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From the Editor

Hello again from Wentworth, NSW, the last 6 months have been crazy to say the least. No travelling at the moment and glad we have the cottage to retreat to. Hope you are all keeping safe and well. It was wonderful to catch up with so many of you at the Grand Installation and the timing was so fortunate.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Douglas Dearing over many years, he is taking a sabbatical from writings at the moment—thank you Douglas—I really appreciated your input. With that in mind, PLEASE send me contributions for the magazine. I understand a lot of Lodges have social media pages, but others do enjoy reading about your activities.

Best wishes to all
 Rosemary Bruce-Mullins, Magazine Editor

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From the Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie ODS



Dear Brethren and Ladies,

It has been a roller coaster ride since my Installation as Grand Master at the end of February 2020. From the euphoria of the Installation to the impact of COVID19 which brought about our decision to close all Masonic Buildings until further notice and thus limit our Masonic activities.

All our world has changed dramatically.

There has however been a lot of activity behind the scenes. Despite all the negativity and limitations imposed on us there has been an amazingly positive reaction to keeping our Craft alive and to support our Members keep in touch with each other. The impetus has been led by utilising the "Zoom" platform for

Lodge Meetings, Board and Committee Meetings Discussion Groups and Social Gatherings.

I have attended numerous Meetings of Lodges via Zoom, not just in Tasmania but also in Victoria.

It was amazing at the first Tasmanian Virtual Lodge Meeting via Zoom to have nearly ninety Members in attendance including at least two Members in their nineties all happily displaying their computer skills and seamlessly participating in the evening.

The use of the Zoom platform has widened all our horizons with the International and Interstate contact it allows.

Social Media has also been to the fore with the establishment of two new Masonic Face Book pages: "Freemasons of Tasmania" and "the Blue Lounge Social On Line Forum"

I congratulate all involved in the promotion of Virtual Meetings through Zoom and the establishment of Face Book pages for their initiative and dedication to our cause.

I also managed, luckily, to conduct two Installations at Phoenix and Meander Lodges before restrictions were applied. On both occasions I was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Luke Wood.

Brethren the COVID 19 situation has sadly affected all our state but has had the greatest impact in the North West region of our community. We have lost two from within our Masonic Community and our thoughts are, in particular, with the families involved.

I must also refer to the passing of M.W. Bro. Julius Kearon, our 34th Grand Master from 2005 to 2008.

Julius had not enjoyed the best of health over the last few years. He was a School Teacher with his major subject being Mathematics. During his career he variously attained the positions of Head Master at both the Bothwell and Savage River District High Schools and retired as Headmaster of the Deloraine High School. In addition, he at one time was Chairman of the Headmasters Association of Australia for a number of years. Julius was a long time resident of Deloraine with a huge involvement in the local community and particularly the Anglican Church and State Synod representation.

He was, of course, a stalwart of Meander Lodge and a Member of several other Orders. In many cases fulfilling the role of Secretary and/or Treasurer. Together with his wife Ann they supported the Arts and Craft Community and the Annual Tasmanian Craft Fair. He will be sadly missed.

Brethren, while we are to a certain extent still "in limbo," the health and safety of our Membership is the prime consideration in all our thoughts and deliberations.

I would hope by the time you read this article that our Lodge Buildings would at least have been reopened and Lodges are meeting again in person.

In conclusion, I thank all Members for your support, patience and continued interest over the past few months and look forward to enjoying your company in person again soon.

*Phillip Oddie
Grand Master*

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GRAND INSTALLATION 2020

Cocktail Party



Tasmanians R.W. Bro. Gary Reid PGW, M.W. Bro. Rob Clarke PGM, R.W. Bro. Jack Clear SGW, V.W. Bro. Craig Deane PGChap, W. Bro. James Seville GTyler, W. Bro. Ken Newman WM.



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The Grand Installation Cocktail Party is the opening function for the weekend's Celebrations. It is a wonderful time to meet new people and renew existing friendships.



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GRAND INSTALLATION 2020

Ladies Breakfast



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GRAND INSTALLATION 2020

Grand Installation



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GRAND INSTALLATION 2020

Grand Installation Banquet



R.W. Bro. Jack Clear



Certificate of Service presentation to Dot Slore for her support of Freemasonry Tasmania , with M.W. Bro. John Slore & M.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie ODS



R.W. Bro. Peter Calvert PGW and Linda Calvert



V.W. Bro. David Loone, R.W. Bro. David Greisbach, W. Bro. David Jordaan, W. Bro David Olden



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M.W. Bro. Derek Robson AM GM, NSW and Gael Knox



Since your last edition of Freemasonry Tasmania, quite a lot has changed and there is no doubt we are all living in different times. When I last wrote to you in December last year none of us were expecting to face a global pandemic which resulted in all areas of our business being affected by external forces outside our control and a situation that would have far and wide reaching impacts across our whole community. The health, safety and wellbeing of our residents, clients and staff is always our priority, and this continues to guide our actions through this unprecedented situation, as we work in line with the Tasmania Government Directions.

I want to thank all our residents, clients, families, staff and members for your patience and understanding as we all work together to keep our community protected from the spread of COVID-19. We are committed to enhancing our residents and clients lives, and we are determined to do our best to continue to keep everyone informed, engaged, connected and involved during this time.

Our staff have been truly amazing in their on-going commitment and dedication to our residents, clients and families. I have seen some wonderful examples of activities to keep spirits up and to make life as joyful as possible during this difficult time. Our community team also continue to do a fantastic job to ensure they continue to connect with and deliver services to our most vulnerable older people in our community.

Aged care regulations for everyone's safety and wellbeing

In June, I shared my thoughts and MCT's response to COVID-19 with a special feature in *The Examiner* newspaper. This article outlines the need for aged care regulations for everyone's safety and wellbeing.

"The beginning of March it's fair to say that we were not expecting to face a global pandemic which resulted in all areas of our business being affected. Masonic Care Tasmania has been providing aged care services, including residential, community in-home care support, day respite and retirement living across Tasmania for more than 60 years. It continues to be all hands on deck at Masonic Care to protect our residents, clients and staff from COVID-19. We have continually reviewed and updated our policies and procedures and implemented new systems in line with state and federal government guidance to defend against the virus. We have increased our staffing and purchased new equipment to support our residents, clients and their families (including telehealth, connecting virtually, and additional lifestyle activities to enable small group activities).

We relocated administrative staff to work from home; we purchased additional Personal Protective Equipment and cleaning products; we engaged cleaning staff to perform deeper cleaning tasks; we undertook additional training for all staff in COVID-19 and pandemic outbreak management; we instigated health checks for staff and a detailed workforce procedural response to COVID-19 and communicated, communicated, communicated continually to residents, clients, families and staff as often and in as many ways we could.

So far we have managed to keep COVID-19 out of our three residential aged care facilities while continuing to support our clients who are at home. This has been achieved with the exceptional work of all our wonderful

team combined with the key leadership of state authorities giving Public Health advice, and swiftly implementing the strategies and directions that we have all lived with for many months. Following the strict directions of the Tasmania Government, Masonic Care has still been able to keep some sense of normality within our residential aged care facilities.

We continued with our lifestyle programs, changing from large group activities to small groups, and residents continue to be able to move freely within the facilities and gardens. Visiting arrangements clearly had to change and we have facilitated many different ways for our residents and their families to stay digitally connected. It's fair to say that all of our digital literacy skills have improved dramatically, and we have had many a laugh along the way as we learnt new skills together.

We have all seen the terrible impact of COVID-19 internationally in residential aged care, and we at Masonic Care want to continue to do everything in our power to keep this virus out of our facilities and away from our most vulnerable older Tasmanians. The reintroduction of visits into our residential aged care facilities over the last few weeks has seen a massive increase in families and friends attend our three facilities with over 800 visitors over a period of seven days. We have had to implement a new booking, checking and monitoring system to manage the number of visitors and support our residents and staff. We continue to be vigilant with our visitation processes, staff reporting and monitoring practices as there continues to be the real risk of just one visitor or staff member that has unknowingly contracted the virus coming into contact with one of our residents or clients.

We understand the anxiety and frustrations felt by many of our residents, clients and families with the challenges that the COVID-19 restrictions have had, and we are extremely grateful for their patience and understanding as we all work through this together. Our combined efforts thus far have kept us COVID-19 free but we must not become complacent. We continue to ask for the general public's help and understanding to keep this virus out of our facilities and away from our most vulnerable older people. I ask everyone to please think very carefully as we move deeper into winter; do you really need to visit an aged care facility or an older person? And if so, follow the rules and requirements including social distancing and hand hygiene. They are there for everyone's safety and wellbeing.

I would like to acknowledge the whole of the aged care workforce and their efforts. I am particularly proud of the unwavering dedication and commitment of our Masonic Care Tasmania team. They have gone over and above, again and again, to create joy and happiness for our MCT family. They have stepped up and shown why they all work in our sector, they love and respect our older people, and they are true heroes." Jackie Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Masonic Care Tasmania

Aged & Community Services Australia Visit to Freemasons Home



Earlier this year, we invited the Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) CEO Pat Sparrow and Executive Director of Government and Public Affairs Annette

Glenister to come and spend time at Masonic Care Tasmania.

Together with members of the MCT Management Team, we spoke to Pat about the opportunities and challenges in providing aged care services in Tasmania. We had the pleasure of showing our guests around Freemasons Home, where they got to spend time, laugh and have a little dance with some of the residents. It was a great opportunity to showcase the wonderful work that our team do at MCT, and have some fun with our residents.

A special delivery from Government House

Residents at all our homes were thrilled to receive beautiful floral bouquets and shortbread from Our Patron, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC, Governor of Tasmania during the pandemic. This was a lovely way to spread some joy to our residents during this challenging time. Our sincere thanks to Our Patron, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC and staff at Government House.



Residents, Family & Advocates Surveys

In May we conducted a number of surveys with our Residents, their Families and Advocates to hear their feedback on our communication throughout the COVID-19 situation and our quality of care to ensure we were keeping people connected with their loved ones. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive and invaluable in helping us achieve continuous improvement through implementing some key activities based on the responses. In addition to this, we also conducted a staff survey, and we are currently undertaking a retirement village survey to gather valuable feedback and to ensure our residents and staff are heard and valued at MCT.

Reaching Out

Our Day Therapy Centre team continued to work hard to deliver services to our community clients during the isolation period. Our team tailored activity packs to each clients' interests and delivered them to people in their own homes. They also delivered meals, baked items and completing welfare checks regularly during their visits. We also sent out team members to play music and run sound therapy; to call people, dance, cook, paint and garden; and play bingo and card games. Lots of



plans were in place to keep everyone as engaged as possible whilst following all the rules: maintaining social distancing and keeping everyone safe.

Live Life with Us

Once again I would like to emphasize that Freemasons are warmly welcome to access all our services from Retirement Villages, Community and Home Care services, Day Respite Centres, Residential Aged Care facilities including Freemasons Home, Fred French and Peace Haven provide aged care, dementia care (including memory support units) and end of life care. Freemasons are most welcome to seek admission to our homes and will receive favourable consideration as long as there are vacancies and your assessment is in line with admission criteria. For further information, please don't hesitate to contact Katie Cooley – General Manager Operations on 0499 559 168 or email Katie.Cooley@mctas.org.au.

Thank You

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to each of you that have given generously to MCT over the past 12 months. When making a bequest to Masonic Care Tasmania, you are permanently leaving your legacy as a fond reminder to others of your kindness and generosity. Whether your bequest is material or financial, you can be assured it will enhance the lives of those in our care. Please contact Sally Glover – Communications and Marketing Coordinator on (03) 6282 5397 or email Sally.Glover@mctas.org.au to discuss.

Looking Forward

There is no doubt that we will all continue to face challenges as we progress through the COVID-19 pandemic MCT remain committed to enhancing our residents and clients lives, and to putting the health, safety and wellbeing of our resident, clients and staff above all else.

The Board, Executive and the Team are optimistic that we can continue to make a difference in people's lives across our community. I continue to be greatly privileged to be heading up Masonic Care Tasmania and I look forward to being able to see many of you in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely,
Jackie Howard, CEO, Masonic Care Tasmania

Masonic Education Advancement Programme

The recent pandemic and lockdown, together with the closure of our Lodge buildings, had led to a discussion among my District Masonic Education Officers (DMEO) as to how we can proceed with a virtual on-line delivery of the Masonic Education Advancement Programme (MEAP). It also provided an opportunity to update our present MEAP offering.

Many Tasmanian Lodges have used "Zoom", other platforms or devices to undertake virtual Lodge Meetings as well as conducting Board Meetings. It emphasises and stresses that we as Masons can embrace these new technologies.

As a result your Masonic Education team have decided to embrace the new technology and deliver our MEAP on-line using the "Zoom" platform. From 1st August 2020 the Tasmanian MEAP will in the future be delivered on-line. This will allow the delivery of the Programme to our out-lying Lodges. Our new approach will be a total State wide delivery, and embrace all Lodges in the State, particularly King Island, Bothwell, Mt Lyell, and St Helens.

As a result of my discussions with my DMEO's, we have decided to deliver the MEAP in virtual format as set out below. It is acknowledged that Lodges can seek dispensation from the Grand Master for the MEAP to be delivered to a Candidate due to exceptional circumstances.

For the balance of 2020 the MEAP will be delivered as follows on the 4th Wednesday in each month;

August 2020: MEAP 1

September 2020: MEAP 2

October 2020: MEAP 3

November 2020: if required MEAP 1, 2 or 3

From 2021 the MEAP Calendar will be delivered on 4th Wednesday in each month;

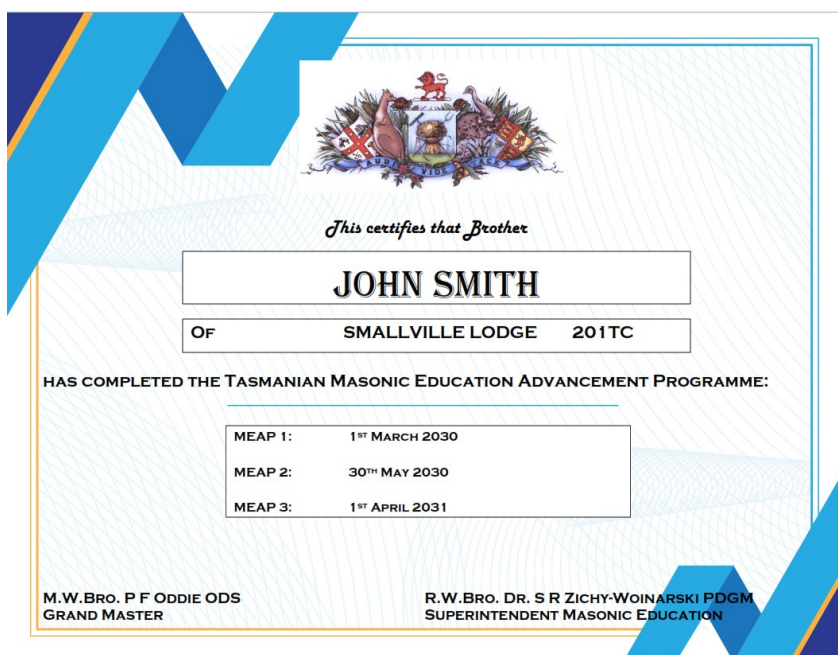
MEAP 1: February, May, August, November (if required)

MEAP 2: March, June, September, November (if required)

MEAP 3: April, July, October, November (if required)

In making these changes to the MEAP, the Board of General Purposes has also approved the issuing of a Certificate to be presented with a Master Masons Grand Lodge Certificate, confirming completion of the Education Programme.

*R.W. Bro Dr. S.R.Zichy-Woinarski PDGM
Superintendent Masonic Education*



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Certificate of Appreciation — W. Bro. David McDonald

A special day of recognition for W. Bro. David McDonald when he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Board of Benevolence by our Grand Master M. W. Bro Philip Oddie, ODS. The recognition is for David's many years of selfless donations to many Masonic charities including the Masonic Medical Research Foundation and Freemasons Assisting Tertiary Education for Students. Pictures show our Grand Master making the presentation to David with an elbow bump and David flanked by his wife Isobel and their youngest daughter Helen.

R. W. Bro. Jack Clear



Initiation — Bro. Jon Newell

The event at Lake Lodge 94 T.C. on Wednesday 6th June 2019 was to say the least moving. Brother Josh Newell, as deacon, escorted his Father, Mr Jon Newell, on his first masonic steps as he took his first degree.

Joining 26 brethren in attendance, with three visiting masters and ten visitors. Visitors came from Launceston Lodges as well as Hutchins Old Boys Lodge 48 T.C. R.W. Bro. Joe Porter from Burnie Masonic 89 T.C. was the director of music for the evening.

W Bro Douglas Dearing



Bro. John Newell with his son Bro Josh Newell

N.W. MASONIC BENEVOLENCE SOCIETY SUPPORTS RELAY FOR LIFE and SURF LIFE SAVING TASMANIA

Since 2009 the North West Masonic Benevolence Society, through its Lodges and members has donated \$52,194 to the Cancer Council Relay for Life. This year our team "Square and Compasses" donated \$5,175, we also had a team ready to walk in the relay which unfortunately was cancelled due to COVID-19. It is very pleasing to report that the team consisted of several relatively "new" members with support from wives and relatives.

*V. W. Bro. Ken Knight, Public Officer
N.W. Masonic Benevolence Society*



JUMPING IN: Avé, 9, and Meabh Loone, 7, with Rachel Clarke and daughter Amber, 9, and surf lifesaving instructor Amber Loone are looking forward to Starfish Nippers. Picture: Simon Sturzaker (www.theadvocate.com.au/story/6632558/inclusive-nippers-program-hits-coast/)

THANK YOU Square and Compasses

For your valuable contribution and helping Tasmanians impacted by cancer.




Alicia Van EK
Fundraising and Events
Coordinator
Relay For Life
Tasmania

This picture depicts a programme initiated by Amber Loone (far right) of the Devonport Surf Club. Amber is the daughter of V. W. Bro. David Loone, a member of the Devonport Masonic Lodge. The North West Masonic Benevolence Society donated funds to assist the Devonport Surf Life Saving Club to purchase special boards, vests and other equipment for their Starfish Nippers Program which enables children and young adults with disabilities to enjoy the sea under the supervision of qualified surf club members.

*V. W. Bro. Ken Knight, Public Officer
N.W. Masonic Benevolence Society*

Who was Hiram Abif ?

The name "Hiram Abif" is first mentioned in the First Degree during the explanation of the First Tracing Board and in the Presentation of the Pillars during the Installation of the new Master and regularly thereafter and so is known to every Freemason.

However, unless a Candidate has an amazing memory or has undertaken his own research, he will know very little of Hiram Abif before being told at the end of the Exhortation charge that he was the principal architect at the construction of King Solomon's Temple and was eventually murdered.

This paper does not contain any details beyond the 1st Degree but does suggest that the authors of the Masonic ritual may have used the injuries, death and interment of an Egyptian Pharaoh as the basis of a fictional work.

A connection between Hiram Abif and the Pharaoh, Seqenenre Tao II was identified in a book, "The Hiram Key" by Knight & Lomas (both Freemasons and approved by the United Grand Lodge of England) which was printed in the mid-1990s.

This article will not confirm the identity of Hiram Abif, but it is suggested that what we're told of his death and the recorded history of the mummy of Seqenenre Tao II in the Cairo museum contains details what I consider to be too much similarity to be coincidental.

Thus, this article concentrates on Egyptian history and specifically of the Pharaoh, Seqenenre Tao II.

Egyptian Pharaohs (c. 1720 – 1500 BCE)

Around 1720-1710 BCE, Egypt began to be invaded by an Asiatic people "of obscure race", who became known as the Hyk-Sos, meaning "shepherd kings" who came from Palestine, Lebanon or Syria (coincidentally in the vicinity of the home of Hiram, King of Tyre).

These Hyksos melted easily into Egyptian society at first and they eventually became very powerful, and finally, in a coup, they came to rule the whole of Northern Egypt, imposing one of their people as the legitimate Pharaoh.

For about a hundred years, there was relative peace and cooperation between the two Pharaohs, simply because the Hyksos were really very good rulers and knew how to adopt and improve the Egyptian lifestyle. They dominated Lower Egypt and established their capital in the city of Avaris (now Alexandria) on the Mediterranean coast in the Delta of the Nile.

About this time, Seqenenre Tao II, the 14th Pharaoh of the Theban dynasty and the last of the legitimate line of Egyptian Pharaohs, was forced to live in exile in Thebes (now known as Luxor) more than 650 kilometres south where he was considered to be the king of Upper Egypt only.

Today, Luxor is the home of the Temple of Karnak and the nearby Valley of the Kings.

The Hyksos adopted traditional Egyptian names and the last Hyksos Pharaoh, Apophis, (aka Apepi) was an example of a selected name.

However, there were always undercurrents of enmity because the Hyksos Pharaohs were always desperate to prove their doubtful (and even non-existent) legitimacy. As such, Apophis as Hyksos Pharaoh, never had access to the secret king-making rites of the legitimate Pharaonic line.

This reportedly remained a real cause of concern with the Hyksos and probably led to Apophis writing to Seqenenre Tao complaining about the snoring of the hippopotami in the sacred pool at Thebes and demanding that he suppress his hippopotamus pool for keeping him awake at night. This despite living in Avaris, around 650 kilometres downstream!

Seqenenre had battled the Hyksos, although indecisively, during his lifetime and this letter may have initiated the war that ultimately led to the restoration of the rule of the Pharaohs in Egypt in the 16th century BCE and the expulsion of the Asiatics from Egypt. Unfortunately, this war also led to the death of Seqenenre Tao II.

The history of the Pharaoh Seqenenre Tao II, was always considered legendary, and the signs of wounds present in the mummy suggest that he had died in battle. The following description provides an account of the injury that was done to the Pharaoh at his death:

It is not known whether he fell upon the field of battle or was the victim of some plot; the appearance of his mummy proves that he died a violent death when about forty years of age. Two or three men, whether assassins or soldiers, must have surrounded and despatched him before help was available.

A blow from an axe must have severed part of his left cheek, exposed the teeth, fractured the jaw, and sent him senseless to the ground; another blow must have seriously injured the skull, and a dagger or javelin has cut open the forehead on the right side, a little above the eye.

The wound on his forehead was probably caused by a Hyksos axe, and his neck wound was probably caused by a dagger while he was prone. There are no wounds on his arms or hands, which suggests he was not able to defend himself.

His body must have remained lying where it fell for some time and when found, decomposition had set in and the embalming had to be hastily performed as best it might.

Seqenenre Tao's mummy was discovered in 1881 and was reported to have been *mummified in most unusual circumstances*. Following the discovery, the Museum noted that a "foul, oily smell filled the room the moment the case in which his body was exhibited was opened". This is likely due to the poor embalming process and the absence of the use of absorbing 'natron' salts, leaving some bodily fluids in the mummy at the time of burial.

His mummy appears to have been hastily embalmed and X-rays that were taken of the mummy in the late-1960s show that no attempt had been made to remove the brain or to add linen inside the cranium or eyes, both normal embalming practice for the time. Seqenenre Tao II is the earliest royal mummy on display in the Royal Mummies Hall at the Egyptian Museum, Cairo.

His sons, Kamose and Ahmose succeeded to the throne after their father's death and it was they who ultimately made the final conquest of the Hyksos and reunited all of Egypt around 1500 BCE.



Mummified head of Seqenenre depicting his battle wounds
(www.wikipedia.org)

R.W. Bro. R. L. (Leigh) G. Clark, SGW

Wor. Bro. Dale. H. Proverbs - 50 year Membership Presentation

Wor. Bro. Dale. H. Proverbs used almost every form of transport on the long journey from his home in Lightning Ridge accompanied by his wife Zilda to accept his 50 year Membership Jewel and Certificate presented to him on behalf of the Grand Master M. W. Bro John Store by R. W. Bro. David L. Kay at a special function in the Masonic Hall at Burnie on Friday 10th January 2020.

Dale was Initiated into the former Davies Lodge No 25 T.C. on the 5th April 1969. Passed to the Second Degree on 2nd August 1969 and Raised to the 3rd Degree on the 1st November 1969.

The merge of Davies Lodge and two Burnie based lodges to form Burnie Masonic Lodge No 89 T.C. in 1992 saw W. Bro Proverbs admitted as a Founder Member.

His Masonic career involves a journey through the various offices finally becoming Wor. Master of Davies Lodge in 1987/88 and the remaining former Ex Davies Members together with some of their wives were in attendance with other Burnie Lodge members, at the ceremony opened by Wor. Bro Stewart C. Freeman O.A.M. C.S.M., Wor Master of Burnie Masonic Lodge.

R.W. Bro. Kay referred to Dale's working career at the former Burnie Paper Mills and his relocation to the Opal Mines of N.S.W. deserting the Paper for wealth of the Minerals.

He did affiliate with a lodge in N.S.W. but retained his membership with Burnie even though distance precluded his attendance.

On making the presentation R.W. Bro. Kay congratulated

W. Bro. Proverbs for his loyalty to his mother lodge over 50 yrs.

In reply W. Bro. Proverbs expressed his thanks to the lodge for the Presentation.

Following the Ceremony, afternoon tea was enjoyed by Lodge members and their wives with W. Bro. Proverbs being remembered for his repertoire of humorous tales, including the story of a hopeful miner that arrived at the opal field with nothing and finally left with half as much.

V. W. Bro. Gerry Gunton
Burnie Masonic Lodge



W. Bro. Ian J Clarke, V.W. Bro. M J Ritch, W. Bro. A Lucadou-Wells,
W. Bro. Dale H Proverbs, R.W. Bro. Russell B Ker,
R.W. Bro. David L Kay

M.W. Bro. Julius Kearon PGM, 17 May 1942 - 4 June 2020

Most Worshipful Brother Kearon, a leader in our Fraternity, held the rank of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania from February 2005 to February 2008. Julius led us with wisdom, grace and humility, enforcing by example the values that underpin our fraternity. By his staunchness and wholehearted engagement with our masonic values and way of life, he added strength and lustre to our organisation, and reaffirmed our commitment to principles and tenets that have withstood the test of time, and have shown us to have a rule of life and ethical values second to none.

Julius Kearon was born in Corfe Mullen in Dorset, England. He received his secondary education at Dorset's Wimborne Grammar School, and subsequently graduated from the University of Southampton with a degree in Mathematics. He and his wife Ann, whom he had met in his student days, arrived in Australia in 1967 after having undertaken the momentous journey overland through Europe and Asia by Land Rover. Both pursued careers in teaching, Julius as a Secondary Mathematics teacher. Julius rose through the ranks as a senior teacher to hold the position of Principal at Bothwell, Savage River, and lastly, at Deloraine High School.

Julius was initiated into freemasonry at Lake Lodge in Longford in May 1972. He became active in Grand Lodge in 1994 and occupied a number of offices in Grand Lodge before being nominated by Most Worshipful Brother Clarke as Deputy Grand Master in 2003. He was also active in many other masonic orders, holding office in all of them. He was Master of Meander Lodge in 1987 and 1990, and again in 2009. Meander Lodge was dear to his heart and he was, indeed, the mainstay of that lodge. For many years, until recently, he was Secretary of the Lodge and, in that role, not only attended assiduously to its business affairs but offered wise counsel and support to the Master of the day.



W. Bro. Gregory Parkinson

Julian's obituary in the Examiner newspaper reads: "KEARON, Julius Edward 17.5.1942 – 4.6.2020. Loving husband of Ann Kearon. Caring father and father-in-law of Patrick and Kim, Sarah and Tim; Ruth; Richard & Megan; Adam & Meg. Grandpa and Great Grandpa of many. Dedicated Educator and Freemason. We will miss you.

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Victorian Ladies Delegation at Grand Installation Ladies Breakfast



Dot Store (Tas), Anne Oddie (Tas), Fiona Murray (Vic), Nora Wood (Tas)



The view of the River Derwent from the Wrest Point Convention

The Ladies at Grand Installation 2020



Kathleen Elkington, Katherine Charalambous, Kerry Galea, Bronwyn Parry, Heather Lodge & Mya Grayly (All from Victoria)



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