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From the Editor

Hello all from Sunny Adelaide. Tony & I are thoroughly enjoying our grey-nomadding adventures. If you are interested in following our travels we have a blog on Facebook, www.facebook.com/TonyRosemarySilverNomads/.

There are some new things in this issue - David (Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro David Macrow) has provided me with a list of Jewels and Certificates approved for the past 6 months - it is wonderful to see the number of people who have made a long term commitment to Freemasonry.

I also received some stories that were very detailed, condensed articles are in the magazine with links to the website for the full articles—thanks to Webmaster Tim for his assistance with this initiative.

Look forward to seeing what you have for me for the next issue. As advised last issue if you have multiple photos or large articles that may be hard to email, please send me a message to magazine@freemasonrytasmania.org for access to online storage.

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Poulett Lodge
Burnie Masonic Lodge
Lodge of Peace
L'ton-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge

From the Grand Master

M.W. Bro. John Slore

Dear Brethren and Ladies,

I am once again very pleased to communicate on the activities I have been involved in, on behalf of the Tasmanian Grand Lodge, over the past six months.

I have had the pleasure of conducting seven Installations across the three regions, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie and our Ladies. I also had the privilege of leading a small team of Brethren in the ANZAC March in Hobart and then led a Delegation to the Army and Navy Lodge on ANZAC night to witness the very moving Ceremony of the Vacant Chair.

In April, accompanied by sixteen Tasmanian Brethren, I had the pleasure of representing the Grand Lodge of Tasmania at the Installation of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, to witness M.W. Bro. Keith Murray installed as the M.W. Grand Master. In the same month I attended the Installation of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory, to witness M.W. Bro. Dr. Neil Jensen Installed as their M.W. Grand Master, again accompanied by a very strong contingent of Tasmanian Brethren.

I would like to give my most sincere thanks to the R.W. Deputy Grand Master and all those Brethren who have supported me at the Victorian and South Australian Grand Installations, even though I am sure that you enjoy these functions, as do I, I thank you for taking the time and effort to attend and I must say it did not go unnoticed by other Grand Masters from around Australia, they were very impressed.

May was another exciting month as I was invited by the M.W. Grand Master of Victoria to attend as the M.W. Grand Master of Tasmania to be part of their Grand Lodge Team at the Consecration of the new Earl of Dunmore Lodge. I was very pleased to attend as the Foundation Master of the new Lodge is our very own V.W. Bro. Malcolm Murray, 12th Earl of Dunmore. There was a strong contingent of Tasmanian Masons present supporting V.W. Bro. Murray.

Also in May I proudly led the North West Team with a couple of Northern members to the Installation of R.W. Bro. Kevin Grave of Nugara Lodge King Island. This was a special occasion as it was the 100th Anniversary of Nugara Lodge. The Installation was very well attended by members and Grand Lodge. Following the Installation at the Banquet, I had the honour of presenting a \$5,000.00 cheque to Yvonne Trout and Val McGarvie on behalf of the North West Masonic Benevolence Foundation. The money will be used to upgrade a bathroom at Snodgrass Park Home for the Ageing.



The next day, all Nugara Lodge members and the Grand Lodge Team marched in full regalia from the SES building to the Lodge Rooms, under Fire Department and Police escort. On arrival at the Lodge Room, R.W. Bro. Grave gave a brief history of Nugara Lodge and I was then invited to unveil the commemorative plaque. The occasion was covered very well with a group photo and report in the local newspaper.

In conclusion, I would thank all members and their ladies for their dedication to the Craft in Tasmania and once again I thank each and every one of you for the way you receive Dot and me and for your continued respect and kindness. We always feel very welcome wherever go.

John Slore, Grand Master

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The Combined Country Lodges AGM 2018

The Combined Country Lodges Annual Meeting was held at Heather Hall on 16th June 2018. The Grand Master M.W. Bro. John Slore was in attendance with an escort party of Grand Lodge officers.

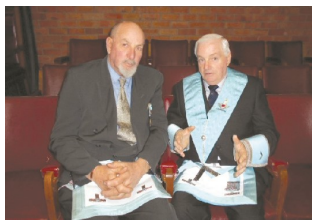


M.W. Bro. John Slore, with R.W. Bro. Don Robinson and W. Bro. B. W. Duncan.

The Country Lodge's sitting Master's took the officers chairs and other positions. With W. Bro. B. W. Duncan, Master of Lodge Heather, in the chair of King Solomon.

There were eight visiting Masters including V.W. Bro. I.

Blair, Master of Lodge Phoenix, W. Bro. J. Simons, Master of Lodge Dorset, and R.W. Bro. Don Robinson, Master of St. Helens Masonic Lodge. Thirty five Masons were in attendance with their partners and wives.



M.W. Bro. P. Hodges with W. Bro. E. G. Eyles

The Guest speaker was Mr. David Brooks from the "Men's Shed" in Launceston who gave a most interesting talk.

W. Bro. Douglas G. Dearing



W. Bro. Bevan, Duncan, M.W. Bro. John Slore, Mr David Brooks (Men's Shed) and R.W. Bro. Don Robinson.

Snippets from Overseas

The Grand Lodge of Russia

The Grand Lodge of Russia held its Annual Communication in Perm on 9th June 2018. The event celebrated 235 years of Freemasonry in the Russian Urals and in Perm and featured the Grand Master's Welcome Dinner, the Annual Communication, and a concert and theatrical performance. Freemasonry took root in Russia in 1731. After decades of suppression in the Soviet era the Grand Lodge was founded in 1995. The Communication realistically celebrated 235 years since Freemasonry was made its first appearance in Perm.



The Grand Master of Russia, M.W. Bro. Sergey Bogdanov, being led to his station by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. Note the use of a rod of office (such as that used by Black Rod in parliament) rather than a baton.



Delegates to the Annual Communication in Perm being admitted under the Deacons' wands.

The Grand Orient of Italy

The Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, earlier this year, circulated a letter of appeal for support to all Masonic Grand Lodges throughout the world. He reports that the Italian Parliamentary Commission on Criminal Organisation has ordered the Grand Orient to provide lists of brethren affiliated with lodges in two Italian regions. He is fighting what he describes as an 'unlawful and illegitimate' use of power and is resolute in filing an appeal with the European Court of Human Right if necessary. The Grand Master is asking all 'in the Chain of Union' to proclaim our values and re-affirm our work for the improvement of humanity in the face of 'populism and dangerous anti-democratic involutions'.

The Grand Lodge of Albania

The Grand Chancellor for the United Grand Lodge of England has written to advise that, in 2014, the Grand Lodge of Albania consecrated a lodge in Kosovo, an action regarded by other Grand Lodges in the area as unwarranted and an invasion of territory within the masonic sphere of the Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia. As a consequence, the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England considered that it would be in the best interests of the Grand Lodge to suspend relations with the Grand Lodge of Albania while further enquiries were made into the situation. Kosovo is a partially recognised state and disputed territory in Southeastern Europe that declared independence from Serbia in February 2008 as the Republic of Kosovo.

*W. Bro. Gregory Parkinson,
International Fraternal Relations Officer*

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This is the letter from the M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, (HRH the Duke of Kent KG, CGMG. GCVO, ADC) acknowledging the gift presented by our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Slore on behalf of the Masons of Tasmania at the UGL of England Tercentenary Celebrations.

The gift, in the form of the golden ratio or phi, forms a perfect ashlar, it is constructed from unique Tasmanian timbers and has a Tasmanian masonic penny set into it.

MW Bro John William Slore
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Tasmania
The Masonic Hall,
3 Sandy Bay Road,
Hobart 7005,
Tasmania

30 November 2017

Dear Brother Slore,

It was a pleasure to welcome you to our Tercentenary Celebrations in London.

It was very kind of you to make a presentation. The medal set in wooden block made from different trees from Tasmania with presentation inscription is currently on display in a special exhibition in our Museum and will be incorporated into our permanent collections. Please pass on to your Brethren our thanks for their generosity.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Grand Master



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2018 Burnie Masonic Scholarships

Burnie Masonic Lodge members and friends welcomed the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, M.W. Bro. John Slore to the Burnie Masonic Hall in order to present the Annual Masonic Scholarship Certificates and to relate to the gathering details of his attendance at the Tercentenary (300 years) of Freemasonry World-wide Celebration in London.



Esha Cornish, a former pupil of Hellyer College was the successful candidate, being selected as the 2018 recipient of the \$2,000 Burnie Masonic Lodge Hilton Sharpe Masonic Memorial Scholarship.

This award is presented annually to a student who must be resident in Burnie and attends either Hellyer or Marist Colleges prior to gaining entry to a university.

Esha is enrolled in a degree course to study Nursing at the Launceston Campus of the University of Tasmania.

Her award was accepted, in her absence, by her Father.

The Burnie Masonic D.I. Bartley Memorial Scholarships were awarded this year to Grade 9 students at both Burnie and Parklands High School, as selected by their respective schools, each receiving a cheque for \$300 towards their ongoing education.

Davina Holness of Burnie High School was presented with her award by the Burnie Masonic Lodge Worshipful Master, R.W. Bro. Mark Stillman, and Cameron Barry of Parklands High cheque presented to his mother Fiona by the Lodge Secretary V.W. Bro. Gerry Gunton.



Back Row: Grand Master, M.W. Bro John Slore, Greg Cornish (representing his daughter, Esha), Adrian Drane (Principal, Marist College),

Front Row: Fiona Gaby (A/Principal, Burnie High School), Rebecca Holness (Davina's mother), Davina Holness, (Scholarship recipient), Fiona Barry (representing her son Cameron), Magella Dudley (Principal, Parklands High School)

V.W. Bro. Gerry Gunton ODS
Secretary Burnie Masonic Lodge

The Earl of Dunmore Lodge No 1686 VC

The Earl of Dunmore Lodge was consecrated on 19 May 2018. Kent Henderson has provided a very detailed article on the proceedings which can be read at www.freemasonrytasmania.org/freemastas/magazine/supplements/Earl%20of%20Dunmore%20Lodge.pdf

Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge No. 2 TC - Installation 24th May 2018

The cool autumn Launceston evening did not deter the 70 Masons, their wives and partners attending the Installation of Bro. David Jordaan into the chair of King Solomon at Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge No 2. TC.

The Grand Master M.W. Bro. John Store was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie O.D.S.

A large retinue of Grand Lodge officers were present for the occasion, and we welcomed a visit from the newly consecrated Earl of Dunmore Lodge 1686 VC.

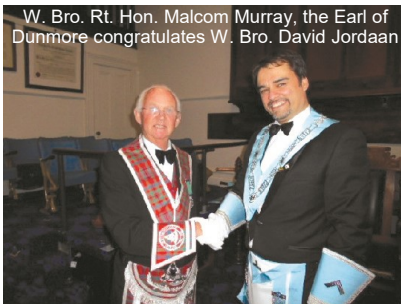
W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Malcom Murray, the Earl of Dunmore, the Master of the new Victorian Lodge and a retinue of his officers were made most welcome.

The evening concluded with a well presented banquet.



W. Bro. Douglas G. Dearing

W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Malcom Murray, the Earl of Dunmore congratulates W. Bro. David Jordaan



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L'ton - Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge No 2 TC W. Bro. Derek Stevenson's Visit from Ireland

At the Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge February 22 meeting last the members were privileged to meet W. Bro. Derek Stevenson from St Patricks Masonic Lodge No 77 in Newry, County Down, Northern Ireland.

W. Bro. Derek and his wife Gillian were visiting their daughter, her husband and grand children who live in Launceston.

Due to the renovations to the Lodge Room at Brisbane Street the meeting was held in the H. Vernon Jones Lodge Room and although smaller everyone present had an enjoyable night. In the South W. Bro Derek passed on Fraternal Greetings from his Worshipful Master (W. Bro Allen Kinnen) and Brethren of St Patricks Masonic Lodge. A good time was had by all.

W. Bro. David Cullen, Launceston Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge



W. Bro Derek Stevenson in his Provincial Grand Lodge regalia with the Grand Master M.W. Bro. John Store



W. Bro. Derek Stevenson, Launceston Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge Worshipful Master (W. Bro. Wayne Madden) and the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Store

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Burnie Masonic International Intercontinental Celebration

Every chair was taken in a crowded lively south following the closure of the Burnie Masonic Lodge's January Meeting.

The room was adorned with mementos of Scotland including an original Pastel Portrait of the Bard himself, Bro. Robbie Burns whose birthday would be celebrated later in the evening.



Presentation to R.W. Bro. Brian Poulter

It was the duty of R.W. Bro. John Windram to honour R.W. Bro. Brian Gould Poulter on behalf of Grand Lodge with the presentation his 60 year Bar and Certificate, stating, our R.W. Bro. was Initiated in Mersey Lodge No. 21 T.C. on 15th January 1958, Passed: 23rd August 1958 and Raised: 20th May 1959.

R.W. Bro. Poulter affiliated with Gill Memorial Lodge on the 28th March 1964 and is currently an active member of both Burnie and Devonport Masonic Lodges, whose members attended on an Official visit.

Now retired after a vocation of teaching Mathematics and as Deputy Principal at Wynyard High School, R.W. Bro. Poulter went through all Lodge Offices before being installed as Worshipful Master in 1972. The only surviving Past W.M. of his year, V.W. Bro. Ken Knight and his wife were also present.

R.W. Bro. Poulter has held the office of Treasurer and has been the Lodge's Preceptor since its amalgamation. His Grand Lodge Offices started with G. Sword Bearer, G. Deacon, G. Chaplain, G. Director of Ceremonies, G.

Inspector of Lodges and Junior Grand Warden culminating in the high Office of Past Deputy Grand Master in 1992.

R.W. Bro. Poulter has also served on the Board of General Purposes and is the current Grand Lodge Representative for Colorado.

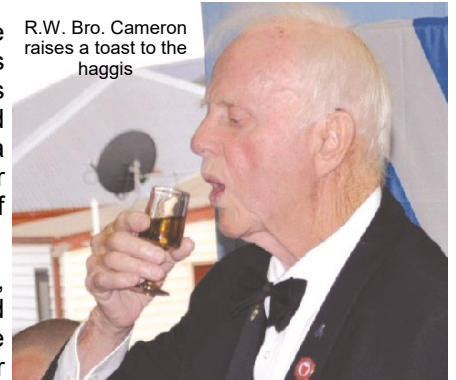
He supervised the restructuring of this Lodge room to its present condition and has since been a continuous member of its Board of Management.

Without a doubt, scholarships provided by this Lodge are the flagship of our charitable donations and has proved to be highly successful, predominantly because of Brian's background as a teacher and indeed his expertise in the selection of recipients.

In reply, giving thanks for the acknowledgement, he made reference to the pleasure he gained from his Masonic experiences and the unfailing support from his wife Ann.

The room was filled with the sound of the Pipes as R.W. Bro. Joe Porter piped in the Haggis carried aloft by Bro. Stewart Freeman.

R.W. Bro. James Cameron addressed the Haggis in the traditional manner as dictated by the bard himself using his native language together with deft plunges of the cleaver.



R.W. Bro. Cameron raises a toast to the haggis



Bro. Stewart Freeman parading the Haggis

Having devoured the Neeps, Tatties, Haggis and all, as prepared and served by the ladies group, washed down by a wee drop of renowned Scottish liquid we were entertained by a rendition of Robbie Burns songs led by James and John. Auld Lang Syne brought a memorable evening to a close.

V.W. Bro. G Gunton, Secretary Burnie Masonic Lodge

60 Year Bar W. Bro. Don Francombe



In April 2018 W. Bro. Don Francombe was presented with his 60 year Bar by R.W. Bro. Kerry Bowerman (Past Deputy G.M.) witnessed by V.W. Bro. Don Ronald, Grand Inspector of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

Derwent Valley Lodge Facebook Page

75 Year Jewel Max Norris



Max Norris - Photo from The Border Mail

In November 2017, Max Norris was presented with his 75 year Jewel at the Huon Daylight Masonic Lodge in Wodonga.

An article in the Border Watch Newspaper reported the event and noted that his numerous ranks in freemasonry and long career at lodges in Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania.

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Nugara Lodge 32 T.C. Centenary Installation

Nugara Lodge held their Centenary Installation over the weekend of the 26th & 27th May, 2018.

R.W. Bro. Kevin Grave was installed as Master by Grand Master M.W. Bro. John W. Store, and Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Philip F. Oddie ODS, D.G.M. and brethren of the North West Grand Lodge team. A substantial number of Brethren from Mt Lyell were also present along with Brethren from the North of the State.

V.W. Bro. Bernard (Bernie) Bradshaw PGIL, of Mt Lyell recalled the time Mt. Lyell chartered a DC3 in 1973, flew from the West Coast and made an official visit to the Island and the newly installed Master was an Entered Apprentice.

During the Installation the Ladies accompanying the Brethren were entertained at the Portside Gallery at Grassy, and had a most enjoyable time.



During the evening Nugara entertained their visitors at the King Island Club, where a substantial buffet dinner was offered.

R.W. Bro. Kevin Grave proposed the Toast to Grand Lodge and expressed the Brethren's wish to keep the Lodge active and welcomed their new candidate and his wife to the function.

In response Grand Master, M.W. Bro J. W. Store, expressed his pleasure at seeing the lodge's positive attitude and wished them well for the future.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Toast to the newly installed Master. This was in the hands of his son W. Bro. Chris Grave. Chris recalled all the hours that both Kevin and Shirley (Chris' Mother) put into the Lodge over the years to ensure its continued success.



Later in the evening a \$5,000 cheque was presented to the King Island Council on the Ageing by the Grand

Master. The funds were from the North West Benevolence Society who had approved the request from Nugara Lodge to assist in the refurbishment of a unit's bathroom.

Mrs Yvonne Trout, Secretary, accepted the cheque on behalf of the Council on Ageing and expressed the committee's thanks at such a generous donation.

The Nugara Brethren also presented V.W. Bro. D. C. Loone with a beautiful artwork showing the Currie Lighthouse for his assistance with their celebrations.

Sunday morning the Brethren escorted by the Fire Brigade and Police assembled at the Service Tasmania offices and marched to the Lodge rooms.



While the crowd viewing the march was small it was vocal in its support.

At the Lodge rooms R.W. Bro. Kevin Grave welcomed those present and gave a short history on the Lodge's activities over the years. He then presented to the Grand Master a booklet containing an early chronological history of newspaper reports regarding the Lodges activities.

The Grand Master was invited to unveil the commemorative plaque recognising the major events in the lodge over the years and Centenary of the Lodge.



M.W. Bro. J. W. Store thanked the Brethren of Nugara Lodge for their hospitality over the weekend and expressed his delight that the Lodge Brethren had continued keep the Lodge functioning during tough times and looked forward to a bright future.

The North West Grand Lodge Team also welcomed V.W. Bro. Graham Deacon on his first trip to the Island.

V.W. Bro. David C. Loone

What an exciting, successful 12 months we have experienced at Masonic Care Tasmania, as we support more than 1000 people around the State. One of the benefits of being a large organisation is having the ability to support more people and enable more resources. Recent examples that highlight what we have done:

- ◆ increased our Community programs by 70% in the last 12 months
- ◆ acquired amazing new tools like Elroy the robot and virtual reality
- ◆ launched a \$250,000 innovative dementia research and demonstration project (thanks to the Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation)
- ◆ been able to invest in a significant Reward & Recognition Program for our staff
- ◆ successfully developed one of Hobart's finest seaside residences, The Anchorage.

Masonic Care Tasmania named Employer of Choice!



I am thrilled to share with you that Masonic Care Tasmania has been named winner of the **2018 Employer of Choice Awards**. These awards from Skills Tasmania (Department

of State Growth) recognise local Tasmanian organisations that demonstrate contemporary workplace practices and outstanding support for their staff, including opportunities for employees to build an effective work-life balance. We understand the awards this year, received a record number of nominations from small, medium and large organisations across the State.

Reasons for Masonic Care Tasmania's Nomination

- ◆ Our new Reward & Recognition program
- ◆ Our Employee Assistance Program (EAP), that provides free access to counselling and support services for our staff
- ◆ Our new Health & Wellbeing program that includes free healthy snacks state-wide
- ◆ A new Performance Management Framework
- ◆ The addition of Domestic Violence Leave in our Employee Agreement

Being recognised as an Employer of Choice will give Masonic Care Tasmania an edge in our industry and wider recognition across the local community, helping us to attract and retain a skilled workforce and will enable us to develop, grow and succeed as a state-wide organisation.

Free Flu Shot' campaign success

Masonic Care Tasmania is on a mission to keep our residents, staff and the wider community fighting fit this winter. Last year we provided more than 500 staff the opportunity to be vaccinated.

This year, we wanted to further expand our reach, so our new free flu shot initiative was developed and our team were very proud to offer more than 5,000 people the

opportunity to be vaccinated.

The quality of care we provide to our people is central to everything we do. This new initiative may sound ambitious, and it was, but for Masonic Care Tasmania, we see this as a necessity. Protecting the health and wellbeing of those who live, work and visit us is paramount and this new initiative clearly demonstrates where Masonic Care Tasmania's priorities are.

A record number of people jumped on board to be part of this important initiative to achieve a 95% staff flu vaccination rate this winter! We also offered any staff member who has a flu shot the opportunity to go into the draw to win a weekend trip to Melbourne!

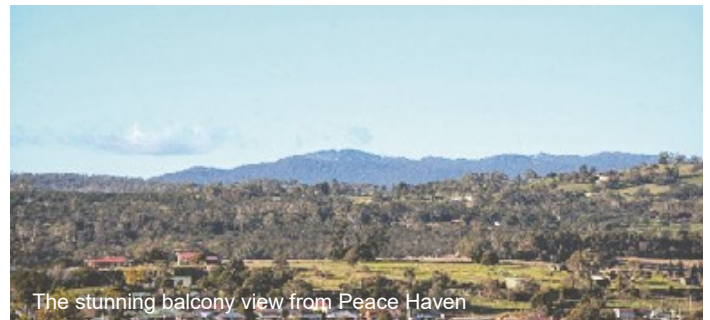
I am incredibly proud to see the team develop this campaign and importantly, what it has become over the past 12 months.



Peace Haven Development Revealed

Stage 3 of our new Peace Haven redevelopment has now been completed! We celebrated by holding several Open Days welcoming the local community and potential clients to see for themselves, how we have transformed our Home.

The biggest highlight - seeing the first of our residents move in to their new homes, make the space their own and start to enjoy the superb views out over the valley.



The stunning balcony view from Peace Haven

Inaugural 5 Year Strategic Plan

In July you would have received, in the mail, a copy of Masonic Care Tasmania's Inaugural Strategic Plan, along with the July edition of MCT News & Life. The Plan is a result of extensive consultation through last year's focus groups where more than 160 key stakeholders, both internal and external, had the opportunity to provide valuable feedback. Our staff also played a key role in shaping our refreshed MCT Purpose, Vision and Values.

Revealing this Plan marks a significant milestone for our organisation as we now enter the most important and exciting stage of the Plan - *bringing it to life*.



Our new Home Care Services Campaign

I am proud to reveal that MCT has developed a new marketing campaign to promote our Home Care Services. The campaign highlights how we are different to other service providers, and how our services go above and beyond those currently available by assisting our clients in their homes every day, to live their life, as they choose.



I hope you have seen our television adverts on Southern Cross Television recently. I think you will agree with me that we are producing quality, caring commercials that MCT can be proud of.

Since launching the new advertising campaign we have received incredibly positive feedback from our local community, industry and staff. Importantly, our Home Care Services team has been receiving phone calls from prospective clients. One caller even described it "as a sign" when she saw the commercial and it prompted her to finally pick up the phone and find out more.

Our online ads have reached more than 100,000 people which is a huge effort and a true recognition of what we have produced. I am really proud of what we have achieved and look forward to sharing the ongoing impact the campaign creates. I can't wait to see how the utilisation of our Home Care client base state-wide increases. For more information Home Care Services please call 1300 988 160.



'The Anchorage'

Construction is in full swing at 'The Anchorage' and the site is quickly being transformed into one of Hobart's finest retirement living communities, only two units remain. If you want more information on



Progress on the Anchorage Development

becoming an Anchorage resident, please contact Angela Coutts on 6282 5200 to find out more.

Northern Retirement Living Opportunities

Masonic Care Tasmania has successfully purchased a School near our Fred French facility in Newstead and we will be transforming this site into a new Masonic Care Tasmania Retirement Living Community. A significant piece of land near the School has also been purchased to further expand our Retirement Living project in Newstead and further add to our presence within the City of

Launceston. I look forward to updating you these projects as they progress.

Aged Care Services Australia (ACSA) National Summit

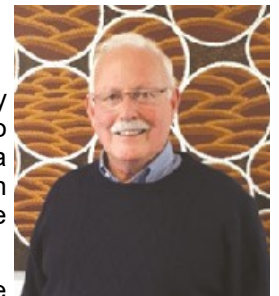
Masonic Care Tasmania has been asked to present at the upcoming Aged Care Services Australia (ACSA) National Summit in September. Belinda Beltz, Executive Director of People & Culture, Carmen Windsor, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications and myself are excited to be presenting *Raining Opportunities*. We will be sharing real insights into the exciting, challenging and innovative journey our Organisation is experiencing following our amalgamation last year.

We will also share initiatives and challenges that are driving positive change, transforming workplace culture and increasing employee engagement noting our recent initiatives, including the Rewards and Recognition Program; Employee Health and Wellbeing Program; and Employee Assistance Program. This is a fantastic forum to showcase Masonic Care Tasmania's achievements and ongoing journey at a national level.

I have also recently accepted an appointment to the Aged Care Services Australia State Board (ACSA) and consider this a valuable platform to further strengthen Masonic Care Tasmania's working relationships with other aged care organisations around the State.

Involvement on the State Board will enhance opportunities for communication and influence across this national network.

W. Bro. Gregory Parkinson appointed to Board of Directors



The Board of Directors has recently appointed W. Bro. Greg Parkinson to fill a casual Board vacancy. Greg is a past member of the Peace Haven Board and valued member of the MCT merger working group.

Greg is looking forward to joining the Board during this exciting and pivotal time. Please join me in welcoming Greg to his new position.

Donations and Bequests for Masonic Care Tasmania

A letter was sent out in June encouraging your support for Masonic Care Tasmania's new state-wide virtual reality program. I would like to personally thank each of you who made a donation, your generosity is hugely appreciated and will help to enhance the wellbeing of those who choose to live in our facilities.

A bequest to Masonic Care Tasmania is a permanent reminder to others of your kindness and generosity. Whether your bequest is material or financial, be assured that it will be truly appreciated and will enhance the lives of those in our care.

For more information on leaving a bequest, please contact Carmen Windsor on 0481 211 077 or email carmen.windsor@mctas.org.au.

I look forward to sharing more news of our achievements with you in the next edition.

Daniel Findley
Chief Executive Officer, Masonic Care Tasmania

60 Year Jewel Presentation in Burnie Masonic Lodge

R.W. Bro. James Moran Cameron

R.W. Bro. James Moran Cameron, the Bard of Craigielea in the Clydeside town of Paisley, in Scotland, completed his National Service as a member of the Royal Air Force Regiment, in a sunny and rather inhospitable Egypt.

He returned home to Scotland and was introduced into Lodge Craigielea No. 1218 in the Scottish Constitution in 1958.

He uprooted himself and first graced the Tasmanian scene in 1962. Retaining the membership of his mother lodge in Scotland, he affiliated with the former Gill Memorial Lodge in Burnie in 1978.

His introduction, within one week of his arrival, to one who was to become his best friend and the presenter of his 60 Year Jewel, on behalf of the Grand Master, was R.W. Bro. John Windram.

James elevated from Initiate to Master Mason in a mere two months and as such commenced a very active Masonic Career in Tasmania with the former Gill Memorial Lodge in 1978 and as a founder member of Burnie Masonic Lodge at the amalgamation in 1992, becoming Worshipful Master of the Lodge, for the first time in 1993 and again in 2005.

R.W. Bro. Cameron has an ongoing involvement with the Grand Lodge North West Ceremonial Team and was conferred with the rank of Past Grand Warden in 2016.

A great exponent of the round ball game, he played regularly for Burnie Rovers and the North West Tasmanian Soccer team and with the termination of his

playing days took up refereeing.

A strong supporter of Ex Service organisations, he is a Past President and a Life Member of Wynyard R.S.L. and a Past President of Parklands High School Parents and Friends. A great exponent of the works of Robbie Burns and Life Member of Burnie Burns Club.

In Freemasonry we are taught to practice outside the Lodge those things learnt within and R.W. Bro. James Moran Cameron is an excellent example of this concept.

*V. W. Bro. Gerry Gunton
Secretary Burnie Masonic Lodge*



R.W. Bro. James Moran Cameron &
R.W. Bro. John Windram

A Relic of Freemasonry in China

When visiting New Zealand recently, I was given a handsome enamelled jewel, probably a Past Master's jewel without suspension and ribbon, for Cosmopolitan Lodge No 428. The jewel was amongst masonic material that had been collected by my good friend and masonic mentor, Mervyn Hynes – a Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the AASR (Scottish Constitution). My assumption was that the jewel was from a New Zealand lodge and I was pleased to have it because it is such a fine piece of enamel work. "Mr Google" soon put paid to that assumption however, and I learnt that Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 428 was a Scottish Constitution lodge working in Shanghai, China.

The lodge was consecrated in Shanghai on 28 December 1864. It is interesting to note that the officers of the lodge at the consecration were invested by Bro. R. F. Gould, later P.S.G.W. (English Constitution), the noted masonic historian. Gould was at that time domiciled in China. The lodge flourished for almost a century until 1961 when its active membership had reduced to five and its continuing operation was no longer viable. In February 1962, the Master wrote to the Grand Secretary indicating that he was the sole remaining member and suggested that the lodge remain dormant for a time leaving the open the possibility of 'resuming activities in another land'. This was put into effect in August 1962 and the lodge later resumed working in Hong Kong.

With the demise of the lodge, Freemasonry no longer had a presence in Shanghai and, indeed, in mainland China,

and the British Masonic Hall in Beijing Road West then became the Shanghai headquarters of the Five Chinese Medical Associations. It is interesting to note that the demise of Freemasonry after thirteen years of Communist rule had not come about because of pressure from the government but, rather, from attrition of membership. Indeed, the English District Grand Master of Northern China had offered to close if the Central Peoples' Government had requested it, affirming that regular Freemasons always gave obedience to the lawful government of whichever country they were in. No request was made and the British lodges meeting in the Masonic Hall in Beijing Road West in Shanghai continued to meet without difficulty.



W. Bro. Gregory Parkinson

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Tasmania now has a BLUE LOUNGE Social Club

On May, 25th 2018, the official launch of the Tasmanian jurisdiction of the Blue Lounge Social Club (BLSC) was held in Launceston.

Grand Master M.W. Bro. John Store and his wife Dot, and DGM R.W. Bro. Philip Oddie, ODS, and wife Anne, joined many other distinguished guests and their families.

As part of the launch of the Tasmanian jurisdiction, the International President of the BLSC, Bro. Jack Aquilina, Victorian State Vice President W. Bro. Robert Billing and Victorian State Secretary W. Bro. Simon Reynolds flew to Tasmania for the event.



W. Bro. Nathan Groves (TAS), W. Bro. Robert Billings (VIC), W. Bro. David Jordaan (TAS), Bro. Jack Aquilina (VIC), W. Bro. Simon Reynolds (VIC).

Blue Lounge Social Club enables young and new freemasons to come together with friends and family in a social setting to enjoy each other's company.

The Club is primarily directed towards younger Freemasons, however any Mason in good standing is welcome. BLSC's support and mentoring will assist newer members of any age by hosting regular social events, where Freemasons can gather together outside the lodge in a non-formal environment, it is much more than a social club.

"Our mission is the recruitment, retention, education and support of young and new freemasons."

In addition to a group in the North, another is starting in the North West as we speak. Both groups have received tremendous support from local lodges, and we will be looking to start a group in the South shortly.

By establishing a jurisdiction in Tasmania we hope to address declining membership numbers by providing additional support to newer members of the craft, and by creating a social environment where regular discussions about the current pros and cons of Freemasonry in Tasmania can take place.

For more information about the BLSC check out our Website: www.blueloungesc.com See our Facebook page for current updates: [facebook.com/blueloungetas](https://www.facebook.com/blueloungetas) Subscribe to our Newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/duzn1L> or listen to our Masonic Podcasts: podcast.blueloungesc.com

If you have any question please feel free to email: David: david.jordaan@blueloungesc.com or Nathan: nathan.groves@blueloungesc.com

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Worshipful Master of Meander Lodge, W. Bro. Rob Eastley and Bro. Ron Irwin, RAEME, Lieutenant-Colonel, also of Meander Lodge assisted by Staffordshire regiment Private Derek Thompson. Each laying a wreath at the cenotaph in Deloraine.



W. Bro. Rob Eastley



Bro. Ron Irwin & Derek Thompson

Photographs provided by W. Bro. Geoff Fox, courtesy of The Examiner



Hobart

Grand Master M.W. Bro. John Store and Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Philip Oddie, ODS at the Cenotaph, and below, Freemasons marching on ANZAC Day in Hobart 2018.



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Unique and Memorable Masonic Ceremony - At Lodge Dorset, No. 17, Scottsdale (Tasmania) - 1947

As related by V. Wor. Bro Dale Orchard

I recently had the good fortune to receive a lodge case that had been put away unopened for some sixty or more years.

This case had belonged to Bro. Les Lethborg, a member of Dorset Lodge, who had died about 1960. Although his son and grandson had been members of Dorset I doubt his family knew about the Lodge case, as it had been put away untouched, and only came to light when his daughter-in-law moved house, found it and handed it on to me.

When I joined Dorset Lodge the Biggs family photo was just hanging on the wall, but other than a few members talking about them occupying all offices there was never any mention about a story behind it.

The Lodge case contained the full story behind the Biggs family photo which no one seemed to know existed, a notice paper for that night's meeting, plus a very battered Bible part prayer book which Les had carried through the First World War. The description of the ceremony had been compiled by W. Bro. A. E. Osborne, secretary.

Dorset Lodge meets on the third Saturday of the month, but on this occasion an emergency meeting was held on the 1st Saturday, 4th January 1947, as the members of the Biggs family were in Scottsdale to celebrate the diamond wedding of the oldest Past Master of the Lodge.

The story of the ceremony was presented to the lodge at its January meeting, 71 years later.

(Extract of Minutes of an Emergency Meeting compiled in 1947, by W. Bro. A. E. Osborne, P.M., Secretary.)

A unique and memorable Masonic gathering, associated with the Diamond Wedding Celebrations of the oldest Past Master of the Lodge was held at Scottsdale on Saturday, January 4, 1947, when Wor. Bro. A. W. Biggs and his six Masonic sons occupied all the offices for the ceremony of Raising, the candidate being Bro. Rev. Harold G. Biggs, of the third generation of the Biggs' family.

The function took place in the Mechanics' Hall, as the Temple would not have been large enough to accommodate the large number attending.

The building had been specially prepared for the occasion by bringing all the furniture from the Temple, by the erection and carpeting of a dais, and by laying carpets for the full length of the Hall.

LODGE OPENED -The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m., the chair of King Solomon being occupied by the Wor. Master (Wor. Bro. L. J. Waldon).

VISITORS - After opening the Lodge, considerable time was occupied in receiving visitors, who came from all parts of the State. There was a stir of interest when Wor. Bro. A. W. Biggs and his six sons were announced, and after saluting at the base, took up their respective seats. The receiving of visitors occupied three-quarters of an hour.

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The Acting Wor. Master than asked his sons to take up their respective positions in the Lodge as follows:

Acting W.M. - Wor. Bro. A. W. Biggs (Scottsdale)

S.W. - Wor. Bro. Alfred E. Biggs (Longford)

J.W. - Bro. Oscar H. Biggs (Hobart)

Chaplain - Bro. Fred. H. Biggs (Sydney)

S-D. - Bro. Chas. C. Biggs (Melbourne)

J.D. - Bro. Len. W. Biggs (West Australia)

I.G. - Bro. Reg. A. Biggs (West Australia)

The candidate was Bro. Rev. Harold Guy Biggs, of Flinders Island, a grandson of the Acting W.M.

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CONGRATULATIONS - The Acting Wor. Master, descending from the dais, shook hands with his grandson, and earnestly congratulated him on having attained his majority in Freemasonry

The substituted secrets were then imparted by the Wardens and received by the Acting Wor. Master from the Senior Warden.

GAVEL RETURNED - Lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The Acting Wor. Master returned the gavel and expressed his thanks for the great privilege bestowed upon himself and his sons in being permitted to conduct the ceremony.

CONGRATULATIONS - In accepting the gavel, the Wor. Master congratulated Wor. Bro. Biggs and his family on their very fine work.

COMMENTS BY GRAND MASTER - The Most Wor. Grand Master said that the Brethren who had come to Scottsdale to join with Dorset Brethren in this important ceremony must feel very pleased indeed that they had attended. This gathering was quite unique in the history of Freemasonry; it had never occurred in Tasmania before, and perhaps not in any part of the world. He referred to the fact that Wor. Bro. Biggs and his wife were celebrating their Diamond Wedding, and it was that circumstance which brought about the meeting being held that night. The Most Wor. Grand Master then commented on the fine Masonic work of Wor. Bro. Biggs, and said they desired to confer upon him the rank of Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

INVESTED - Wor. Bro. Biggs was then invested by the Most Wor. Grand Master, to the accompaniment of applause.

Wor. Bro. Biggs said he felt overwhelmed by the kind words of the Grand Master, and particularly by the great honour conferred upon him.

Grand Lodge Officers retired, and the Lodge was closed in the usual form, the closing hymn being "Abide with Me."

The Director of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. H. G. Salier, who has been associated with Wor. Bro. Biggs masonically for nearly 40 years, and the organist was Bro. H. J. C. Engisch.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Wor. Bro. Biggs and his sons were overwhelmed with congratulations.

Historic Event Celebrated

The unique and historic event was celebrated at the customary "fourth," which on this occasion took place in

Unique and Memorable Masonic Ceremony - At Lodge Dorset, No. 17, Scottsdale (Tasmania) - 1947

the large refreshment room under the grandstand building on the recreation ground. Between 160 and 170 brethren were present. The supper tables had been nicely arranged and decorated.

Wor. Bro. J. J. Waldron presided. On his right sat the Most Wor. Grand Master (Wor. Bro. H. V. Biggins), and on his left the honoured guest of the evening - Wor. Bro. A. W. Biggs. Seated immediately in front at a round table were the six sons and the newly-raised grandson. A special toast list had been arranged for the occasion.

The toast of Grand Lodge was proposed by Wor. Bro. J. J. Waldron.

In replying, the Most Wor. Grand Master said it was a memorable occasion, and none of them would ever forget that night. It was a gathering in honour of their old friend - Wor. Bro. A. W. Biggs. The members had shown very heartily their appreciation of an old and valued member, and he congratulated Wor. Bro. Biggs and his sons for doing the work so well in the Temple. He also expressed the sincere congratulations of all the brethren present on the occasion that brought the family together.

The toast of Wor. Bro. A. W. Biggs and family was proposed by Wor. Bro. H. G. Salier, who said that never before in the history of Freemasonry in Tasmania - or perhaps in the world - had such a memorable gathering taken place, and all rejoiced to be celebrate such an occasion. He remarked that he had contacted Wor. Bro. Claude James in London, telling him of the great event that was being arranged, and Wor. Bro. James in a reply had stated he had announced the details at three Lodges he had visited. and the interest and consternation caused had been remarkable. Lodge Dorset had recently conferred a Life Membership on Wor. Bro. A. W. Biggs to commemorate the occasion. The sons were an example of what family life should be, and the celebration of a diamond wedding was the reward of a life well spent. He wished Wor. Bro. Biggs many years of continued happiness in the Lodge and congratulated him and his six sons on the splendid manner in which they had carried out the degree work.

CAKE FOR THE OCCASION - At this stage a large decorated cake, suitably inscribed for the occasion, was brought in, the brethren rising and singing "Happy Birthday" and "Jolly Good Fellows." The cake was made and given by Bro. W. G. Guy.

REPLY BY WOR. BRO. BIGGS - Wor. Bro. Biggs was most heartily received on rising to respond. He felt positively snowed under with the honours conferred upon him, and the utmost gratitude for all that had been done. He was warmly appreciative of all the work done in preparing for this night and expressed his thanks for the numerous letters and telegrams of congratulation. "Above all," he concluded, "I thank the Great Architect of the Universe for 60 years of good health and married bliss, and for the blessings of my family, whom I claim to be good citizens." He said they were a united and affectionate family, and that was a source of great gratitude.

Wor. Bro. Rev. Alf. Biggs also replied, endorsing the sentiments expressed by his father, and stating that the thorough way the function had been carried out was typical of Dorset Lodge.

The toast of "Our Newly-Raised Brother" was proposed by Wor. Bro. H. E. Spotswood, who remarked that Bro. Rev. Harold Biggs was one of the finest candidates ever raised in Dorset, and at the conclusion said: "If you follow your grand-dad you will be alright"

Bro. Rev. Harold Biggs said it was a privilege to him to be a candidate that night, and the ceremony had impressed him tremendously. He would do all in his power to live up to the standard of his grandfather and his family.

"OUR VISITORS" toast was proposed by Bro. Oscar Biggs, who deemed it a high honour and a great privilege to do so when he was actually a visitor himself. It was a special joy to welcome so many on this occasion.

Wor. Bro. Jim Parsons, of Mersey Lodge, replied on behalf of all visitors.

Wor. Bro. Biggs thanked the ladies and the members of Lodge Dorset for preparing the banqueting room.

After the Tyler's Toast, the brethren sang "Auld Lang Syne," followed by the National Anthem. Three rousing cheers for the Biggs' family concluded a most remarkable and memorable gathering.

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Editor's Note: As this is a partial transcript of the 1947 minutes, the Masonic titles are shown as documented, they are not in the current format.

Due to the length of this article I have had to edit it quite heavily. For the full transcript and an image of the original program please see the website:

<http://www.freemasonrytasmania.org/freemastas/magazine/supplements/Unique%20and%20Memorable%20Ceremony.pdf>

Jewels & Certificates

The following jewels and certificates were approved during the half year to 30 June 2018:

40 Year Certificates

D P J Cowan	Devonport Masonic Lodge
G J Gill	Lodge Pembroke
D H Jestrinski	St Helens Masonic Lodge
M J Keen	Burnie Masonic Lodge

50 Year Jewels

B A Hyland	Lodge Lindisfarne
G M Loone	Lodge Esk
L B Tribolet	Derwent Valley Lodge

50 Year Certificates

L A Richardson	Devonport Masonic Lodge
R G Wright	Lodge Lindisfarne

60 Year Bars

J M Cameron	Burnie Masonic Lodge
D P J Cowan	Devonport Masonic Lodge
D W Francombe	Derwent Valley Lodge
E C Iles	Lodge Pembroke

60 Year Certificates

J M Cameron	Burnie Masonic Lodge
D P J Cowan	Devonport Masonic Lodge
D W Francombe	Derwent Valley Lodge
A M Grale	The Pacific Lodge
E C Iles	Lodge Pembroke



Community Service recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours List



The outstanding contribution of Dr Susan ZICHY-WOINARSKI, has been recognised with the awarding of a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia. The award was bestowed for significant service to the community of Tasmania through a range of conservation and animal welfare organisations, and to women.

Sue has run her own Veterinary Practice for 23 years and uses this expertise to assist organisations such as the Tamar Natural Resource Management Strategy Group, Tasmania Herpetological Society, Tasmanian Reptile

Rescue, Tasmanian Fauna Society, Tasmania Wildlife Advisory Committee, Australian Veterinary Association, Veterinary Surgeons Board of Tasmania, George Town Coastal Management Group, Australian Federation of University Women (Tasmania Northern Branch).

Sue has been member of Soroptimist International since 1970 and held many leadership positions at Club, Region and Federation level.

Many will know that Sue is married to well-known Tasmanian Freemason R.W. Bro. Dr. S. R. Zichy-Woinarski P.D.G.M. (Zichy), who is the current President of the Board of General Purposes and a very proud husband.

Sue has been highly regarded by our Fraternity for many years, and was recently asked by our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. P. F. Oddie O.D.S. (Phil), to be part of the Future Directions Freemasonry Tasmania steering group, as her experience with Soroptimist International and as a long suffering Masonic wife would provide an invaluable contribution.

Once again, congratulations to Sue on receiving the A.M., a worthy recipient of such a high honour.

*Bro. P.W. Thomas G.S
Lodge Lauriston*



60 Year Jewel Bro. E. C. (Cliff)

Bro. E. C. (Cliff) Iles, 60 year membership of Lodge Pembroke was recognised by presentation of 60 year Jewel & Certificate by R.W. Bro. Barry Curtain on behalf of the Grand Master M.W. Bro. John Store.

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Trove Snippet - 100 Years ago

(By Telegraph.)

HOBART February 28, 1918

At the annual communication of the Masonic Lodge of Tasmania to-day, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Hon. C. E. Davies. M.L.C., Past Grand Warden (Eng.) was unanimously re-elected Grandmaster for the twentieth time, and installed in the presence of a large gathering. This is accounted a record. He was first elected Grand Master In 1896 and has filled the position ever since.

Townsville Daily Bulletin (Qld. : 1907 - 1954), Saturday 2 March 1918, page 6



The Broken Column

The Symbol of the Passing of a Member of the Craft

Deceased Brethren as at 30 June 2018

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A R Symonds

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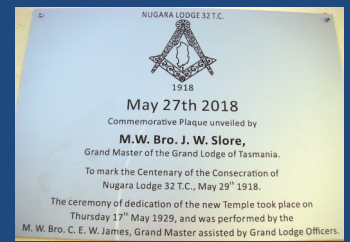
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