM of Lodge Katoomba No 118, in March, was no exception.

The Installing Master was W Bro Tony Watson and the Grand Master was represented by RW Rev Bro Peter Kilkeary OAM PJGW, Grand Chaplain.

Two long service Certificates and jewels were presented.

The first was a 70 year award to 95 year-old RW Bro Stan Fallows, a long time member of Lodge Katoomba, who entertained the lodge for several minutes recounting highlights of his masonic career.

The second presentation was to Bro George Marriott-Stathan, for his 60 years in the Craft.

LODGE GUNDAGAI UNITED No 25

A Gala Night in Gundagai



Over 450 people attended the Lodge Gundagai United No 25 Masonic Debutante Ball.

This grand formal occasion is a very special event in the town and the District and has been held annually for nearly 50 years.

The Ball was held in the Gundagai District Services Club and was very well attended. Eighteen Debs and their partners were presented to the Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston, and Judith Morrice, during the proceedings.



Lodges of Excellence

Two lodges meeting in the Castle Hill Masonic Centre have achieved accreditation as Lodges of Excellence. They are Lodge Resurgo No 223 and The Hills Lodge No 1025.

At his first meeting as WM, W Bro Mike Morris was presented with the lodge's Certificate of Accreditation by the then Regional Grand Counsellor, RW Bro Bruce Quirk. It was the culmination of many months of hard work, particularly on the part of the incoming RGC, RW Bro Nigel Hamilton.



L-R: W Bro Sam Harrison and W Bro Mike Morris with their lodges' Certificates of Excellence.

Goulburn Chapter No 94 OES – Open Installation

The masonic fraternity of District 102 were well represented at the open installation of Goulburn Chapter No 94 of the Order of the Eastern Star, in Goulburn in the OES Hall.

Sister Dawn Bellingham was installed as the 62nd Worthy Matron in the presence of some 70 members, visitors and guests, several of whom had travelled from Sydney, Canberra and other distant areas.

The ceremony of Installation was most impressive and very well performed by the ladies of the OES, after which all enjoyed a delightful Installation Dinner.



Back row L-R: Mrs Noeline Preston; W Bro Bruce Preston, Master of Lodge William Ross No 550; VW Bro John Presbury, DGIW, District No 102; Ill. Bro Neville Usher, representing Goulburn Rose Croix; V Ex Comp Terrence Hall, representing Goulburn Royal Arch Chapter; W Bro Tim Woolley, Master of Goulburn Lodge of Australia No 58; Mrs Donna Woolley; Mrs Linda Mawbey; W Bro Sid Mawbey, Master of Lodge Duke of Edinburgh No 76

Front Row: RW Bro Ken Bellingham; Worthy Matron Sister Dawn Bellingham; Worthy Patron Bro Gerald Bassell and his daughter Mrs Rae Smith

LODGE HORIZONS No 1032

Father from the other side of the world

In Lodge Horizons No 1032 in January, Bro Alexandre Chaves da Silva was initiated into Freemasonry in the presence of his father, W Bro Adao Chaves da Silva, who had travelled from Brazil to be at his son's 'rebirth' as he described it.

The evening had an even greater significance for Bro Alexandre because, in addition to his father's attendance, his friend VW Bro Andre Fettermann, occupied the chair of King Solomon.

W Bro Adao Silva said, 'I had to come and witness this special moment. A moment I'll never forget'.

Lodge Horizons also initiated Bro Sam Johnson and Bro Jorge Antonio Saco Villanueva on that night.

Sixty years in Masonry

W Bro Ron Edwards of Lodge Kiama No 35 was presented with his 60 year certificate and jewel by DGIW, VW Bro Keith Clemmett, at the lodge's February meeting. His friend and nominator into Freemasonry, VW Bro John Leroy, aged 94, was present for the occasion.

In September 1965 he affiliated with Lodge Herne Bay No 788, and after winning a ballot for Tyler served in all offices until he was installed as WM on 13 September 1975.

W Bro Edwards has been a dedicated member and officer of Lodge Kiama since he affiliated in 1991. He was WM in 1996-97 and has served as Director of Ceremonies on many occasions.



VW Bro Keith Clemmett DGIW, presents W Bro Ron Edwards with his 60 year certificate and jewel.



W Bro Adao and Bro Alexandre da Silva in Sydney



70 Years Service

BEDGGOOD, KENNETH	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
FALLOWS, STANLEY	Lodge Katoomba 118
MILNER, DESMOND	Lodge Commonwealth Of Australia 633

60 Years Service

AUSTIN, KENNETH	The Old Sydneians' Lodge 639
BARNWELL, HARRIE	Lodge Epping 390
BELL, GEORGE	Lodge Enterprise 400
BELL, RICHARD	Lodge Enterprise 400
BENNETT, REGINALD	Lodge Friendship 158
BENSON, PETER	Lodge Ingleburn 815
BOYTON, JOHN	Lodge Temora 168
BRIAN, HARRY	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300
BRIGHTWELL, JOHN	Lodge Burns Wentworth Tuscan 21
BURNS, ROBERT	Lodge Edinburgh St John 38
CALDERWOOD, GEOFFREY	Lodge Commonwealth Of Australia 633
CAMERON, ANGUS	Lodge Commonwealth Of Australia 633
CAMERON, BRUCE	Lodge Carringtonia 187
COUCHMAN, JOHN	Lodge Condobolin 185
DAVIS, TREVOR	Lodge Fidelity King Solomon 101
DOAK, ALAN	Port Macquarie Daylight Lodge 991
DWYER, KELSON	Lodge Artarmon United 285
EBELING, ROY	Lodge Springwood 409
EDDY, RICHARD	Lodge Ophir 17
GIBSON, RAYMOND	Lodge Beecroft 359
GRIFFITHS, HARRY	Lodge Gowrie Of Canberra 715
HAMILTON, JOHN	Tenterfield 55
HENERY, MAXWELL	Lodge John Williams 148
HUDDLE, MAXWELL	Lodge St John's 16
JOHNSTON, VICTOR	Lodge Swansea Belmont 1030
LAWSON, FRANCIS	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
LEAN, HAROLD	Lodge Commonwealth Of Australia 633
LINGARD, GEORGE	Lodge Resurgo 223 Lodge of Excellence
LOWING, DAVID	Lodge St John's 16

Tamworth Country Music Festival 2010

Brethren of the combined Tamworth lodges operated a popular barbecue under the masoniCare banner during the Tamworth Country Music Festival early this year.

It was a very successful exercise in awareness of Freemasonry. Funds raised will be applied to masonic charities.

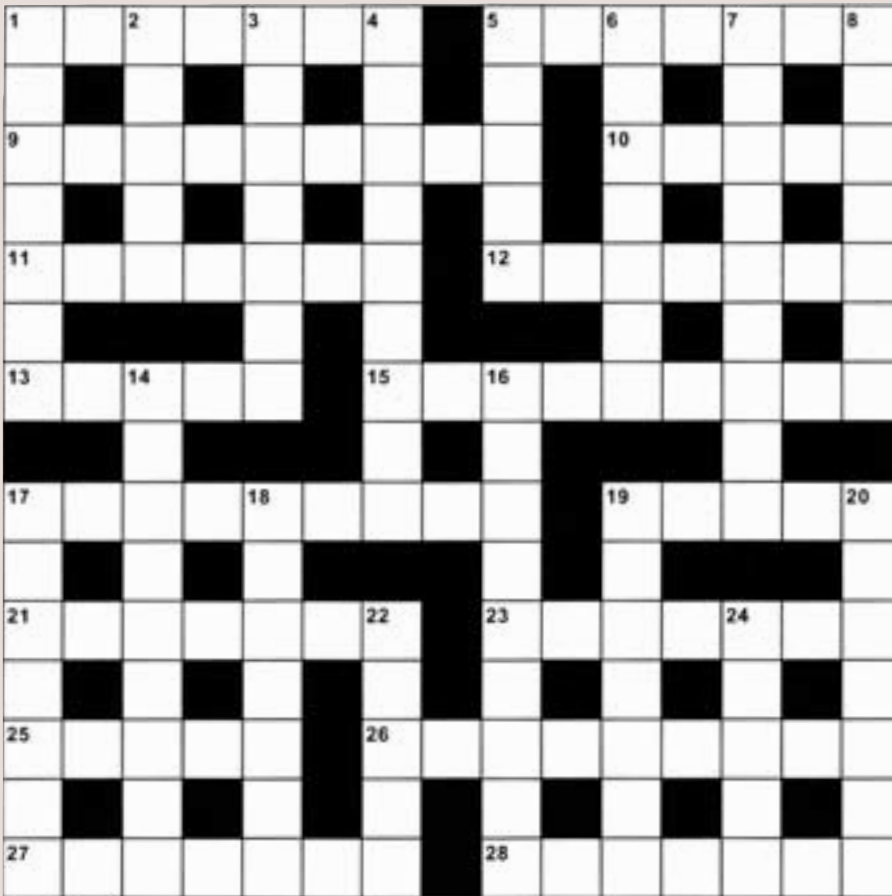


W Bro Reg Phillips and Bro John Ludewig serving a customer

MARRIOTT-STATHAM, GEORGE	Lodge Katoomba 118
PATERSON, GEORGE	Lodge Swansea Belmont 1030
PUXTY, HYMAN	Lodge Richard Coley 152
ROBERTSON, LESLIE	Lodge Helensburgh 566
TAYLOR, HUGH	The Leichhardt Lodge 133
WALLACE, GEORGE	Wallis Plains 4
WALPOLE, JOHN	Lodge Tomalpin 253
WESTFALLEN, LANCE	Lodge Kilwinning 13
WILLIAMS, ALLAN	Lodge Resurgo 223 Lodge of Excellence
WOODS, LINDSAY	Lodge St John's 16

50 Years Service

BARNES, ROBERT	Lodge City of Newcastle 1035
BASS, STUART	Lodge St John's 16
BOWMAN, ROBERT	Lodge Gadara 39
BOWRA, LEON	Lodge Carringtonia 187
BOYD, IAN	The Old Sydneians' Lodge 639
BRAIN, MICHAEL	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
CAMERON, ROSS	Lodge St James 45
CATFORD, STANLEY	The Lodge Federation 196
DEAN, HORACE	Lodge Commonwealth Of Australia 633
DOWNING, ALBERT	Lodge Lithgow Valley 8
FAWNS, RODNEY	Lodge St John's 16
GIBSON, RONALD	Lodge Illawarra 59
GUM, PERCY	Lodge Olympus With Prosperity 278
HAMMOND, OSCAR	Lodge Eurobodalla Daylight 989
HAWKINS, ROBERT	Lodge Lithgow Valley 8
JACKSON, ROBERT	Twin Towns Daylight Lodge 981
JAMES, JACK	Lodge St David and St John 180
JOHNSON, WILLIAM	Lodge Carlton Kogarah 305
KING, BRUCE	Lodge Temora 168
LAFFEY, DENNIS	Lodge Wahroonga 674
LAING, GEOFFREY	Lodge Castlereagh 72
LAWTON, ROBERT	Lodge Bulli Thirroul 1040
LEE, HARVEY	Lodge Livingstone 71
LESTER, OLIVER	Lodge St John's 16
MANWARING, IAN	Lodge Pacific 298
MCCRABB, KENNETH	Lodge St John's 16
PARKER, WALTER	Lodge Lake Macquarie 243
PAYNTER, KENNETH	Lodge Beecroft 359
PIZARRO, FRANCIS	Lodge Liverpool 197
PROCTOR, HILTON	Lodge Wagga Wagga 22
ROBERTS, JAMES	Lodge Richard Coley 152
SINCLAIR, ANTHONY	Lodge Temora 168
SMITH, EDWARD	Lodge Commonwealth Of Australia 633
SMITH, ROBERT	The Hawkesbury Heritage Lodge 150
SMITH, ROGER	Lodge St John's 16
THOMAS, WALLACE	Lodge Toukley 933
THOMPSON, KENNETH	Lodge Carnarvon 172
TUFF, STEPHEN	The Lodge Federation 196
TURNBULL, JOHN	Lodge Fidelity King Solomon 101
WATT, OSWALD	Lodge Wahroonga 674
WEST, ERNEST	Lodge Temora 168
YOUNG, JOHN	Lodge St David and St John 180



ACROSS

- 1 Mary's on about building with stone (7)
- 5 Could be a farce as these vessels aren't needed in a temperance lodge (7)
- 9 I danced at the chance to be one of these (9)
- 10 Waste away with perspiration (5)
- 11 Border on extremes with other characters for a fraternal title (7)
- 12 Find his wisdom as some solo monks do (7)
- 13 Its down and contained in the apartheid era (5)
- 15 Raging blue sends out message of unholy status (9)

- 17 Such an agreement with another order does not accord somehow (9)
- 19 They are stupid to be crowded so close together (5)
- 21 Supervise six balls before 4th March we hear (7)
- 23 The form in which the best G.M. opened a communication (7)
- 25 A M.M.'s attainment is to gain this of 12 across (5)
- 26 Anger I say about one who disagrees (9)
- 27 Replace to alleviate (7)
- 28 Used written symbols to make a neat dot (7)

DOWN

- 1 Mother taxi about a gruesome event (7)
- 2 Mexican religious symbol found even in Asian Nation (5)
- 3 Therein lies not one nor the other (7)
- 4 Whether unready or messy, it's available all the time (4-5)
- 5 Some such essay involves a two sided battle (5)
- 6 Revel so about how to find a solution (7)
- 7 Ransom fee paid out for 11 across?
- 8 Given a silky surface to such stained material (7)
- 14 Call Haden about this use of a South building (5, 4)
- 16 Body of troops held on Latin boat (9)
- 17 Rich C.E.O provides better varieties (7)
- 18 See verbose characters in action (7)
- 19 What the Treasurer does with the funds I posted out (7)
- 20 The apprentice injured ten deer (7)
- 22 The apron is more ancient than this Roman one (5)
- 24 For example say why exercise held 'The Children' in bondage (5)

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ANZAC wreath laying

A wet and overcast morning greeted the 60 strong contingent of Freemasons who assembled at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, Sydney on ANZAC Day, under the direction of VW Bro Major Douglas James, RFD Retd PDGIW, to lay wreaths in memory of men and women of the masonic family, who paid the supreme sacrifice or lost loved ones as a result of war.

The Grand Master, assisted by Miss Judith Morrice and RW Bro Henry Fawkes

PAGM, a member of Z Force during World War II, placed a wreath on behalf of the Freemasons of NSW and the ACT.

RW Bro Bruce Balmond JGW, President of the Freemasons Association (NSW & ACT) Incorporated, assisted by Dr Captain Yvonne McIntyre (Vietnam) Retd, and RW Bro John McGregor PAGM, placed a wreath on behalf of masonic widows and service women.

The ceremony was organised by the Freemasons' Association following the



The Grand Master laying the wreath at the Sydney Cenotaph

very successful inaugural ceremony held on 25 April 2009.



Freemason welcomes new members to the Craft

Name	Lodge
ABBINK, Daniel	Lodge Bangalow 250
ACOSTA, Dong	Lodge Beauty of Cabra Vale 743
AGHAJANI, Ray	Lodge Artarmon United 285
AGNEW, Patrick	Lodge Millennium 2000
AGOSTINO, Paolo	Lodge Balgowlah 392
ALAM, Georges	The Lodge Of Australia 3
ALBASSIT, Najib	Lodge Burns Wentworth Tuscan 21
ALDERTON, Troy	Lodge Camden 217
ALFARO, Danny	Lodge The Star Of Australia 200
ALOMARI, Mohammed	Lodge Ionic 65
ANASTASIADIS, Bill	Lodge Gymea 796
AOUN, Adam	Lodge Sir Joseph Banks 300
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