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At rear: RWBro Bill Plapp

From the Editor

Thank you everyone for all the wonderful articles sent in for this issue. Can I please ask that when sending photos you provide the names of all those in the photo (and their ranks if applicable) for the caption.

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Best wishes - Rosemary Bruce-Mullins

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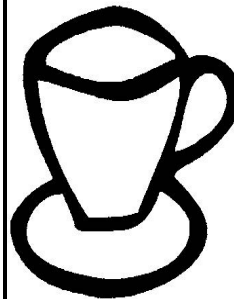
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From the Grand Master

MWBro Allan Sangwell

Dear 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.

I commenced writing this article during the Christmas/New Year break and, whilst doing so, reflected on the months since I was installed as your Grand Master in February 2014. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of conducting lodge installations, attending many meetings and also special lodge events.

Although each meeting is memorable, that which will be a lasting memory was the Centenary Meeting of the Devonport Masonic Lodge held on Tuesday 23rd September 2014. To celebrate this wonderful milestone, the event commenced with a street parade led by a brass band. The Worshipful Master and I followed, accompanied by many Grand Lodge Officers and brethren in full Masonic regalia. At the conclusion of the parade I unveiled a commemorative plaque mounted on the front wall of the lodge building.

With the assistance of the North-West Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team, a re-enactment of the Dedication of a Lodge Room was conducted. This ceremony was open to the public and it was pleasing to see a great number of brethren, ladies, distinguished guests and media representatives in attendance. The importance of the event was covered in the evening's television bulletins and in print media the following day.

The success of the commemoration is attributable to the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Devonport Masonic Lodge for their enthusiasm and precise planning. I once again congratulate them on their efforts and foresight in involving the public on this memorable event.

One of my desires during my term as Grand Master has been to increase the involvement of our ladies, family and friends at our social functions, particularly at installation banquets. I am pleased to note that many more lodges are inviting non-members to join with brethren at their installation banquets.

Brethren, can I now encourage you to consider holding more social functions and continue the trend of greater involvement with our families and non-members. This will increase the opportunity for men of good standing to interact socially with Freemasons and thus may attract new members to our fraternity.

I recall the many happy occasions my late mother had attending social functions at my lodge - installation banquets, Christmas dinners, counter meals, etc. My mother happily supported the lodges of which my father and I were members and I was thankful that following the demise of my father my lodge continued to invite her to their social functions. I trust all lodges will honour widows of their lodge brethren by maintaining contact and continue to invite them to social functions.

This year I will be representing the Grand Lodge of Tasmania at the Grand Installations and associated functions of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory in April, the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory in August and the Grand Lodge of Western Australia in October. The Grand Installations will be held in Adelaide, Sydney and Perth respectively.

Attendance at the Grand Installations is open to current and Past Grand Lodge Officers, all members of the Craft, irrespective of rank, their wives and partners. Pam and I

invite brethren and ladies to consider accompanying us to any or all of these installations. Dates, details and registration forms can be obtained from the Grand Secretary, RWBro Macrow.

In conclusion, I thank each of you for your commitment to the Craft here in Tasmania. I appreciate the kindness and respect shown to both Pam and I over the past year and we look forward to being in your company during 2015.

*Allan Sangwell
Grand Master.*



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Masonic Education

Mitre Lodge of York 7321 Second Degree & Overseas Visitor

On 7th May, 2014 Mitre Lodge performed a Second Degree ceremony for Bro Charles MacLaughlan, a member of Francis Drake of York Lodge. Charles was supported by Francis Drake's Master, WBro Ardashes Melemendjian, and Secretary, WBro Bryan Redshaw, together with three other members of their Lodge.

Also visiting was RWBro Zich Woinarski (sic), Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, who was on holiday in York at the time with his wife, Sue (who joined the Mitre Ladies for dinner in York while the Lodge meeting was taking place). Zich presented Richard Perrin, Worshipful Master of Mitre Lodge, with a new gavel made entirely from Tasmanian woods.

Zich undertook the response to the toast to the visitors, giving a very informative and thought-provoking description of the efforts being made in Tasmania and Victoria to retain members by improving education within the Craft. He told us that, many years ago, he had asked his father what Freemasonry was all about, to be met with the response: "I can't tell you – you will have to join to find out!"

Fortunately, times have moved on and efforts are now being made to improve matters; Zich, as Grand Superintendent of Masonic Education in Tasmania, has taken on board an education programme developed by his opposite number in the Grand Lodge of Victoria. This seeks to develop Masons as they progress through the Craft, and explains what we do and why we do it, avoiding the not unheard of question: "what on earth was that all about?", and aims to make progress through Freemasonry more interesting with the ultimate purpose of retaining membership.



RWBro S.R. Zichy-Woinarski PDGM with WBro Richard Perrin

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Tasmanian Masonic Education Programme

There appears to be some confusion regarding the details and operation of the Tasmanian Masonic Education Programme. To overcome this confusion I set out the details of our Programme, and how it is being implemented in each District.

The Tasmanian Masonic Education Programme commenced on 1st March 2014 with the passing of the Constitutional Amendments at February 2014 Communications. As a result of these Amendments from 1st March 2014 all new candidates, are required to undertake the Tasmanian Masonic Education Programme based on the Victorian Masonic Advancement Programme (MAP).

In each District a District Masonic Education Officer has been appointed to co-ordinate and undertake the Programme. Currently the District Masonic Education Officers are:

South:	VWBro Gary Reid,
North:	VWBro Reg Frost
North West:	RWBro Neil Bugg.

The programme consists of 3 parts and covers each of the degrees:

- A candidate who has completed the 1st Degree will be required to undertake MAP 1 – "Discovering the First Degree" before proceeding to his 2nd Degree.
- On completing his 2nd Degree he will be required to undertake MAP 2 – "Journey through the Second Degree" before proceeding to his 3rd Degree.
- On completing his 3rd Degree he will be required to undertake MAP 3 – "Revealing the Third Degree" before receiving his Master Masons Certificate.

The emphasis of the programme is to provide candidates with information and the reasons behind the degree work they have undertaken and to help them understand the basis of freemasonry. This is supported by instruction from the District Masonic Education Officers and informative booklets reinforcing various parts of the MAP.

District Masonic Education Officers maintain a register of the new masons who have attended; liaise with Lodge Secretaries, Lodge Education Officers and Mentors; as well as the Brethren undertaking the programme to keep them informed of the dates and times when MAP sessions will be conducted in each District.

In January 2015, and annually thereafter, the Tasmanian Masonic Education Programme details for each District will be forwarded by e-mail to Lodge Secretaries and Lodge Mentors. This will assist them in ensuring Lodge Candidates attend the relevant programme. Similarly this information will be placed on the Grand Lodge website.

Older members in Tasmania are invited to attend the Tasmania Masonic Education Programme, to support our newer members. It also provides them with an opportunity to expand their own masonic knowledge.

*RWBro. S.R. Zichy-Woinarski PDGM
Grand Lodge Superintendent of Masonic Education*

Masonic Education

Masonic Education Program - Victoria

The following is an article by *VWBro Ruary Bucknall*, Grand Superintendent of Membership of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria (UGLV), on the Masonic Education Programme.

This article is in the Spring (140) edition, and the Winter (139) also has information on this topic. You can access the UGLV magazine, Freemasonry Victoria at www.freemasonsvic.net.au/news/magazine-publications/.

Tasmania uses the same Masonic Education program as Victoria.

“The previous edition of this magazine included an article highlighting that far too many candidates and new members are falling through the membership gap, a gap that many Lodges are failing to recognise. The article also noted there are some Lodges with fantastic processes to help ensure that Freemasonry is worthy of candidates and members, and thus are likely to retain their membership.

So, what are some of the processes that Lodges and their respective members could adopt to plug this gap? The following generic checklist is fairly basic, and perhaps obvious, but represents a starting point that any Lodge could use to develop its own specific programs.

1. Establish specific contact people for and with the candidate.
2. Clarify the contact roles of Proposer, Secretary, Master, Mentor and Lodge Education Officer.
3. Quickly respond to all contacts from the candidate.
4. Ensure the candidate is correctly informed of the application process.
5. Make sure the Lodge follows an appropriate timeline and correct administration for progressing the paperwork.
6. Maintain a steady communication with the candidate through all stages of the process.
7. Help the candidate develop an understanding of Freemasonry in general and his prospective Lodge in particular.
8. Invite the candidate, family and referees to appropriate Lodge functions.
9. Explore the possibility of other potential candidates linked to this candidate.

These important steps will help to ensure that your candidate is initiated into a group that he already feels comfortable with. The next challenge is to take steps to ensure that this positive relationship continues.

10. The Lodge Education Officer has a critical role to familiarise the new member with those things the rest of us take for granted; such as the various rooms at the Masonic Centre, what the bits and pieces are and where they are stored, the various committees and management practices.
11. Preferably his Mentor, but someone should sit with the new member at Lodge meetings, guide him

through the meeting's movements and signs etc., and afterwards discuss the meeting and any questions that may arise.

12. The Lodge Education Officer should ensure there is a formal activity on those occasions the new member may be outside the Lodge during higher ceremonies – never just leave him in the hands of the Tyler or give the impression he need not attend that meeting!
13. The new member's Mentor and Lodge Education Officer need to arrange and accompany him to his Masonic Advancement Program sessions, and possible visits to other Lodges to view appropriate ceremonies and meet other new members.
14. However, the Lodge also needs to balance the new member's participation with his other commitments and interests. This can be a delicate act between providing opportunities but not rushing him and his family into participation.
15. The manner in which the Lodge is managed and its ceremonies conducted is important for all members, but even more so for new members for whom these early impressions will be critical in determining if Freemasonry is worth the time and expense.

The sobering statistic, from surveys of new members who have resigned, is that they have left because either

- (a) they were rushed into taking office, or
- (b) they were just expected to be a spectator and regaled with stories of the good old days, or
- (c) any mistakes they made were jumped on by different people who each gave a different account of what should have been done, and
- (d) general disharmony between groups and individual members in the Lodge.

Very few resignations were the result of cost, time commitment, relocation, or personal or religious discomfort as they became more aware of our ceremonies.

In conclusion, all these processes aside, our personal interaction with candidates and new members is the keystone to continuing participation. If every Freemason extended the spirit of brotherly love, especially to our new members, our Lodges would be places where brethren may be more inclined to stay rather than drift away.



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Lodge Lauriston Official Visit to Lodge Nugara, King Island

Lodge Lauriston recently undertook an official visit to Lodge Nugara on King Island. Accompanying the George Town Lodge's members and their families were some very well-known Brethren and their Ladies, from other parts of the state.

The visit had its origins with a group of Lauriston Ladies, discussing at a social function, how they would one day like to visit the island. Further research found that it would be cost effective to charter a 19 seat aircraft from Sharp Airlines and operate it to capacity.



Lodge Nugara was contacted and an extensive social and sightseeing programme was organised, the available seats on the plane were quickly snapped up and the trip was on.

Early one Saturday morning in November, our eager group assembled at Launceston airport for a weekend with a difference. After a scenic flight along the coast and across to King Island, a day's sightseeing was followed by a late afternoon Lodge meeting.



The Brethren of both Lodges then retired to the local Hotel, to re-unite with their Ladies and companions to enjoy a first class banquet, which for some, continued well into the early hours of Sunday.

A somewhat later start on Sunday morning saw more sightseeing and yet more Island hospitality with a lunchtime sausage sizzle at the Lodge Hall. It was then realised that being a charter flight we had a much more liberal luggage allowance than might be the case on a regular flight. Full advantage was taken of this fortunate circumstance by way of a stop at King Island Dairies on the way to the airport. Their famous cheese stocks were seriously depleted by our group and shipped back home with us on our flight.

We thoroughly recommend such a visit to other Lodges. We were made to feel very welcome by not just the Nugara 'family', but all on the island that we came across and we had a thoroughly enjoyable (and exhausting) weekend.

Our special thanks go to Lodge Nugara and their families for their wonderful hospitality.

Bro. Peter Thomas

December Quiz Night for "Ambos"

Lodge Lauriston's Quiz Night, held on Friday 5th December, was well attended with 75 people, in teams made-up of not only our own members, wives, friends and families, but also representatives of the Volunteer Ambulance, Lions, Judo Club, Rotary, Soroptimists, Buffs and visiting Brethren.

WBro Nigel Hodges and Bro Michael Long again drove the night, not only providing the questions, Master of Ceremonies, tally count and running the raffles, but also gathering the vast majority of prizes from their many contacts around Launceston. Without their efforts, we would not have staged such an event – well done to both of them.

Behind the scenes, the Brethren that could, drummed-up many more prizes and the combined effort providing the "finger food" was tremendous, with the tables being constantly replenished throughout the entire night by our Brethren, lead by our "Host with the Most" MWBro Paul Hodges, who also managed to teach Alexander Wood (the Master's youngest son) the finer points of Stewarding, between quiz questions.

At the risk of missing someone, I would also like to thank the people who assisted in running the event, particularly, WBro Ray Fittler and Nora Wood for cleaning and setting-up the Lodge and organising liquid refreshments, Bro Phil Murfet for collecting the entrance money, Billy Wright (Buffs) who sold drink coupon's, Nathaniel Wood (the Master's oldest son) for serving at the bar all night, W Bro Chris Wohlgenuth for "running the floor" for the entire quiz, MWBro Paul Hodges and WBro Nigel Hodges for commandeering chairs and tables from "various" sources and of course all our ladies for the food – BUT also a big thank-you to the large group that stayed behind to help clear-up afterwards!

With so much effort, it was with great satisfaction that we were able to present the "Ambos" (George Town Volunteer Ambulance Service) with a cheque for \$1,586 from the proceeds of the evening to be used for the purchase of a resuscitation doll – a magnificent achievement, of which we are very proud.

WBro Luke Wood



WBro. Luke Wood presenting the cheque to Lorraine Wilson of the George Town Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Installation of Master Luke Wood

On Friday 17th October 2014, Bro Luke John Wood was installed as Master of Lodge Lauriston No. 72.

One of those attending was WBro Jack Windsor who has been an active member of Lodge Lauriston since 1957. In fact, Jack was installed as Master of Lodge Lauriston in 1964, the year that Luke was born.

On the evening of Luke's installation the attendance book from Jack's installation was on view.



WBro Jack Windsor & Bro (installed as WBro) Luke Wood

MMAA members have been busy again with regular rides and participation in the Toy Run.

A group of members are preparing to ride to the MMAA National Annual General Meeting in Canberra as the magazine goes to print and we wish them well on their journey.

Group rides in Southern Tasmania are held on the second Sunday of each month and leave from the Montrose Foreshore Community Park, arrive from 9.30 for a 10am (sharp) departure.

Contact: Alan Burton (hobtas@hotmail.com).



Craig Deane chatting with Toy Run onlookers.
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Enjoying a counter meal on the October 2014 Chapter ride, David Macrow, Richard Heiermann, Craig Deane, Alan Burton, Dot Foley, John Store and Paul Goninon.
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Grand Installation - Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter



On the weekend of 28th to 30th March 2014, the Grand Installation of Most Eminent Companion C Peter Edwards as 1st Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania, and associated functions

was held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston. This was the first time that all activities were held in the one venue and was certainly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The weekend started with a reception on the Friday night to meet the Interstate and Overseas visitors. This was hosted by the outgoing 1st Grand Principal, Most Eminent Companion Ian C Blair, and provided the opportunity for old friendships to be renewed and new friendships forged.

On the Saturday afternoon, the Grand Installation for Most Em Comp C P Edwards was held. Supreme Grand Chapter was opened at 2.00pm then visitors were admitted.

Heads of Orders of various Masonic Orders in Tasmania were the first visitors admitted. They were:

- Rt Em Knight Priest G W Herbert, Grand Superintendent of the Grand College for District No. 44 of the Holy Royal Arch Templar Priest Order of Holy Wisdom.
- Worshipful Brother C E Dobson, Regional Clerk, of the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers.
- Most Illustrious Brother G W Morgan, Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council 33 of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Australia, Regional Commander for Region No. 8.
- Rt Em Fratre K W Hepburn, District Grand Prior of the District Grand Priory of Tasmania, under the Great Priory of Scotland.
- Rt Worthy Brother A Goodluck, Past Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler of the Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor for Southern Australia.

Next admitted were the following visiting Delegations:

- Grand Lodge of Antient Free & Accepted Masons of Tasmania
- Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Victoria
- United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria
- Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Queensland
- Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of South Australia and the Northern Territory
- Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland
- Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand
- Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia
- Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria
- Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Australia and the Northern Territory.
- United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal

Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

- Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Australia
- Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

Following this Grand Honours were given and responded to for:

- Rt Em Knight Priest G W Herbert - on behalf of the visiting Heads of Orders
- Most Wor Bro A J Sangwell - on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania
- M Ex Comp E Keenahan, 1st Grand Principal of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the ACT on behalf of Sister Jurisdictions.
- Most Eminent Companion C Peter Edwards was then Installed and Invested as the 1st Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania, by Most Eminent Comp Ian C Blair.
- M Em Comp C P Edwards then Installed and Invested his Deputy 1st Grand Principal, Rt Em Comp G F Cadogan-Cowper
- The 2nd Grand Principal, Rt Em Comp C J Wallace, was Installed and Invested by Rt Em Comp I Petty PD 1st GP.
- Rt Em Comp G F Cadogan-Cowper then Installed and Invested Rt Em Comp P I Davidson as 3rd Grand Principal.
- Grand Scribe Ezra, V Em Comp L Baumbach, was Obligated and Invested by Rt Em Comp P I Davidson.
- M Em Comp C P Edwards then invested the other Office Bearers.

Greetings to the First Grand Principal were then extended by:

- On behalf of all Heads of Orders, M Ill Bro G W Morgan, Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council 33 of the Antient & Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia.
- On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, MWBro A J Sangwell. (photo at right)



- On behalf of Sister Jurisdictions, M Em Comp J Ross 1st Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch of Queensland.
- The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania was then closed and M Em Comp C P Edwards was escorted from the Chapter.

That evening a very enjoyable Grand Banquet was held to celebrate the Grand Installation of M Em Comp C P Edwards. On the Sunday visitors had the opportunity of either having a Bus Tour to the North West Coast and Western Tiers or a leisurely Boat Cruise down the Tamar River to Batman Bridge and return, enjoying lunch and drinks on board. Both these activities were well attended and were enjoyed by all.

Geoff Cadogan-Cowper

News from other Jurisdictions

Planning to go overseas in 2015?

If you are planning to go overseas this year you might care to think about including the following in your itinerary:

- The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge National Regular of the Principality of Monaco on 21 March. The program includes lunch courtesy of the Grand Master; a visit to the temple of the Grand Lodge National Regular of the Principality of Monaco; and a formal Gala Dinner. You'll have an opportunity to have a flutter at the casino as well!
- Great Reunion and 4th International Masonic Symposium with the theme of "Back to Anatolia" in Cappadocia, Nevşehir from 23 to 26 April, hosted and organised by the Worshipful Lodge "ERCIYES", No. 234, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Turkey. The program includes musical performances and presentations, symbolic local vine-harvest festival shows, hot air balloon tours and open-air museum visits.
- Yet another Masonic bash in Romania – this time from 19 to 24 June, to celebrate the 135th anniversary of the founding of the National Grand Lodge of Romania. The program includes welcome cocktails; the Annual Communication and Anniversary Ceremony of the National Grand Lodge; a ball; and the National Grand Lodge Awards Gala followed by yet more cocktails. If this one is anything like the 2014 World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges hosted by the National Grand Lodge of Romania, it is to be highly recommended.
- The 14th World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges in San Francisco, California, in November – hosted by the Grand Lodge of California. This year's conference will explore the theme: *The Chain of Union: Strengthening Fraternal Bonds in a Changing World*. Complimentary shuttle services will be provided to some of the city's favourite attractions, and there will be time to explore the greater Bay Area and Silicon Valley, one of the world's most vibrant business communities. The conference opens on 18 November.

Information on any of the above is available from WBro Greg Parkinson, Grand Lodge Fraternal Relations Officer, or the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland Recognises Brethren who have Fallen in Various Conflicts

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It is fitting that the Grand Lodge of Scotland chose to commission, in the year marking the centenary of the commencement of World War I and the 70th anniversary of the D Day Landings, a memorial to Brethren who have fallen in various conflicts. The memorial, to be installed in the Grand Lodge building, will be the work of Brother Alan Herriot, an increasingly well-known sculptor and artist who has major art work displayed in towns and cities in the UK and Europe.

The Memorial, dedicated *TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE BRETHREN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS*, will include all Grand Lodge of Scotland Brethren from around the world and embrace civilians, police, fire fighters, as

well as those who served in the Armed Forces.

We here in Tasmania have probably been remiss in not actively marking, in the centennial year, the service of those of our Brethren who served in World War I, although many of our older lodge rooms have honour boards in place. Perhaps we can do so in the year marking the centenary of the Armistice.

It is interesting to know that we can count at least one VC winner amongst our ranks – Captain James Newland, a member of Saint Andrew Lodge No 6 TC. Newland saw service in the Boer war and served as a police officer in Tasmania before re-joining the Australian Army's permanent forces in 1910. He was awarded the Victoria Cross following three separate actions in April 1917, during attacks against German forces retreating to the Hindenburg Line. While in command of a company, Newland successfully led his men in several assaults on German positions and repulsed subsequent counter-attacks.



Captain James Newland c 1918

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

Inter-constitutional

Relationships in Nigeria under a Cloud

The Grand Lodge of Nigeria was consecrated in 2012 by the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Ireland. After long negotiations between the various parties, fourteen of the Scottish Constitution lodges chose to stay with Scotland rather than join the new Grand Lodge. These lodges, in accordance with the policy of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, were reformed into a District and a new District Grand Master was installed.

The Grand Master Mason of Scotland has expressed his disappointment that no representatives from the Grand Lodge of Nigeria attended the installation of the new District Grand Master for Scotland given the efforts that Scotland had made in assuring that the Grand Lodge of Nigeria came into existence. He hopes that problems at the local level in Nigeria can be swiftly overcome.

We have, of course, seen similar tensions (still unresolved) in Australia in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite between the Supreme Council for Scotland and the Supreme Council for Australia. We are indeed lucky in Tasmania that all Craft lodges chose to join the Grand Lodge of Tasmania when it came into existence in 1890.

Confederation of French Masonry

The dust has not yet settled on the matter of regularising Freemasonry in France. During the period when the National Grand Lodge of France was considered to be irregular, a Grand Lodge of France was established by Freemasons in France, keen to work in a regular fashion. The problem is that that body has not been brought back into the National Grande Lodge of France – the Grand Lodge recognised by other regular Grand Lodges, now

News from other Jurisdictions

that it has undergone its catharsis, as having jurisdiction over regular Craft lodges in France.

In an attempt to prevent regular Freemasonry in France from imploding, a number of European Grand Lodges (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Belgium) have been in discussion with the Grand Lodge of France and other like Masonic organisations in France, with a view to establishing a confederation of French Masonry so that they could be brought together under an overarching body. The Grand Lodge of Germany is such a body and this was thought to provide a suitable model. The proposal was outlined in the so-called *Berlin Declaration* promulgated by the five European Grand Lodges.

This proposal brought an immediate reaction from the National Grande Lodge of France. Grand Master Servel asked his counterparts around the world how would they react when someone tried to impose a new "*Masonic landscape*" in their jurisdiction, showing his outrage at the way in which those five Grand Lodges in Central Europe had acted.

Grand Master Servel's response was supported by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland. The three Grand Lodges issued what might be called the '*London Declaration*', as an official response addressed to the Grand Lodge of Central Europe.

This response argues that the only Grand Lodge that



Jean-Pierre Servel, Grand Master

meets the standards of regularity is the National Grand Lodge of France. It goes on to state that the only body that can decide whether to share or not share jurisdiction, in this case, will be the National Grand Lodge of France. Without the National Grand Lodge of France, the member Grand Lodges of the Confederation and the Confederation could not be recognised.

In the meantime, the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium has decided to recognise again the National Grand Lodge of France as the sole Grand Lodge meeting the criteria of regularity and recognition throughout France. Apparently, Belgium considers that some of the latest actions of Grand Lodge of France are duplicitous. The National Grande Lodge of France has also recently broken off relations with the Scottish Rite in France, presumably over the support given by the Supreme Council for France to the Berlin

proposal. Watch this space !!!!

Simon Bolivar's Sword

According to the Masonic Press Agency, the sword of one of the most well known Freemasons in Latin America, Simon Bolivar, has come into the possession of the Grand Lodge of Venezuela. The Bolivarian Society of Venezuela gave the sword to Estrella Bolivar Lodge #118, on 24 July last year.

Simon Bolivar was a Venezuelan military and political



Simon Bolivar's Sword

<http://masonicpressagency.blogspot.com.au/2014/07/simon-bolivars-sword-came-into.html>

leader and played a key role in Latin America's successful struggle for independence from Spain. Today, he is considered one of the most influential politicians in the history of the Americas. During his lifetime, he led Venezuela, Colombia (including Panama at the time), Ecuador, Peru (together with Don José de San Martín), and Bolivia to independence. Admirers claim that he helped lay the foundations for democracy in much of Latin America.

Freemasonry in the United Arab Emirates

Last year, the Masonic Press Agency reported, according to information received, that HRH Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum (Premier and Vice-President, and absolute Sovereign of Dubai) had approved the establishment of a Masonic Lodge in Dubai.

The situation seems unclear with no evidence of a lodge being established since that time in the United Arab Emirates. There are apparently, Prince Hall affiliated lodges working under the Oklahoma jurisdiction in Dubai and in Qatar. A small Masonic discussion and study group (not a lodge) also meets regularly at a coffee shop, in Abu Dhabi. These brothers are mostly Americans, all in good standing with various lodges in their country. The latter information was gleaned from the *My Freemasonry* blog – a site worth visiting.

WBro Greg Parkinson

Grand Lodge Fraternal Relations Officer

News from Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania

A New Era for Masonic Homes in the North

After a very busy and eventful five years in the role, Marlene Johnston officially retired as Chief Executive Officer of Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania on 10th October 2014. Staff, residents, clients and other friends said their farewells to Marlene at a celebratory retirement afternoon tea on her last day as CEO. Marlene's numerous achievements over the past five years were acknowledged and sincere thanks expressed on behalf of everyone for Marlene's tireless work in laying such a strong foundation for the future of both Peace Haven and the Fred French Home.

Marlene will continue to work part-time for the organisation, however, for the next six months or so through her Board-appointed role as Amalgamation Consultant. Along with other industry and legal consultants, Marlene will help to bring to fruition the amalgamation of the Peace Haven and Fred French facilities to form one legal entity, to be known as 'Masonic Care Tasmania'.

At the same time, a new collaborative agreement with the Royal Freemasons of Victoria was put into place by the two Boards and, under this agreement, RFV appointed a new General Manager, Sophie Legge, to oversee the organisation's operations.

Sophie comes to Masonic Care Tasmania from Tasmanian Health Organisation - North and was formerly Primary Health Area Coordinator, North Esk. She has a strong background in both clinical nursing and health administration and is a graduate of both the University of Tasmania and Flinders University. Sophie is responsible for leading the team that delivers care at both Peace Haven and Fred French and for the administration of both the Homes and the Masonic villages.

Sophie is also looking forward to meeting the challenge that the new direction of aged care is taking following the reforms introduced by the Commonwealth from 1st July 2014.

"With the Boards of Peace Haven and Fred French now working to conclude an amalgamation of the two facilities, and with the agreement with the Royal Freemasons of Victoria in place, we now have a perfect opportunity to build on existing Masonic aged care initiatives in the north

of Tasmania to meet consumer-driven demand," said Sophie.

"The aged care industry in Australia is in a new consumer-directed phase and it is vital that we have facilities and services that meet customer expectations and are modelled to meet a new paradigm for aged care in this country."

"With the consent of the Boards, Marlene had initiated a program of rebuilding at both Peace Haven and Fred French to meet new requirements for

ageing-in-place. This has provided us with a strong foundation on which to build," she said.



Sophie Legge, General Manager

Future Plans for Peace Haven and Fred French

The next stage of the redevelopment of the Peace Haven facility will commence at the end of April 2015. This will involve the relocation of the Administration department and the rebuilding of the area into resident bedrooms, with a second storey also comprising resident bedrooms and living areas.

It is then planned to follow this (by the end of 2015) with the rebuilding of the existing Balfour Unit (currently dementia-specific unit) into a new wing. The final stage of the complex redevelopment will be the rebuilding of the Hostel area, with all the work to be completed by the end of 2016.

The Fred French Home will see the commencement of its redevelopment in January 2015. This will be the first of three main stages of rebuilding, with several other minor stages running concurrently. It is hoped that all Fred French's building work will be finished by the middle of 2016.

Watch this space for an exciting update in the next issue!



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Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at Bowditch Hostel on Wednesday 26th November 2014 .

There were a number of Life Members of the Association present at the meeting including Keith Graver, Harold James, Lance Strickland, Peter Munro, Barry Curtain and Allan Swinton. The Chairman also thanked retiring Board member and Treasurer, David Macrow for his contribution during his six year term on the Board.

Office bearers were elected with Terry Dann as Chairman, Michael O'Farrell as Deputy Chair and Paul Chatterton as Treasurer.

Redevelopment Project

Work is still progressing well with the redevelopment project and on target for the expected completion date of 28th April 2015.

The new administration area on East Derwent Highway is really starting to take shape with framing and roofing completed. Work has also commenced on the residents internal court yard area.

Several Directors and the Senior Management group had a guided tour of the development site on Monday 1st December 2014 with Vos Construction site supervisor, Adrian Quayle and were very impressed with the progress and quality of work.

Of particular interest was community hub/activities area, a large portion of which was handed back for use on Thursday 11th December 2014, in time for season festivities. This area is very impressive and provides a magnificent area where families, friends and residents can meet and socialise, enjoy CHATS cafe, Audrey's Bar and Friday evening counter meals. A chapel area has also been provided in the community hub.

During December 2014 residents at both facilities enjoyed a wide range of activities and events to mark the festive season. Carols by Candlelight, gifts from Directors and Volunteers, Directors BBQ lunch, Christmas Fete and the *special* Christmas lunch, are but a sample of the events organised by the Leisure and Lifestyle team and volunteers.



Betty, Dorothy, June & Dora are pictured enjoying "high tea" at the Revolving Restaurant



Happy 105th Birthday - Roy Reeves

Another special event was celebrated at our Bowditch Hostel on 20th December 2014.

Mr Roy Reeves, pictured in the garden, celebrated his 105th birthday. Roy loves gardening and credits his long and happy life to being active and eating lots of fresh home grown vegetables.

Fuchsia Room First Anniversary

December also saw the first anniversary of the Fuchsia Room. Residents are treated to facials, massage, manicures and the occasional glass of "bubbles".



Residents are pictured with members of the Leisure and Lifestyle team celebrating the 1st anniversary of the Fuchsia Room

Greg Burgess
Chief Executive Officer

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Concord Lodge No. 10 TC

Another Chapter closes for one of our great Masonic Lodges.

On 9th September 2014, Concord Lodge No 10TC, handed in its warrant. Thus we lose another great old Lodge.

The Ceremony was held in the presence of Grand Master MWBro Allan Sangwell, who was accompanied by a number of Grand Lodge Officers, with a large retinue of Masons from across the state, this was followed by a casserole supper.

Below are speeches delivered by WBro Roger Mayne and RWBro Bill Plapp, who was Acting Wor Master, at the handing over of the warrant to Grand Lodge.



The warrant was carried from the Lodge Rooms by three life members of Concord Lodge, WBro Jim Dempsey; RWBro Bill Bannon; WBro Roger Mayne. Acting Wor Master for the night was RWBro Bill Plapp, and the Deacons were WBro Noel von Bibra and Bro Mark

Campbell.

Short History of Concord Lodge

Wor. Master and Brethren, at the June meeting of Concord Lodge No 10 T.C. the Wor. Master asked me to present a short history of the Lodge at the ceremony for handing back the warrant to Grand Lodge.

I was a little apprehensive, but on contemplating the request I remembered that the late WBro Gordon Sollars, who was Master in 1982 at the time of the 100th birthday of the Lodge, presented a short history of Concord until that time and thought that I would be able to use this information to help me in my quest for knowledge.

But alas there were no copies to be found in the Secretary's paperwork so I contacted Grand Lodge Archivist, MWBro Rob. Clark, to see if he could locate a copy in the archives held in Hobart. Regrettably there were no old minute books in the archives, but there was a copy of the letter sent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland by members of the Masonic Fraternity who lived in the area, seeking the granting of a charter which enabled them to meet at a regular lodge at Latrobe with the name Concord and to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner according to the terms of the Order and the laws of Grand Lodge.

The Charter was granted and in September 1882 the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland from Victoria consecrated and dedicated Lodge Concord No 687 SC at Latrobe, with the first meeting being held on December 19th, 1882 in a room at the Latrobe Hotel and meetings were held there until the Oddfellows Hall, later the picture theatre, was extended and the Lodge moved to this hall.

In 1890 the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was formed and Concord Lodge No. 687 SC was transferred to the Tasmanian jurisdiction and became number ten on the register of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania with a membership of around 50 brethren. In 1892 a Masonic Hall was built in Hamilton Street, Latrobe and on September 15, 1892 a special meeting was held for the purpose of consecration and dedication of the building as a temple. The ceremony carried out by the Pro. Grand Master MWBro Peter Barret assisted by the Officers of Grand Lodge.

Brethren, the Lodge has met continuously for 132 years; made many Masons and contributed to the community of Latrobe in many ways. I have been told that the Lodge raised the finance and built a home for a widow of the community in its early existence. The Lodge has also been most fortunate in having on its roll of members, brethren who have taken a keen interest in all that pertains to freemasonry. Without selecting any one for special mention, there are families who spring to mind because of their contribution to the craft, such as the Biggins and Wells families. The Lodge has had many worthy and distinguished brethren and I find it impossible to refer to them all but they have left a shining example for all brethren to follow. May their memories be transmitted through our thoughts and deeds from year to year and generation to generation.

Brethren, unfortunately time has not been so kind to the Lodge and dwindling membership and exorbitant costs made Concord Lodge unviable and in 2009 a decision was made by the members to approach Devonport Masonic Lodge to become tenants. Such a decision would



help with the costs involved in running this building and make both lodges more viable. Devonport Lodge was quite agreeable and after negotiations an agreement was made. In October 2009 Concord Lodge held their last meeting in their lodge rooms at Hamilton Street, Latrobe; in November 2009 the installation of a new master was held in Devonport.

The Lodge building was transferred to Grand Lodge with the name of a possible buyer, with the request that all monies gained be spent upgrading the Lodge rooms in Devonport. The request was granted and we now find that most members have joined Devonport where we all enjoy brotherly love and friendship that exists among all freemasons. So mote it be.

WBro Roger Mayne

Concord Lodge No. 10 T.C

Acting Master Rt Wor Bro Bill Plapp

In my view tonight is not a sad occasion - it is an occasion where the members of a very small lodge have been honest enough with themselves to say that we can't manage on our own.

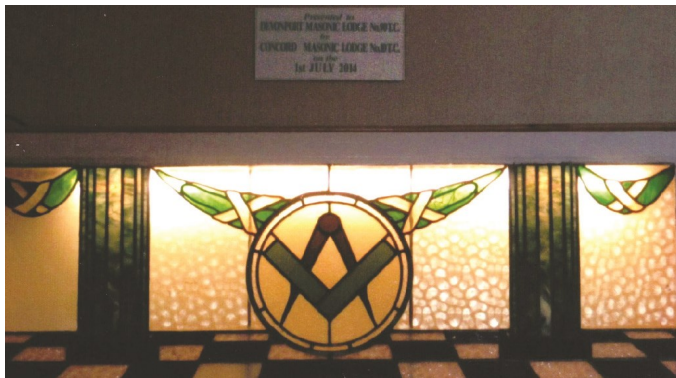
The decision taken by Concord members to close their Lodge has created the opportunity for a stronger and more viable Lodge to exist in Devonport - a Lodge where hopefully the director will not have to watch the door for visitors to arrive in order to recruit brethren to take office to enable them to open the Lodge.

We as Masons should dispense with the word "parochialism" and seek to make Lodges stronger by having fewer lodges, but each with more members. This can only happen if brethren are prepared to think more of what they can do in the interests of Masonry, rather than harbour personal interests.

Too often I hear "This Lodge has been going xx number of years"; "I have been a member of this Lodge all my Masonic life" or "I could never join another Lodge."

What's more important brethren, the name of your lodge or the strength of your membership? I congratulate the members of Concord Lodge for the decision they have made in the interests of Masonry.

RWBro Bill Plapp



Concord Lodge Window

When the old Concord Lodge building in Latrobe was recently resold the new owners did not want the stained glass Masonic window that was in the building. Concord Lodge purchased the window and presented it to Devonport Lodge in July 2014.

After numerous washings and general cleaning of over 100 years of grime, cigarette smoke and goodness knows what else were removed, the window was framed and has been installed over the doorway leading to the South in the Devonport Masonic Centre.



Photos show the window in its new home; the feature square and compass; and the plaque above the window. WBro Jack Armsby, Worshipful Master of Concord Lodge and WBro David Loone, Worshipful Master of Devonport celebrate the installation of the window in July 2014.

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Service to 3 Sandy Bay Rd Recognised

Two members of Freemasonry Tasmania were recently recognised for their long and dedicated service to Grand Lodge and services offered through 3 Sandy Bay Road. With presentations being made by the Grand Master.

RWBro Max Linton has been involved with the Grand Lodge Library for a great many years and likewise his many years of service to Freemasonry in Tasmania, particularly his stewardship of the "Hall Company", now has the honour of having the room housing the library named in his honour "The M.G. Linton Room"

RWBro John Caulfield was honoured by having the "Masters' Robing Room" named the J.J. Caulfield Room in his honour.

WBro Jack Clear



Grand Master MWBro Allan Sangwell with RWBro John Caulfield outside the JJ Caulfield Room (left) and Grand Master MWBro Allan Sangwell with RWBro Max Linton outside the M G Linton room (below)



Tamar Chapter No 178 OES Christmas Donation

Each December at the Christmas meeting of the Tamar Chapter No 178, Order of the Eastern Star, it is the usual custom to ask the members to either donate non-perishable items such as tinned food, toilet rolls etc., or to donate to the collection taken at that meeting to either the Chapter's chosen charity for the year or another local charity.

This year it was decided to donate the meeting collection of \$300.00 to the Launceston Benevolent Society which we understand is the oldest benevolent society in Australia.

The society assists people in the Tasmanian 03 63 telephone area. In the photograph presenting the cheque are Christina Vaessen and her great grandson Eli also Tom Nixon and John Stewart CEO of the Benevolent Society. Christina is the Worthy Matron and Tom, the Worthy Patron for the year 2014 to 2015 of Tamar Chapter.



Southern Masters Newsletter

This newsletter is prepared by W Bro Peter Shacklady and details Lodge meetings throughout the state. If you would like to receive or contribute to the newsletter please contact Peter - shakas59@bigpond.com

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J C Hardy Devonport Masonic Lodge
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G D White St Andrew Lewis Lodge



RW Deputy Grand Master, John Slore with Sergeant Scott Lowry, guest speaker at Roland Lodge ANZAC service.



Bikes belonging to Rick Goninon and Craig Deane with onlookers at the Toy Run.



WBro C Morgan With Alan Swinton (60 Year Award) 17 Sep 2014

Pam & Allan Sangwell, Barry & Trish Curtain at Beltana Installation Dinner



James Ayers of Tas Union Lodge firing the 1861 Six pounder Field Cannon for line honours winner, Wild Oats Eleven in the 2014 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race



Installation of RWBro Barry Curtain as Master of Lodge Beltana-Bowen 17 Nov 2014



Grand Installation of Most Eminent Companion C Peter Edwards as 1st Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania



VWBro T R Moye being congratulated by RW Deputy Grand Master, John Slore on receiving his 60 year service jewel at Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge on 23 October 2014.

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