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### ANZAC DAY, HOBART 25 April 2015

The Most Worshipful Grand Master MW Bro Allan James Sangwell, ODS, gave dispensation for Tasmanian Freemasons to march in the Anzac Day Parade in Hobart. The Grand Master was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master RW Bro John Store, MW Bro RT Clarke PGM, MW Bro NR Cooper PGM and 28 other Masons including 3 Fellow Craft Freemasons. A first for Tasmania not only to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli but also the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

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# Closing Date - Feb 2016 Issue

Closing date for Feb 2016 is **24 Dec 2015** (the printer needs 6 weeks) and I will need to work on the magazine over the Christmas break. Regretfully if articles are not received by that date they will NOT be included in the February 2016 issue. Please send your contributions to [editor@freemasonrytasmania.org](mailto:editor@freemasonrytasmania.org) as soon as they are available.

*Best wishes - Rosemary Bruce-Mullins*

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As at 13th July 2015

# From the Grand Master

## MW Bro Allan Sangwell

Brethren and Ladies,

I am delighted to report on some of the activities associated with the Craft in this jurisdiction that have occurred since my last article in this magazine.

During the past six months I have had the pleasure of conducting a number of lodge installations, attending and participating in Anzac services and many social activities.

At last February Communications I advocated the significance of the year 2015 to Freemasonry in this State. 26<sup>th</sup> June marked 125 years since the formation of this Grand Lodge. I assigned the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee the task of considering means by which the Grand Lodge of Tasmania could celebrate this wonderful milestone in our history.

I am pleased to report that the first of these activities was on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015 when I lead a delegation attired in full regalia in the ANZAC Day March in Hobart. I was delighted with the number who participated, from Entered Apprentices to Past Grand Masters, which showcased to the public that Freemasonry in this State is alive and vibrant. We received rousing applause as we marched down Macquarie Street and particularly when we passed the Town Hall and gave the obligatory "eyes right" to the Official Party assembled on the dais. It was my distinct pleasure and honour to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of Freemasons Tasmania.

Secondly, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, a Commemorative Dinner was held at Tattersall's Park attended by many members and their partners from throughout the State; as well as the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Ald. Sue Hickey. Following are excerpts from my address given on this occasion.

What is significant about this day, the 26<sup>th</sup> of June? 125 years ago on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1890 the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was formed during an impressive ceremony at the Hobart Town Hall. The earliest record of Freemasonry in Tasmania indicates that members of the military, who were Freemasons met on ships in the harbour of the Derwent estuary or in private rooms in Hobart Town. Many



Pam & Allan Sangwell with Peter Bull & Sue Hickey

of the early Lodges in Van Diemen's Land operated under Warrants from the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

In the latter part of the nineteenth century Freemasonry was vibrant in Tasmania and our wise forefathers could see the benefit of operating as an autonomous Grand Lodge in this State. After great deliberations, a petition was granted allowing for the formation of The Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

In 1990 the centenary of this Grand Lodge was celebrated. I am sure there are many present who remember as vividly as I do the many activities associated with that wonderful milestone in the history of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

In 1990 an historic record of the first one hundred years was researched, documented and published. I am pleased to advise that the Board of General Purposes approved of RW Bro Zichy-Woinarski, PDGM, writing the history for the past 25 years. I would like to share with you some highlights of the past 25 years.

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# From the Grand Master - Continued

The Centenary Celebrations of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania commenced with the Installation of MW Bro. Bryce Ward as Grand Master in February 1990. The following have succeeded MW Bro Ward: MW Bros Paul Hodges (1993), Keith Graver (1996), Alan Swinton (1999), Robert Clarke (2002), Julius Kearon (2005), Norman Cooper (2008), John Wallace (2011) and now myself since (2014).

In this same period the rank of Past Pro Grand Master was conferred upon RW Bros Fred Shepherd and Murray Yaxley.

The past quarter century has been an exciting but difficult era. From an estimated 3000 Freemasons in Tasmania in 1990 our current membership is around 1300.

Under the guidance of MW Bro Ward the Grand Lodge administration became more professional. Enhanced computerisation of our membership database and accounting practices were among the changes.

After much deliberation at a Board of General Purposes level it was agreed that the then current structure of the Board was unwieldy and it was decided to split the body into 2 parts, namely the Board of General Purposes, to govern the craft in general, and the Board of Benevolence, to handle benevolence and charity. At the same time the membership of each Board was reduced to 12. The outcome of this change was a more professional approach to issues facing each Board.

The Board of General Purposes has addressed a number of issues, which have impacted on Tasmanian Masons. Foremost was to address the involvement of Public Liability Insurance to ensure the liability of Lodges and members was adequately covered.

The decline in membership has resulted in the closure of a number of Lodges and with the guidance of MW Bro. Alan Swinton, the Board resolved that the proceeds from the sale of Lodge buildings should be incorporated into the Grand Lodge Building Fund. This now provides the ability for current owners of Lodge buildings to seek funds to upgrade their respective buildings to meet the expectations of our members and today's society.

The Board addressed the implementation of "Open Installations", which allows family members and the general public to attend installation meetings. This initiative has been used on many occasions and has helped to raise the profile of Freemasonry.

Both the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Benevolence grasped the ability to meet using video conferencing and, with the assistance of the University of Tasmania, this alleviates hours of travelling to attend meetings.

Another significant change has been the selection, rather than election, of Grand Lodge Officers in each of the three Districts. This allows brethren the opportunity to nominate for Grand Lodge office and a selection panel in each District provides recommendations through the Board of General Purposes to the Grand Master

Latterly, the Board supported the introduction of a Masonic Education Programme. This is based on the Victorian programme and has become an integral part in

helping new Brethren understand the basis of our Degrees and to awaken their enquiring minds. With Education Officers in each of the three Districts, this approach has raised the profile of adequate Masonic education and assisted in the delivery of the 3 parts of our Masonic Education Programme. Our newer members are unable to take further degrees until they can prove attendance at the appropriate session relevant to their Masonic progression.

The Board of Benevolence has also embarked on a number of reforms. The first of these was to address taxation. Unfortunately, the investments of the Board of Benevolence were subject to income tax, which effectively reduced the Board's income each year. After seeking advice from a leading Taxation expert, the Board sought to set up a charitable foundation to solve the taxation impost. After lengthy negotiations with the Australian Taxation Office and Grand Lodge lawyers, approval was given to establish the Tasmanian Masonic Benevolent Foundation Ltd. The assets of the Board of Benevolence were transferred into the Foundation and the investment funds have grown to just under \$500,000. The Foundation actively supports our members and families in need, as well as assisting Tasmanian and national disaster.

During the period MW Bro Robert Clarke was Grand Master, Grand Lodge established a fund, Freemasons Assisting Tertiary Education (Freemates), which in conjunction with the University of Tasmania, awards scholarships each year to assist University undergraduates with costs incurred with their studies.

I have briefly touched on the achievements of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania since our centenary in 1990 to the present. Primarily, these changes have been due to technological advances but it is imperative that we, as a fraternal organisation, continue to keep pace with an ever changing society. While we need to maintain our ancient customs, it is my earnest wish that we listen, really listen, to our younger generations for they are our future.

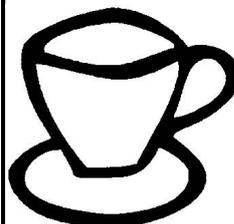
In closing, I thank you all for your attendance this evening, particularly those who have travelled long distances to share in this celebration.

It is my sincere wish that the success and enjoyment of the Commemorative Dinner is a hallmark of future events to be held to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of The Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

*Allan Sangwell, Grand Master.*

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# Dunalley Memorial Boards replaced

By Julie Gade-Dobson, The Sorell Times

Like the Phoenix, Dunalley is rising from the ashes, buildings replaced, friendships strengthened and some things are improvements on those lost.

On a personal level many heirlooms, irreplaceable photographs and items were lost. On the larger scale the community in the school and hall lost many trophies and honour rolls, the recipients lost to history.

The saddest loss of all was the record on wooden honour boards of those men from the



local area who risked their all to answer their country's call.

In a display of understanding and compassion Mr Barry Curtain representing the Grand Lodge of Freemasons Tasmania contacted the Dunalley RSL President Mr Steve Dobson to see if there was a record of these men available to have the Honour Boards re-built. Mr Lionel

Williams was able to provide photographs of the boards to Mr. Curtain to enable their reconstruction.

On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2015 Mr Eric Hutchinson MP, Alderman Kerry Vincent Mayor of Sorell, members of the Dunalley Community, Dunalley RSL and Freemasons

assembled at the new Dunalley Hall where Mr Allan Sangwell, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, presented the rebuilt boards to the Dunalley Community. The Boards were accepted on behalf of the community by the President of the Dunalley RSL Mr Steve Dobson.

Mr Eric Hutchinson MP paid tribute to the Masons for their generosity and to Mr Dobson, especially having them ready for Anzac Day, providing a place to reflect on the district's history.

Mr Allan Sangwell said "Freemasons Tasmania had no hesitation in donating the Honour Boards to replace those lost in the 2013 bush fires. The new premises are a credit to all those involved in its construction."



Mr Eric Hutchinson MP, Mr Steve Dobson, Dunalley RSL President, MW Bro Allan Sangwell, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, Alderman Kerry Vincent, Mayor of Sorell.

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## Masonic Bowls

Just to prove Masons do team up outside Lodge meetings, here is photo of our masonic team which played in the Lawn Bowls Men's Invitation Day at St Johns Park Bowls club in January 2015.

Left to right - Ian Crawford (St Johns Park), Col Hewlett (Howrah), Mike Watson (Rosny Park), and Ross Mitchelmore (Brighton Bowls & Community Club). After a promising start, winning our first round game comfortably, we lost the second narrowly in a tight game. In the third game the 30+ degree heat took its toll and we lost that also.

If we look a bit serious, it was because of the glare of the 5pm sunlight in front of the clubhouse when the picture was taken, as a good day was enjoyed by all!

Ross Mitchelmore



# Southern Installation Team enjoys the Hospitality of King Island

The Southern Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team travelled to King Island for the Installation of the Nugara Lodge in May, they were joined by the Junior Grand Warden RW Bro Bill Morgan from the North and W Bro Kevin Chambers from the North West who acted as Grand Organist.



looked after, and it was very much appreciated. Kevin and Shirley's daughter, Lorraine, also made sure we were well looked after, having made us particularly welcome on our arrival, popped up at the Cheese factory and the dinner and of course loaded the plane on our departure to make sure we all got away safely. (Perhaps that was to make sure we all got away).

Thank you Nugara for a great weekend.

*Jack Clear, GDC May 2015*

The Worshipful Master was thrilled with the representation accompanying the Most Worshipful Grand Master, MW Bro Allan Sangwell ODS, for the weekend. W Bro Christopher Grave was re-installed for his second year as Master. The visitors were hosted by the Lodge and thoroughly enjoyed their weekend. While the men folk attended to the Installation, the ladies accompanying the Installation Team toured Grassy and Naracoopa for a look around. The Installation Banquet was held at the King Island Club, which was well received by all attendees.



On Sunday morning the visitors took themselves on an exploratory tour to Cape Wickham, the northernmost lighthouse in Tasmania, a very imposing structure built in the 1850's. A visit to the local King Island Cheese factory ensured that our chartered aircraft was filled to capacity with cheese and other goodies.

For lunch we were hosted to a family barbecue by the Nugara families and friends, which was very much appreciated. RW Bro Kevin Grave and his wife Shirley, worked extremely hard to ensure the visitors were well



David & Christine Louez



Anne & Phil Oddie



Jack & Jan Clear

# Lodge Lauriston TC 72

From a casual discussion about purchasing an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for its Lodge Room, Lodge Lauriston made it a subject in a Regular Meeting's General Business, where it was clearly thought by all to be the "smart thing to do".

However, during the discussion, the Brethren were surprised to find out that AED's weren't standard issue equipment for Volunteer Fire Brigades.

Lodge Lauriston, being a Northern Country Lodge, like the rest of rural Tasmania, relies heavily on its Volunteer Brigades, and with half a dozen of its' members being Brigade Officers, it seemed a natural decision to see if the Lodge could help out in some way.

After some investigation, making sure that the AED's would be "fit for purpose" and immediately ready for deployment, Lauriston presented hospital grade defibrillators to Pipers Brook and White Hills Brigades.

The attached photograph's show W Bro Chris Hinds, of Lauriston and current 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer of Pipers Brook Brigade, presenting an AED to Brigade Chief, Peter Harley, and W Bro Nigel Hodges, PGS of Lauriston, and also current 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer of White Hills, presenting an AED to Brigade Chief, Bro Michael Long.

Peter Harley said that, "the isolated nature of our Brigade's area of operation, with regards to prompt emergency response to medical events by Tasmanian Ambulance units, may well see this device used in a life saving situation in time to come".

While Bro Michael Long said that, "we are a small country Brigade and have been fund raising for an AED for some time now. This donation from the Lodge means we are immediately better equipped to deal with a life-threatening situation and this AED can make all the difference to the outcome". Training in the operation and use of the Defibrillator's is planned to be coordinated by the Tasmania Fire Service and the Tasmanian Ambulance programme.

W Bro Luke Wood



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# The Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania Inc

## REDEVELOPMENT OF THE LINDISFARNE MOTOR INN PROPERTY

The redevelopment of the new 40 bed wing, reception and administration offices on the former Lindisfarne Motor Inn property has been completed.

Vos Construction handed back the 40 bed wing on 15<sup>th</sup> May and the Occupancy Certificate was received on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

Residents from the Bowditch Hostel facility were transferred and settled into the new wing at Freemasons Nursing Home over the three days 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

This was a very big exercise and sincere thanks goes to residents, families, volunteers and staff for their understanding, patience, cooperation and support throughout this process.

Despite the odd *hiccup* here and there, there were no major problems and all residents have settled in well and are enjoying their new home.

The new reception and administration area that fronts on to the East Derwent Highway was completed and handed back to the Home on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015.

Management and administration staff moved in to their new offices the following week.

The entire project has been completed seven weeks ahead of contract and Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania Inc. congratulates and thanks Vos Construction for a great job in completing the project well ahead of schedule.

Whilst all building works have been completed, landscaping and beautification works are about to start and will be completed in time to take advantage of the spring growth.



Sitting Area

## FUTURE OF BOWDITCH HOSTEL PROPERTY

With the closure of Bowditch Hostel and transfer of residents to the new wing at Freemasons Nursing Home, the Board has commenced working with architects BPSM to develop a range of Independent Living Units (ILU) on the site.

Four conceptual proposals have been developed for the Board to consider.

All four options include a range of units from 2 bedroom with single bathroom and separate additional toilet to three bedroom with main bath and an en-suite to the main bedroom.

All applicants on the Homes ILU waiting list have been surveyed regarding their preference for features, size and unit layout.

That survey feedback will assist the Board and architects in determining the final design and mix of units.

*Greg Burgess, Chief Executive Officer*



Courtyard Views



MS Room

## AUSTRALIAN AGED CARE QUALITY AGENCY – ACCREDITATION

On the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 the Home underwent a major accreditation audit by three assessors from the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency.

The Home is assessed against 44 outcomes under four critical standards – (i) Management Systems, Staffing and Organisational Development (ii) Health and Personal Care (iii) Resident Lifestyle, and (iv) Physical Environment and Safe Systems.

It is pleasing to note that the Home was found compliant in all areas and received the maximum three years accreditation.

Like all residential aged care facilities, the Home can expect to receive at least one and possibly two unannounced accreditation inspections over coming years until the next major audit is conducted in April 2018.

# News from Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania

## A WINDOW INTO LIFE AT AN AGED CARE FACILITY

On Friday 19 June 2015 Masonic Peace Haven opened its doors and put out the Welcome mat as part of the annual event, International Aged Care Open Day, held in conjunction with Aged Care Services Australia and Aged Care Services Tasmania.

This is the second year that Peace Haven has invited the community to come along and see what life in a residential care facility and retirement village is all about, and almost 100 people took advantage of the invitation this year.

Sophie Legge, General Manager, said "The main focus of the day was community engagement, both from the residents and the public. It is really about changing the image of aged care and making sure that people understand that residents in care can still actively participate in and engage with the broader community."

A mini 'Expo' was held on site at Peace Haven, showcasing residential care at both Peace Haven and Fred French, the Community Care Services program, the Day Centre, independent living units, as well as offering advice on health, help at home and financial issues from our community partners.

Personal guided tours of the Peace Haven facility were conducted, with 'family' members – two of our residents – providing a warm welcome to guests and telling them about life in the facility. Many also took advantage of the generosity of several residents in our adjacent retirement village, Masonic Garden Village, who opened up their homes for public viewings.

A special feature of this year's Open Day was an Art Exhibition in the Community Centre (known as 'The Green Centre') of the works of Jack James, winner of the 2008 Eskleigh Art Award, and his daughter, Lynne Hutchins. Everyone was impressed with the amazing art works



Open Day - Chaplain Grace Bye with Guests

displayed by these two very talented people. Guests also enjoyed morning and afternoon teas in the Green Centre, and bought home-made cakes and other goodies on sale.

"Our residents in care and in the villages helped make our Open Day a great success" said Sophie Legge. "They supported us in so many ways, with donations of goods and time, and were truly great 'ambassadors' for the organisation and the lifestyle."

## JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

We are pleased to advise that we now have a Facebook page and everyone is invited to have a look at what's happening in Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania's world! Just log on to Facebook.com/MasonicHomesTas. Keep your eyes peeled for information about our Fair on Saturday 17 October 2015! If anyone would like to have a stall or be involved in some way, please give Administration a call on (03) 6345 7200. We would love to hear from you!



Open Day - Lynne Hutchins showing art works

## A 'HIGHLY COMMENDED' VISIT

At the successful Accreditation visit at the Fred French Masonic Home on 11 and 12 March 2015 the Agency representatives awarded a 'Highly Commended' to Fred French Home in the areas of Workplace Health and Safety, Education and Training, and Human Resources programs. In fact, the Aged Care Quality Agency has asked Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania to present at the Better Practice 2015 Conference for Residential Aged Care and Home Care in September in Launceston, so it can be shared within the aged care industry.



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# Coronation Sovereign Chapter No 66 - Charity

At the March 2015 committee of management meeting of the Connotation Sovereign Chapter No 66, Illustrious Bro Russell Ker nominated the North West Tasmanian Branch of the Make a Wish Foundation as a suitable organisation to receive a donation of \$500 from our benevolent fund, which was duly accepted by the committee.

Having a close association with Make a Wish's North West committee members and having attended some of their Quiz night fundraisers, I have personally witnessed their continued hard work, in raising funds to enable them to continue to support those very special wishes for the children they support.

The committee is currently providing a cubby house, which will be modified for wheelchair access, for a young Burnie girl struck down with Huntington's Disease. They are a hard working organisation and every financial contribution is greatly appreciated.



Illustrious Bro Russell Ker presenting the cheque to Vicki Warren and Heather Norton, committee members of the North West Tasmania Branch of the Make a Wish Foundation.

## Hutchins Commencement Dinner 2015

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Hutchins School hosted the Lodge's third annual Commencement Dinner, at Burbury House (the Schools' Boarders Dining Room).

Lodge members from all over the state and their partners were joined by several senior "retired" Naval Officers and their partners, Master, W Bro Guy Roberts, and the Headmaster, W Bro Dean and his wife, Catherine. All had a very enjoyable evening

Ms Jenna Vance, daughter of W Bro Ken Vance, from the School organised the event, printed invitations and menus and we are very thankful to her and her staff for their efforts.

The School provided the wine for the evening and the Chef who was complimented on the meal, which consisted of Parmesan crusted Blue Eye with chorizo, prawn and scallop risotto or Rack of Lamb with braised mediterranean vegetables and chat potatoes. Dessert was Sticky Date pudding or Panna cotta with passionfruit and mixed berries

Dress for the evening was Black Tie or School Blazer and tie and late Bro Dick Ikin did just that.



The Hutchins Old Boys' Lodge is the only Old Boys Lodge in its own right in Tasmania. It was founded in 1926 with membership initially by invitation only. About 20 years ago this changed; today anyone of a good character can apply to join. We welcome enquiries



from those interested in joining us.

During February, RW Bro Ewen Cummins, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented 60 years continuous membership bars, to A R "Bob" Cumming and David Hodgson. Barry Palmer received his 50 year jewel.

*John the Duke of Avram*

## Southern Masters Donation

President of the Southern Master's Association, W Bro Don Ronald (left) presented a cheque for \$9,500 to VW Bro Brian Sims, Chair of the Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation, at Grand Lodge Communications on 28th Feb, 2015 at Devonport.



# Freemasonry in China

We have seen a resurgence in Freemasonry in Eastern Europe following the demise of the communist regimes in the countries of that region. Indeed, Romania, the country with the most repressive communist regime, now boasts 11,500 members. It will be interesting to see whether a similar pattern emerges in China now that the political situation in that country is more relaxed.

Freemasonry in China is currently centered on Hong Kong (nineteen English, one Irish, and five Scottish Constitution Lodges) where it is openly tolerated, with two lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of China 'in darkness' in Hangzhou and Nanjing. The Grand Lodge of China is now headquartered in Taiwan and oversees eleven lodges that are active in and around Taipei.



Former Masonic Hall in Beijing Road West, Shanghai

It had always been my impression that Freemasonry had been outlawed in China by the communist regime. Indeed, the Grand Lodge of China, established in Shanghai only in 1949 by six lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, ceased to function by 1951 because of difficulties encountered in working under the new regime, and was declared by the Grand Master in 1952 to be 'in darkness'. The Grand Lodge subsequently moved to Hong Kong and later to Taiwan.

I was surprised to learn, however, that following the establishment of the People's Republic of China, it was only those lodges that met in the American Masonic Temple in Shanghai - including the Grand Lodge of China - that closed in 1952. Apparently, the District Grand Master of Northern China, English Constitution, offered to close if the Central Peoples' Government requested it, affirming that regular Freemasons always give obedience to the lawful government of whichever country they are in. No request was made, however, and the British lodges meeting in the Masonic Hall in Beijing Road West in Shanghai continued to meet without difficulty. Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 428 SC met there until 1962, when it transferred to Hong Kong. This was because its largely foreign membership had left by then and not because of any conflict with the authorities.

One can only surmise that it was the difficulties encountered by individuals that led to the demise of Freemasonry in China, and not any philosophical opposition mounted by the regime. Indeed, this is borne out by the willingness of the regime to tolerate Christianity

(albeit with oversight by the government). Indeed, in recent times the Anglican Cathedral in Shanghai (later used as a theatre) has been handed back to the officially endorsed Protestant Christian Church and, following extensive restoration, will be opened once more as a place of Christian worship. It would be interesting to see whether moves by Freemasons to bring lodges out of darkness would be viewed with similar largesse.

I do know, that the Freemasons of Hong Kong have been making their presence felt in Hangzhou (coincidentally, where Lodge West Lake No. 5 CC remains in darkness) by providing money to support participation in higher education in that region. A young woman, Julie You, whom I brought to Tasmania on secondment to work with me at the University of Tasmania, was asked, as an employee of the regional educational authority, to host a delegation of Freemasons from Hong Kong that was visiting Hangzhou for this purpose. Julie related the story to me and told me how surprised the delegates had been to strike somebody who was familiar with Freemasonry. Naturally, I had had to explain the tenets of Freemasonry to Julie during her stay in Tasmania because of my involvement in the Order.

Freemasonry has a long history in China, having been introduced by officers of the Swedish East India Company in 1759. Whilst it is not embedded in the psyche of the country, initiatives such as the one promoted by the Freemasons of Hong Kong may prepare the ground for a return of the Order to greater China. I guess it is a matter of 'watch this space'.

Interestingly, the Masonic Hall in Beijing Road West in Shanghai, built in 1931, still exists largely unchanged and is currently the headquarters of several medical societies. The building is well preserved with the original teak wood flooring, staircase and most amazingly, a green-toned grand hall adorned with Masonic patterns and symbols. This was probably the main lodge room. Some red wooden doors of the building are even still graced with the square and compasses. Perhaps one day we will see the building return to its former use.

*Prepared by Greg Parkinson*



Greg Parkinson and Julie You

# Relay for Life

Members of Lodge of Peace, Emu and the Order of the Eastern Star, together with members of their families and friends carried the baton for the N.W. Masonic Benevolence Society at this year's Relay for Life. Generous donations together with \$5,000 from the Society enabled us to make a contribution of \$7,800 to this very worthy cause.

Twenty one of our registered participants walked around the Penguin athletic track carrying the square and compass baton during the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of March. It's hard to say what we could manage if we actually trained, although age is catching up with some of us.

We have quite a few regulars who have been participating for a few years now who seem to enjoy this annual event. We have also made friends with other team members who call in to socialise.

A big thank you to all participants it was a pleasure to be associated with you.



VW Bro. Ken Knight, (Team Captain).

Rear: Ruth McKenna, Marilyn Hyland, Maggie Hamilton, Bev Bugg, VW Bro Graham Deacon, June Knight, VW Bro Ken Knight and Sharyn Deacon.

# MASCOT Charity



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This is essentially a dining club, which meets six times a year at different venues for an organised luncheon.

MASCOT was established and runs under its own finances,

the Masonic Club money was invested and has grown. MASCOT has decided to donate \$15,000 to Masonic Charities, as defined in its Rules and Bylaws.

The first donation of \$5,000 was presented to Robert Clarke, the Southern Representative of FREEMATES, by MASCOT President, Paul Howard, at our March luncheon at the Riverfront Villas, Rosetta.

In his reply Robert said FREEMATES (Freemasons Assisting Tertiary Education Students) had started in 2002 with the aim of raising \$100,000, to provide ongoing bursaries for Tasmanian students attending the University of Tasmania. Currently an amount of \$80,000 had been raised, however a further \$41,000 is needed before the FREEMATES Scholarships/Bursaries could become permanently endowed.

As the University of Tasmania matches donations to FREEMATES on a dollar for dollar basis, today's \$5,000 donation has become a \$10,000 addition to the fund.

Ten scholarships have already been granted to students throughout Tasmania and include studies in Nursing, Medicine, Science and the Arts. Robert advised that 31.5% of students attending the University of Tasmania come from disadvantaged backgrounds; a higher proportion than any other state or territory, and that every endeavour should be made to provide our youth with the education needed for the communities of the future.

Robert congratulated MASCOT on becoming a FELLOW of the FREEMATES Foundation through its generous donation.

In a parting comment he said that FREEMATES now only needed another donation of \$36,000 to achieve the endowment of a scholarship.

*Paul Howard, President  
30th May 2015*

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# Lodge Phoenix meeting goes off with a Bang

There was plenty of noise at Lodge Phoenix's June meeting when, once again, the Lodge held a traditional 19<sup>th</sup> century Lodge of Table Instruction; the proceedings were punctuated at regular intervals by the crashing of 'firing' glasses on the tables in the Supper Room as brethren acknowledged each of the seven toasts in the ceremony.

"Traditionally, Masonic Lodges owned specially made glasses with very stout bases for this purpose," said Butch King, Worshipful Master of Lodge Phoenix. "We were fortunate in being able to source port glasses of a similar nature for these occasions. Using glasses of lesser quality could easily result in breakages and cut hands," he said.



A Masonic toasting glass of the style used in table lodges

It is easy to see that the Master of Lodge Phoenix is an occupational health and safety specialist and participant safety was his foremost thought!

The Masonic Centre in Brisbane Street, Launceston, has a fine 19<sup>th</sup> century specimen on display – a glass that would have been used at the suppers of the Lodge of Hope in the second half of that century. In those days all Lodges usually owned their own set of firing glasses engraved with masonic symbols and the name of the Lodge.



Deputy Grand Master, John Slore and partner, Dot Foley

"The practice of toasting with a firing glass is a very formal one in which a three-fold triangular movement is used (in recognition of the Trinity), and the Latin words "Vivat" (long may he, she or it live), or "Vivant", if the subject of the toast

is in the plural, are recited," said Worshipful Brother Chris Pedersen, historian for the occasion. "On completion of the toast the empty glass is 'fired' on the table and the action completed with the traditional 'battery' of 'three times three'," he said.

Table Lodges traditionally took the form of a tiled Entered Apprentice Lodge, employing a ritual used only in a Table Lodge, so all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts could participate in the fellowship of the Lodge.

Often they were held at the time of the winter and summer solstices to coincide with the feasts of St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist.

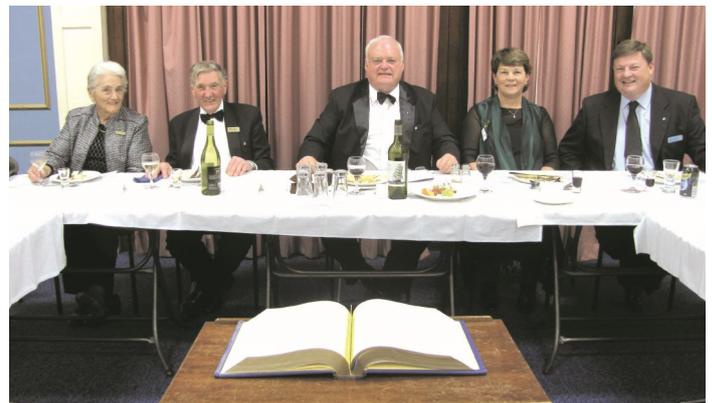


New Affiliate, W Bro Keith Wiggins, Acting Senior Warden, W Bro Greg Parkinson, and guest of honour, Ms Sophie Legge, General Manager of the Masonic Homes of Northern

Lodge Phoenix conducts a Lodge of Table Instruction in June every year at the meeting nearest the Feast of St John the Baptist. The meeting is an open one to which guests are invited. A draw card, of course, is the fine dining interspersed between the seven toasts.

On this occasion, the catering was provided by Terry Fidler of the Brisbane Street Bistro who had merely to ferry the food over the road – traffic permitting!

*Prepared by Greg Parkinson*



The head table - left to right - Mrs Linda Calvert, RW Bro Peter Calvert, W Bro Butch King, Mrs Alison King, W Bro Luke Wood

## Grand Master Elevated to 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Grand Master, MW Bro Allan Sangwell, is now also Very Illustrious Brother Sangwell following his elevation to the 33<sup>rd</sup> degree in Sydney on Thursday 18th June, 2015. Allan



V III Bro Allan Sangwell 33<sup>o</sup> District Commander, Tasmania, Derwent, pictured with his predecessor, V III Bro Robert Clarke 33<sup>o</sup>

assumed his role as District Commander, Tasmania, Derwent for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Australia, effective from 1 July 2015. He follows in the footsteps of former Grand Master, MW Bro Robert Clarke.

Allan will be formally installed in the position in early September for a term of five years. He will work alongside the District Commander, Tasmania, Bass, Very Illustrious Brother Ray Chell, in leading the Order in Tasmania under the direction of Regional Commander, Most Illustrious Brother Bill Morgan. Our congratulations go to Most Worshipful and Very Illustrious Brother Sangwell. Never has the light of Freemasonry shone so brightly in Tasmania!

*Prepared by Greg Parkinson*

# A Pocket History of Lodge Loyalty No 40 TC

The First World War, and the huge impact it made on the life of almost every Australian family and many communities across the country, was a huge watershed that made folk re-assess their values. From this kaleidoscope of crisis and human casualty came new driving forces within our communities. One such effect was the blossoming of Freemasonry in the wake of the War to end all Wars.

## The First Spark

In the Masonic Hall in Murray Street (opposite the now Treasury Building) in very early 1922, an informal meeting of members of Tasmanian Operative Lodge No 1 TC, was held with the resulting motion that a new Lodge be formed sponsored by Tasmanian Operative. The motion was carried unanimously and 21 Brethren signed the petition. Although the proposed new Lodge was unnamed, it was decided that it would meet on the Third Tuesday of each month and its By-laws would be adopted from Tas Operative.

Brethren elected the principal office bearers, and after considering such names as 'Prince Edward's Lodge' or 'Harmony Lodge' the name settled on was 'Lodge Loyalty' in recognition of loyalty to the throne and to the principals of Freemasonry. 20 members at the meeting of Tasmanian Operative Lodge on 23 March 1922 signed the Application to Grand Lodge for the formation of Lodge Loyalty and on the 21 April 1922, the Grand Secretary advised that approval was granted and asked for the date of the proposed Consecration. That date was fixed as the 16 May 1922, thus the conception period was complete and birth assured.

## The Early Years

Those early years of the Lodge revealed that the foundation members were zealous and enthusiastic and although almost none of them had ever delivered a charge prior to forming the new Lodge, the raw material was moulded by rehearsals, that in the long run saw a thoroughness and efficiency that would mark the work of the Lodge for years to come. The Consecration in May 1922 was the only occasion on which an Installation occurred in the month of May. Thereafter it was always the Third Tuesday in June.

In September 1933, at the suggestion of W Bro W Osbourne, the practise was adopted of attaching to the frame of the Charter, a Silver plate bearing the name of the Master into whose care the Charter was delivered for the ensuing period.

## The First Initiates

Bros Carter and Parsons were the first two initiates in the Lodge and Frank Carter went on to become the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania as well as becoming the Under Secretary in the Department of Premier and Cabinet. He was one of our most distinguished members in both the Craft, the community and Government Service.

## Early Gifts to the Lodge

In the early years the Lodge was fortunate to be presented with sets of Working Tools, a Volume of the Sacred Law, Gavels and in particular Ashlars from the Royal Quarries in Palestine. A most unique and meaningful gift.

## Notable Incidents

The first Past Master's Night was held on the September 18th, 1923 and have been held regularly ever since. In April 1927, the Lodge entertained visiting Brethren from HMS Renown who conveyed the then Duke and Duchess of York (subsequently King George VI and Queen Elizabeth) on their world tour.

On 17 January 1939, the first meeting of Loyalty was held in the Temple in Sandy Bay Road and in 1941 the Lodge established an 'Active Service Fund' to help families and dependants of Lodge Members killed or injured during WWII.

During the Second World War, 32 Members of the Lodge enlisted in the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia and two received decorations. Lieutenant Commander Murray Uhr-Henry RANVR received the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) and Captain Geoff Woodhouse was awarded a Military Cross (MC). In 1950, Geoff Woodhouse opened a very large Grocery Shop in New Town Road (opposite where Pirie Street joins New Town Road). It was called the "Jubilee Store" and was a pre-runner of the modern Supermarket. Two members of the Lodge died on Active service as Prisoners of the Japanese.

In 1947 numbers had grown from the original 22 in 1922 to 185. In 1944 the first Life Membership was awarded to Bro H Dowding to honour for his services as Chaplain.

Since 1922, the Committee instituted and maintained the practise of interviewing every candidate for membership. During the years up to 1947 a substantial number of Brethren took Grand Lodge Office.

## The South – Our Social Side

The Lodge had always had a notable balance between work in the Temple and Social activities. Family outings and the Annual Children's Christmas Party were events not to be missed. Our South always enjoyed a good reputation in Masonic circles, with our Installation Banquets being substantial affairs. The Ladies Committee would decorate the South for each Installation Banquet.

## Significant Anniversaries

In 1982 we celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and in 1997 our 75<sup>th</sup>. Both occasions were marked with the production of a special Anniversary Jewel.

## Worshipful Masters

Over the years the Lodge's Worshipful Masters enhanced the image of the Lodge by both their work in the Temple and their reputation on the Master's Circuit. One Past Master was a decorated Battle of Britain Fighter Pilot from 1940 while others made their mark in Grand Lodge.

## Other Brethren

We had a significant number of military members in the mid 1970's to the late 1980's. Their job was of such an itinerant nature it was difficult getting to grips with Freemasonry; as a number of our Brethren were serving military officers, the opportunities to engage with these Brethren was substantially increased and we were the beneficiaries of their membership.

## The Declining Years

During the mid 1970's till the late 1980's the Lodge enjoyed its halcyon years. Candidates were plentiful with a

# Lodge Loyalty Closure

high work tempo. In some cases Degree work was 'farmed out' where appropriate, however by the late 1980's we began to experience a decline in numbers.

In the mid 1990's we began to recycle Office Bearers and with little or no Degree Work we began a series of demonstration Degree work interspersed with Lectures. Our numbers reduced even further until now we have a membership of around 30 Brethren, a figure which is not viable for continuation.

## Conclusion

It is sad that after 93 years of magnificent service to the Masonic community, Lodge Loyalty has to fold up her tent and slip away. Other Lodges have trodden the same path but until it happens to your own Lodge, the impact does not hit with such force. Celebrating 100 years of existence and service has slipped from our grasp but the memory of one of the best and most efficient Lodges will remain with us till time with us is no more.

Farewell to a Grand Old Lady.

*W Bro A Robertson.*



At a special meeting held on 24th March, 2015 the motion was passed to consolidate Lodge Loyalty with The Pacific Lodge.

Lodge Loyalty's meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 was the last for the Lodge, after 93 years

A short history of the lodge was presented by W Bro A Robertson.

Following the closing of the Lodge the warrant was escorted from the Lodge room.

The consolidation with The Pacific Lodge took place at their meeting on Thursday the 18th June, 2015.

*W Bro Robert Goss*



# 50 Year Certificate - Athol Cannan

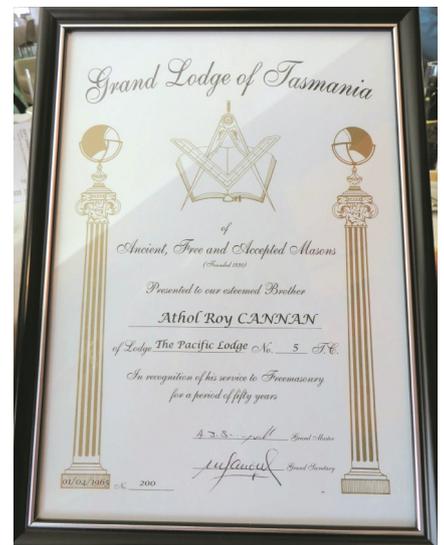
## Athol Creates a First for MASCOT

Athol Cannan elected to receive his Grand Lodge 50 Year Service Certificate at the March Masonic And Social Club Of Tasmania (MASCOT) Luncheon held at Riverfront Villas, Rosetta.

The presentation was made by Peter Fisher, representing the Grand Master (who was in attendance). Athol's wife, Kay Cannan, as well as several friends and colleagues were there in support.

Athol joined Freemasonry on the 1st of April 1965 in Rechab Lodge. He progressed through all the offices and served as Master on three occasions. Rechab Lodge incorporated with Pacific Lodge in May 2005 and Athol has spent his last ten years as a member of Pacific Lodge.

*Paul Howard*



# Consecration of Tasmanian Grand Consistory

Tasmania has been the second cab off the rank with the consecration of a Grand Consistory of the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia - the Tasmanian Grand Consistory No 2 (32°).

"We here in Region 8 have been considering for some time now how we could give a sense of identity and cohesion to those brethren who had attained the 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees of the Rite," said Most Illustrious Brother Bill Morgan, Grand Prior and Commander of Region 8. "The Queenslanders had taken a lead in this matter by establishing a permanent Grand Consistory and we decided to follow suit having considered the idea and deciding it was a good one," he said.

Commander will be convened by the Consistory for the purpose of conferring the 31<sup>st</sup> degree of the Rite.



Em. Bro. Terry Dann with officers of the Sovereign Tribunal of Grand Inspectors Inquisitor Commander L to R: Em. Bro. Des Niel, Em. Bro. Ian Blair, Em. Bro. Terry Dann, Ill. Bro. Arnold Shott, Ill. Bro. Ron Wisby, Ill. Bro. Wayne Madden, and Ill. Bro. Russell Ker



The 33° members present at the consecration: V. Ill. Bro. Rob Clarke, V. Ill. Bro. Jeff Cripps, V. Ill. Bro. Ray Chell, V. P. Bro. Bill Thompson, Lieutenant Grand Commander, M. P. Bro. Ian Tilbury, Sovereign Grand Commander, M. Ill. Bro. Bill Morgan, Grand Prior, V. Ill. Bro. Kerry Bowerman, V. Ill. Bro. Greg Parkinson, and V. Ill. Bro. Chris Wallace

Instead of establishing a temporary consistory from time to time under the auspices of the Regional Commander for the purposes of conferring the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree, the Consistory will be a permanent fixture with its own charter and will be administered by 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Brethren of the Rite residing in Tasmania.

The consecration ceremony, conducted by Most Powerful Brother Ian Tilbury, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Rite in Australia, was held in Launceston on Saturday 30 May. The ceremony was a most impressive one with eight 33<sup>rd</sup> brethren present, including Very Powerful Brother Bill Thompson, Lieutenant Grand Commander and former Regional Commander for Tasmania when Tasmania was part of Region 3 (Victoria and southern New South Wales).

Following the consecration, Eminent Brother Terry Dann 32° was installed as foundation Grand Commander in Chief of the Consistory. Eminent Brother Dann, in turn, installed Eminent Brother Ian Blair as foundation Enlightened Presiding Officer of the Sovereign Tribunal of Grand Inspectors Inquisitor Commander, to preside over the Tribunal when it is convened by the Consistory for the purpose of conferring the 31<sup>st</sup> degree.

Region 6 has now taken up the baton and consecrated a Grand Consistory in July. Most Illustrious Brother Morgan attended the consecration to represent Region 8 and, one wonders, whether to tell the Victorians how it should be done! It is expected that other Regions in Australia will follow as the concept gains traction.



Em Bro Terry Dann with officers of the Grand Consistory: L to R - Em. Bro. Bill Robinson, Em. Bro. Maurice Lawson, Em. Bro. Cec Duncombe, Em Bro Terry Dann CoM, Em. Bro. Ray Patmore KCoM, Em. Bro. Jim Cornwell

The consistory will be responsible, subject to the approval of the Regional Commander, for the scheduling and conferral of both the 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees of the Rite on candidates from Region 8 (Tasmania). Meetings of a Sovereign Tribunal of Grand Inspectors Inquisitor

## Merchandise

While at Communications next month pick up some Masonic Merchandise.

You can choose from:

- 125th Anniversary Wine - \$15 per bottle
- 125th Anniversary Medal - \$15.00
- Bow ties, clip in and banded, with or without masonic symbol
- Lapel badges for several orders - \$5.00
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and a selection of other bits and pieces.

See **Noel Woodrow** at the meeting



# Lodge Dulverton TC 66

During the last 12 months under the Mastership of RW Bro Peter Page, our Lodge has been very active in carrying out the virtues of Masonry i.e. **Caring, Sharing and Charity.**

It all started when we discovered one of our esteemed Worshipful Bros, W Bro Tom Smith was now unable to attend Lodge due to a medical condition. One of our brethren, who is handy with woodwork, made a lovely gavel, which the Worshipful Master felt should be presented to Tom by W Bro Richard Heiermann who was Master of the Lodge when Tom was his Junior Warden.



WBro Heiermann presenting the gavel to WBro Tom Smith with WBro Dick McLaughlin seated

*Photo: WBro Lehman*

Tom was very humble, as we know, and on receiving it, for once, Tom was lost for words. We are pleased to inform everyone that Tom is now a member of the Tasmanian Holding Lodge and is not lost to the Craft.

When Tom was advised of this, it made his day.

## Supporting Jordan Ede



Jordan (Jordy) is a young man, nearly 12 years of age who has played football for Lindisfarne Junior Football Club since he was 6 years old. In 2012 he played his 50 games with the club and now edging towards his 100. He is the Grandson of W Bro Brian Lehman and his wife Anne, who are both very proud of him.

In 2013 and 2014 Jordan won his club's best and fairest award, the Anzac Medal. His other football distinctions include Vice-Captain of the Clarence District School Team in 2013, and as Captain in 2014.

Jordan was selected in the Tasmanian under 12's team to play in the National Competition on July 27th, 2014, where he did the state proud with his ability and knowledge of the game. His performance at the carnival was rewarded by being selected as one of 25 to train with Matthew Armstrong for the AFL Tasmania team.

His expertise doesn't just stop at football, he is also an accomplished athlete competing in 100 metres races, all the way to cross country, and if that's not enough he also does triathlons. We don't know where he gets time for other hobbies but he enjoys playing guitar and computer gaming.



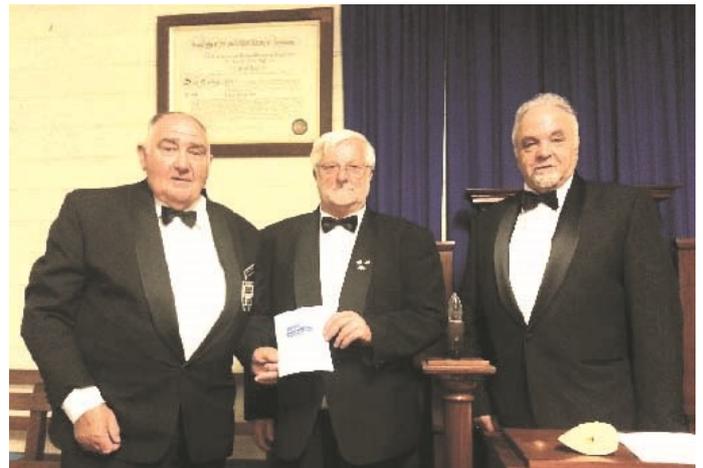
Members at Dulverton raised \$270 as a sponsorship for Jordan to travel to Sydney to represent the state. RW Bro Peter Page presented the cheque to Jordan.

# Devonport ex Concord Lodge Visit

In November 2014 the Worshipful Master of Devonport Lodge, W Bro Loone and several of his officers, and members from the closed Concord Lodge visited Lodge Dulverton to gift Lodge Concord's cuffs and collars to replace our very worn ones, which we accepted with pleasure. W Bro Roger Mayne gave a brief history of Concord Lodge.

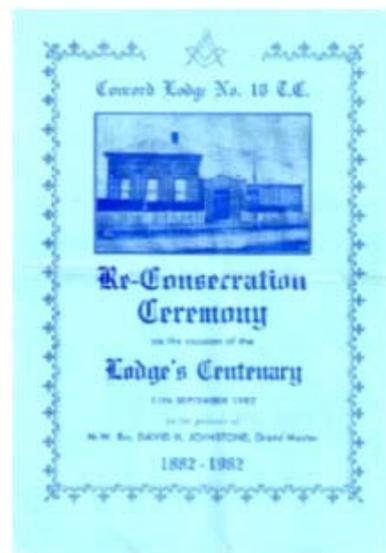
Not to be out done, our Lodge magpie, W Bro Lehman had a presentation of his own for the Worshipful Master of Devonport and in particular the Concord members. He had found amongst his many pieces of Masonic Memorabilia a Re-Consecration Centenary Program for Concord Lodge dated 1882 to 1982. After the presentation W Bro Mayne stood up and explained to the Lodge and those present that he wasn't aware that this document was in existence and that he went everywhere to find documents from the past, even Grand Lodge, and this document was not there. He was very pleased to see it and W Bro Loone stated that this document would now take pride of place at Devonport Lodge.

RW Bro Page was very pleased on the night to see his dear friend RW Bro Bill Plapp, they served together as



Grand Wardens for the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

*Articles by RW Bro Kevin D Salter, PSGW*



A little bit of history was created at the Tasmanian Trinity Conclave Installation in Ulverstone Tasmania, where Most Puissant Sovereign Bill Paterson was Enthroned on 23 March 2015.

The distinguished visitors included the Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Victoria, Most Illustrious Knight Richard Elkington, and his Grand Viceroy, Right Illustrious Knight David Yole. Also present was the outgoing Intendent General of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Scotland, Very Illustrious Knight Ron Wisby, and his successor Illustrious Knight Rob Lovett, along with the Enthronement and Installing Officer, Very Illustrious Knight Ian Blair.

It appears that this is the first occasion that the Tasmanian Trinity Conclave has paid host to a Most Illustrious, a Right Illustrious and several Very Illustrious Knights at the same time. It is also a first that both Victorian and Scottish constitution leaders were present at an Enthronement in Ulverstone, where Tasmanian Trinity meet.

It was especially pleasing for Very Illustrious Knight Ian Blair, who had worked hard for a number of years to arrange this interstate visit. Moreover, in thanking the visitors in the Conclave for their attendance from Victoria, the Most Puissant Sovereign informed them that he had been initiated in the Brighton Conclave No 3 in Melbourne and received his St John the Evangelist in Emmanuel No 5 in Preston. He echoed Very Illustrious Knight Ian Blair's sentiments in saying how pleased that such an auspicious occasion had been enhanced by their visitation.

After the Conclave was closed, there was light hearted discussion on the difference and subtleties in both jurisdictions. All agreed that it was an Enthronement with a difference.

*Dr Bill Paterson  
Most Puissant Sovereign*



From L to R : III Kt Rob Lovett, V III Kt Ian Blair, V III Kt Ron Wisby, Em Kt Bill Paterson, Kt Gareth Wilby, M III Kt Richard Elkington, R III Kt David Yole, and Em Kt Norbert Kirchebner.

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The second donation of \$10,000.00 was presented to Brian Sims, Chairman of the Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation, by MASCOT President, Paul Howard, at our May luncheon at the Silver Pearl Chinese Restaurant.



In his reply Brian said that the Foundation was incorporated as a public company in May 1986, for the purpose of financing grants for the furtherance of medical and surgical research into the degenerative diseases and disorders of the ageing.

In an endeavour to maintain capital value, only investment income has thus far been used to fund research. The Fund currently stands at \$2,228,862.00 (31 December 2014). Since its inception, grants totalling \$1,109,510.00 have been awarded to twenty seven researchers.

In recent years the allocation of grants has primarily been in the area of PhD Research Scholarships at the University of Tasmania.

The funding of a Post Doctoral Research Fellowship, valued at \$100,000.00 per annum, commenced in 2009 and was scheduled to extend for three years. However the recipient, Dr Jerome Staal, received an invitation to continue his research overseas after only 2 years.

The Foundation this month has fulfilled an agreement with the Menzies Research Institute to provide funding of \$100,000.00 per annum, for 3 years (2012 – 2015), to a team led by Associate Professor Tracy Dickson for its Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Programme.

Brian, on behalf of the Foundation, the researchers, and society in general, enthusiastically thanked and congratulated MASCOT for their donation.

*Paul Howard, President  
9th June 2015*



See the February 2016 issue of Freemasonry Tasmania for a report from Dominic De Candia Grand Secretary General H.: E.: Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia

# Burnie Masonic Scholarships

Burnie Freemasons opened their doors to a large gathering of relatives and friends accompanying three young Burnie students, the recipients of the Memorial Masonic Awards presented at the June meeting of the Lodge.

The Burnie Masonic Scholarships are presented annually, with certificates this year being presented by Lodge Member and well known Burnie identity David L Kay.

RW Bro J B Porter, Worshipful Master of Burnie Lodge welcomed Mr Roger Jaensch, MHA, the students, their families and educators together with the Burnie Masonic Lodge Ladies and Ladies of visiting masons.

The meeting was addressed by Gillian Hodgkinson, Vice-Principal of Burnie High School, who highlighted the benefits of such community orientated Scholarships to the students.

The Worshipful Master referred to the history of the scholarships, making particular reference to the D I Bartley Burnie Masonic Memorial Scholarship, which was established by the former Burnie Rechab Lodge from a suggestion by Bro D I Bartley who unfortunately died before its inception; and the Hilton Sharpe Burnie Masonic Memorial Scholarship which was established by the former Gill Memorial Lodge and named after a prominent freemason, RW Bro Hilton Sharpe, remarking that both Scholarships commenced in 1991.

David Kay outlined the progress of former scholarship winners, all from Burnie, and their contributions to the professions and the arts. Sixty-three young people, from Hellyer and Marist Colleges, together with Burnie and Parklands High Schools, have been awarded these scholarships, six recipients entering into medicine

Isabella Paton, the recipient of the 2014 Hilton Sharpe Scholarship (ex Marist College) will continue her studies in International Law at Griffith University in Queensland after achieving excellent results in her first year studies at the University of Tasmania, North West Campus.

Brendon Banks, the 2015 recipient of the award (ex Hellyer College) is now studying Commerce and Law at the University of Tasmania and outlined his progress to date.

The recipients of the D I Bartley 2015 Scholarships were Grade Nine pupils from both Parklands and Burnie High Schools. Tahlia Deverell, from Parklands High, and Renee Blachford, from Burnie High School, both thanked the members for the financial support they had received.

Cheques of \$2,000 for the Hilton Sharpe Scholarship and \$300 for each of the D I Bartley winners had been presented at an earlier date from monies raised by Lodge



Members and bequests from the estates of the late Bros Ernest West and Roy Conroy.

The evening concluded with a buffet supper.

Gerry Gunton

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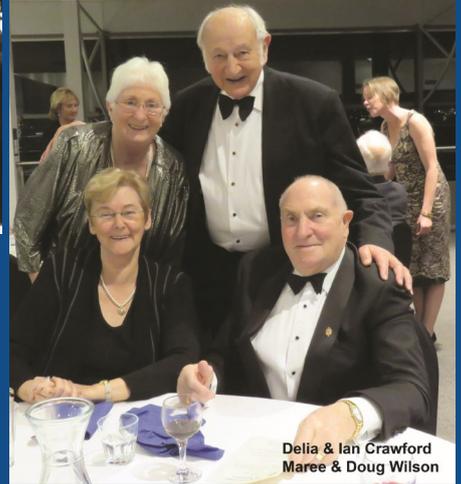
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