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Installation of W Bro Adam Wavell-Bird with W Bro Mark Shishkin, who flew in from Queensland to surprise Adam on his Installation into the Chair at Lodge Pembroke.

Closing Date - Aug 2016 Issue

Many thanks go to my regular contributors who always send me articles - without you there would be no magazine. I encourage everyone to send details of their Lodge's activities to share - there is no need to wait until the closing date - send in as your events happen.

Closing date for the August issue is 15 Jun 2016.

Best wishes - Rosemary Bruce-Mullins

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As at 31 December 2015

From the Grand Master

MW Bro Allan Sangwell



Dear Brethren and Ladies,

I am once again delighted to have the opportunity to communicate with you through this magazine and report on some of the activities occurring within this jurisdiction since my last article.

I am penning this report a few days prior to Christmas and my mind casts back over the past year. I cannot help but think of the wonderful times I have had at many Masonic meetings and social activities during this period. I also recall the sadness I felt at the demise of brethren, wives and widows.

Perhaps the start of a new calendar year is an opportune time for each of us to reflect on the past year and discuss within our lodges whether anything could be changed or how to involve more members in ceremonial work, lectures, etc. Thought could also be given to providing more social activities to cater for our families and community members. It is satisfying to note that more lodges are inviting ladies and non-members to installation banquets and I encourage lodges to continue the practise.

I have made mention previously of the necessity of promoting Freemasonry to the public, for example through open installations, re-consecration ceremonies or the promotion of our charitable work through the media. I am aware there are some lodges who are active in this area and are gaining new members. Well done!

In December I attended a meeting of Mount Lyell Lodge in Queenstown. This is an isolated lodge, based in a region of economic uncertainty. However, it was pleasing to sit in lodge with an Entered Apprentice and a Fellow Craft of the lodge and to hear the Third Reading of a prospective member. Later, Pam and I joined the brethren and ladies for Christmas Dinner at a local hotel. By adjourning to the hotel, still dressed in their dinner suits and sharing the room with members of the public, was commendable. I have no doubt the friendly interaction between the brethren and general public would have assisted to raise the profile of Freemasonry on the West Coast. I was delighted by attendance of the prospective candidate at

the dinner, as this provided me with an opportunity to meet and speak with him.

Whilst I am dwelling on promotion, I wish to remind lodges that the Public Relations Committee continues to seek applications from either lodges or individuals requiring financial assistance to publicise the activities of Freemasonry within their communities.

I take this opportunity to thank the 2015 Grand Lodge Teams for their dedication and support over the past twelve months. I also acknowledge and thank members of the Board of General Purposes, Board of Benevolence and sub-committees for their commitment.

Looking to 2016, I congratulate those members appointed to Grand Lodge Ceremonial Teams. I look forward to their company during the forthcoming Masonic year, not only within this jurisdiction, but at the installations of Sister Grand Lodges.

I will be representing the Grand Lodge of Tasmania at the Grand Installations and associated functions of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria in April, the United Grand Lodge of Queensland in July and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in November.

Attendance at the Grand Installations is open to all members of the Craft, irrespective of rank, their wives and partners. Pam and I invite brethren and ladies to consider accompanying us, particularly current and past Grand Lodge Officers. Through the monthly Exchange Notice the Grand Secretary will advise brethren as the dates and details come to hand.

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 2016.

Allan J. Sangwell, *Grand Master*

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An Invitation to Ladies. . .

Is there a lady who does not like being pampered, even for just a couple of hours?



Pam Sangwell

The Grand Master's wife, Pam, together with Dot Foley, partner of the Deputy Grand Master, invite ladies to join them during the afternoon of Saturday, 27th February, for some pampering, friendly banter and High Tea.

When attending Grand Installations within Australia and New Zealand, Pam has been impressed by the significant contributions the female relatives of Freemasons have been making to charities. The charity is selected by the Grand Master's wife and supported by the ladies throughout each State, or in the case of New Zealand, throughout the country.



Dot Foley

On many occasions Pam has been present when the outgoing Grand Master's wife has made the presentation to a representative of her selected charity. In some jurisdictions many thousands of dollars are raised over the two or three year term of a Grand Master. Tasmania is the only jurisdiction where the ladies of Freemasons do not participate in fund raising at Grand Lodge level.

Pam and Dot wish to emulate the other jurisdictions. While they have no ambitions of fund raising to the extent of other Grand Jurisdictions, their foremost aim is to unite the wives, widows and partners of Freemasons in fellowship.

They cordially invite ladies to gather on the day of the next Grand Lodge Communications to be held in Launceston on Saturday 27th February. While brethren are attending Communications and the Investiture of Grand Lodge Officers, ladies will be treated to some pampering followed by High Tea. R W Bro Bob Edwards has generously provided goods for a raffle, which will be drawn on the day. Funds raised will be donated to The Masonic Benevolent Foundation.

Pam and Dot trust ladies will accept their invitation and join them for an enjoyable afternoon.

Details:

Date: Saturday, 27th February, 2016.

Venue: Heather Masonic Hall, Cnr. Penquite Road and Robin Street, Newstead.

Time: 1.00pm.

Cost: \$10.00.

If You Can't Beat Them, Join Them !

In my piece on the United Grand Lodge of England *List of Lodges*, I mentioned how Constitutions, other than the Grand Lodge of New Zealand operated in that country and expressed wonder at how The Grand Lodge of New Zealand could have made its way with Scotland, Ireland, and England still operating in the country. Well, perhaps this is the answer.

I was advised by my old school mate, Russell Ward, Junior Warden of Lodge Belmont Albion, a New Zealand Constitution Lodge in Auckland, that the Lodge was planning to hold a Scottish Night in conjunction with St Andrew Lodge No. 418, Scottish Constitution. That was in October last year. I was invited to attend and would have loved to do so but was not able to travel to New Zealand at that time. I thought nothing more of it until reading a report of the evening recently in the *New Zealand Freemason*.

I was intrigued to read that this was not merely a social get-together in the South with all the Scottish trappings but a meeting of the two lodges to pass a candidate, David Little, to the second degree. The work was shared by the officers of both lodges. I presume that being the host lodge, the meeting was a formally convened meeting of Belmont Albion and the candidate received the degree of that lodge.

While it is not uncommon for brethren from other lodges to be invited to deliver charges, I have never heard of the work being integrated to this extent. Perhaps I am wrong in this. As they say, 'if you can't beat them, join them!' Indeed it makes a lot of sense to celebrate Freemasonry together rather than to promote rivalry and discord between constitutions.

Apparently the evening was a huge success with 12 visiting lodges being piped into the lodge as individual delegations. Each lodge had, of course, its reputation to maintain so the standard of the work was exceptional. The lodge hosted 78 brethren in the South, where the Masters were piped in and the haggis paraded and saluted.

As the correspondent who wrote the article in the *New Zealand Freemason* said, 'the evening demonstrated a great way of joining many lodges from different constitutions'. The event looks like becoming an annual fixture and I look forward to attending one in the future.

Greg Parkinson



Two vital ingredients for any Scottish Night - Haggis and Scotch Whisky
Photo from the November 2014 newsletter - Belmont Albion Lodge No. 45, Auckland, New Zealand

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Tasmanian 2nd Degree Simulation- Sydney Masonic Centre

On 5th August 2015, members of Lodge Lauriston conducted a fraternal visit to the Australian Lodge of Harmony, in Sydney. The Lodge is one of the oldest in NSW, being formed in 1847 and noted as No 5 in the NSW constitution and meets at the Castlereagh Street Temple.

When arranging the visit, it was requested by Harmony Brethren that Lauriston might like to provide a demonstration of Tasmanian ritual as the work for the evening. Accordingly, after receiving approval from both Grand Lodges, Lodge Lauriston Brethren took charge of the Temple in the proper manner, occupied the relevant offices and conducted a full simulation of a Tasmanian Ceremony of Passing, right down to being accompanied by the appropriate music and odes.

The evening was a great success and much good fellowship eventuated. This is now the third year running that Lauriston has made a 'flying' visit to a distant lodge and we are already planning where we might wander to next year.

Bro Peter Thomas



Lauriston WM (W Bro Luke Wood) with the Lauriston contingent, together with Australian Lodge of Harmony Acting WM (W Bro Raymond Weidle IPM).

George Hanslow's Apron

Adam Wavell-Bird posted this message to Lodge Pembroke's Facebook page as he was preparing for his Installation as Worshipful Master in Oct 2015:

"Very honoured to be elected to WM next year for Lodge Pembroke, but the added bonus was for my lodge and brothers to allow me to wear [the late] V W Bro George Hanslow's apron to continue his and now my masonic journey, my wife today cleaned the apron applied leather fat and then folded with grace and respect and said you're lucky aren't you. Yep brethren, I am on both fronts, for you to allow me to continue this legacy and to have a masonic wife that understands, looking forward to the installation for myself and V W Bro George Hanslow who will now be my partner in my next step. Attached V W Bro's apron after hours of love and if I don't say so myself ready to roll ..."



Tasmanians go to NSW to Help Install Their Mate

W Bro Greg Parkinson and Tasmanian Junior Grand Warden, R W Bro Bill Morgan, visited Sydney on 18th November to help install their mate, Bro Karl Braunsteiner, in the Chair of King Solomon. Greg delivered the Charge to the Worshipful Master, while Bill delivered the Charge to the Wardens.

Karl was introduced into Freemasonry by Greg who often talked to him about the Craft and the tenets of the Order on visits to Sydney, when calling at his rooms with yet another watch repair job.

'Karl is a master watchmaker and one of the best in the country. He specialises in vintage watches and there are some jobs I would never trust to anybody else', said Greg. 'Over the years, as I took different jobs to him, we established a strong friendship and our conversations covered all sorts of topics, but belief systems and ethics were often at the forefront'. 'This naturally led me to talk about where I stood on such matters as a freemason and I was thrilled when Karl eventually asked how he could go about joining', he said.

Lodge Germania was a natural fit for Karl as an Austrian and a German speaker, and both Greg and Bill who, as a fellow watch collector was introduced to Karl by Greg, have become regular visitors to that Lodge and have watched Karl's progress with keen interest.

Bill, as the current Junior Grand Warden for Tasmania, was invited to join the NSW Grand Lodge team for the occasion. The NSW delegation was led by R W Bro Grant Singleton, Junior Grand Warden for NSW.

'To have Junior Grand Wardens from two different masonic jurisdictions participate in the same installation ceremony is something I have never heard happen before', said Bill. 'It was a great privilege for me to be able to attend and to be able to contribute to the installation ceremony of a friend', he said.

Both Greg and Bill look forward to hosting Karl in Tasmania in 2016 in their respective lodges; Lodge Phoenix, St Andrew Lewis and Lodge Esk.

Greg Parkinson



Left to right:
W Bro. Greg Parkinson; W Bro. Karl Braunsteiner; R W Bro. Bill Morgan, Junior Grand Warden; pictured at the Sydney Masonic Centre

SNIPPETT

Did you know that the May 1857 Bye Laws of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania are online at <http://handle.slv.vic.gov.au/10381/200147>

Lauriston Members Accompany Our Grand Master to an Interstate Grand Installation

Is accompanying the Grand Master to a Grand Installation as a non-Grand Officer a good idea?

Some members of Lodge Lauriston thought that accompanying our Grand Master to the Grand Installation of Most Worshipful Brother James (Jamie) Melville of the UGL of NSW and the ACT may be a good idea, despite a little trepidation in not being Grand Lodge Officers, so they decided to “give it a go”!

After discussing the requirements with Lauriston’s highest ranking Grand Officer in office, R W Bro. Brad Emmerton, who would be at the event in any case, flights, hotels and Installation event tickets were booked and paid for – not a cheap exercise for the credit card!

The first event was the “meet and greet” for all visitors from around the Australian and New Zealand region. This is where we met the rest of the Tasmanian contingent (all Grand Lodge Officers) and their Ladies, plus those from other jurisdictions.

It was an impressive turn-out, with past and present Grand Masters at every turn, and it was interesting to observe the “room dynamics”.

The Tasmanian Ladies, led by Pam Sangwell and Dot Foley, made us all at ease and introduced us to virtually all in attendance, it was quite amazing to see how well known and regarded they were by the gathering, just as they are in our home state.

After the speeches, Dot introduced us to the incoming Grand Master, Jamie Melville, who reliably informed us that at 44, he was going to be the youngest Grand Master in his Grand Lodge’s history, and after spending some considerable time with him, we can see why he was chosen for the job.

The following day was the Grand Installation, which was held at the Sydney Town Hall, a very impressive venue. V W Bro. Jack Clear (GDC for the occasion) immediately took us in hand, making sure we were well looked after, knew what to expect and what we were required to do. We found ourselves being the centre of attention in the lead-up to the main event, because we were wearing our Craft

Lodge regalia, amongst all the splendour of the assembled Grand Lodge’s attire.

The Grand Installation ceremony was of the quality in keeping with its surroundings and afterwards, we were treated to drinks and nibbles by our Grand Master at the Masonic Club.

The Installation banquet was the next function on the agenda, again at the Town Hall, and this is where we had the chance to spend time with Brethren of all ranks and share ideas and stories over several glasses of wine.

At the end of the evening, as we were leaving, Most Worshipful Brother Jamie Melville came over and thanked us for attending the event, wished us a safe trip home the following day, and invited us to visit him at his Lodge (Castlereagh 4th Tuesday) next time we visit.

So, as Lauriston Craft members, was it a good idea to accompany our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Alan Sangwell and his retinue of Grand Lodge Officers for the occasion?

The answer would have to be a big YES, it was a great experience for all of us and we would highly recommend other Lodges to do the same.

W Bro. Luke Wood



The Grand Lodge Team and Lodge Lauriston supporting our Grand Master

Historical Society visits Lauriston

On the 21st September 2015, Lodge Lauriston hosted the George Town and District Historical Society at their Lodge Rooms, where M W Bro Paul Hodges treated them to an history of Freemasonry, not only in the George Town area but Tasmania wide.

With the group containing several prominent historical speakers, academics and passionate local historians, Paul was kept on his toes, especially in the details of his answers, in the face of some in-depth questions!

Although he thought he may not be the best qualified, M W Bro Paul took us all on an historical Masonic tour of Tasmania, and at some points ventured over the Bass Strait, to fill in some questions asked on Freemasonry in Australia.

The night was well received by the visitors, and although some had a relative or friend who have been in the Fraternity, most of them had not been in a Lodge Room before, so the symbolism on show was of great interest and

the source of many further questions.

The evening finished in the South, where a light supper was served, allowing the Society members to mingle and chat with the Brethren in attendance.

W Bro Luke Wood



Some of the George Town Historical Society members and Brethren in attendance.

Freemasonry still low key in Malta

My thanks go to R W Bro Zichy-Wionarski for passing on this interesting article about the state of Freemasonry in Malta by Gabrielle Forman, Communications Executive, Grand Lodge of Victoria, published recently in the *Victorian Freemason*,

It was interesting to read that Freemasonry keeps a low profile in Malta and was 'not promoted or discussed openly in public', and to do so would be 'against the constitution'. The Grand Lodge of Malta representative commented, 'there is still a lot of prejudice' and 'nobody wants to be labelled a Freemason'.

I had struck a similar situation when visiting Vienna in 2000 with V W Bro. Joll-Jensen. Indeed, we had great difficulty even finding the lodge rooms which were housed in a lovely old 18th century house with no indication of what might lie inside.

In the case of Austria, one could postulate that in a country, with a strong Roman Catholic allegiance, in which Freemasonry had been banned and libelled and Freemasons persecuted under a former totalitarian regime, this is an understandable phenomenon. One wonders about Malta. It is, indeed, a small country with a strong Roman Catholic allegiance but was also a colony of Britain, the genesis and great exporter of Freemasonry, from 1814 until 1964.

Could it be that the genesis of this prejudice might be a long-standing suspicion in Malta of organisations that can be likened to their sovereign masters from 1530 to 1798, the Knights Hospitaller (or Knights of Malta)?

By the late 18th century, the power of the Knights had declined and the Order had become unpopular. The Knights were viewed as a privileged class, and there was strong resentment amongst the indigenous inhabitants about their exclusion from important posts on the island. The Knights were apparently especially loathed because of the way they took advantage of Maltese women, having departed from their earlier monkish ways and having become used to living in idleness. The standing of the Order had become such that Napoleon was encouraged by members of the indigenous population, having seen the civic reforms he had implemented in France, to invade

Malta. This he did in 1798 on his expedition to Egypt, and thus ended 268 years of rule by the Order.

As we know, Freemasonry had adopted some of the terminology and many of the forms of the orders of chivalry. Freemasonry also incorporates a Masonic revival of the Knights Templar, and the degree of 'Knight of Malta' is a degree available to members of that branch of Freemasonry. Reference is also made to the Knights of Malta in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and the Maltese Cross is to be found on the regalia of the Rite. Could it be, that coupled with the Catholic prohibition on membership, the public perception of Freemasonry, incorporating as it does the forms and symbols of their former (and unpopular) overlords, has engendered a lingering suspicion of the Order and its motives?

Whatever the case may be, there are now ten lodges operating under the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta, and two English Constitution lodges and one Scottish Constitution lodge still working in the country. Apparently, membership of the lodges working under the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta is restricted to a limit of 30 per lodge and recruitment is based purely on word of mouth. The limit on membership is imposed to ensure that a strong and true connection is established amongst brethren in their lodges. Active fundraising is not undertaken but 'spare' funds are directed to the Hospice on Malta. This is done in an extremely low-key way and without fanfare of any kind.

Greg Parkinson, (With thanks to the Victorian Freemason)



The obverse and reverse of a 2 Scudi coin dated 1796 of the penultimate Grand Master of the Knights Hospitaller (while resident in Malta), Emmanuel de Rohan (similar to one held in the collection of W Bro Greg Parkinson). Picture from www.ngccoin.com

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania Incorporated was held on Wednesday 25th November 2015 in the Board Room in the new Business Centre.

Twenty five members and senior staff attended the meeting where Chairman Terry Dann delivered the Annual Report, which outlined another successful year at Freemasons Homes.

The key points highlighted by the Chairman in his address included:

- Successful three year accreditation result
- Solid operating surplus of \$629,000
- Completion of the new forty bed wing and business centre 2 months ahead of schedule
- Planning for the redevelopment of the former Bowditch Hostel into Independent Living Units
- Progress on the possible merger for the two northern Masonic Homes
- Presentation of Service Certificates to long serving staff and volunteers

Both Terry Dann and Barry Curtain were re-elected unopposed as Directors for a further three year term and Michael Farley was re-appointed as the Grand Lodge representative on the Board for a further twelve months

Crowe Horwath were re-appointed as the Homes' auditors

OFFICIAL OPENING

Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AM, Governor of Tasmania and Patron of the Home officially opened the new Biggins / Marjorie Self Wing and Business Centre on Monday 30th November 2015.

Approximately eighty residents and invited guests heard Her Excellency congratulate Freemasons Homes on the development of a first class Residential Aged Care facility and noted how very pleased the Board is with the design work completed by architects BPSM for the new additions and the excellent workmanship of Vos Construction and Joinery in completing the project two months ahead of schedule.

Following the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate the opening Her Excellency mingled with residents and guests over morning tea and later inspected the new additions with the Chairman Terry Dann



Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AM, Governor of Tasmania and Homes Chairman R W Bro Terry Dann performing the opening.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

On Wednesday 16th December, Directors delivered Christmas gifts to residents in the Home and tenants of the Independent Living Units. On the same day Directors hosted a "special" BBQ lunch for residents and tenants.

Following the lunch, the Homes' oldest resident, Mr Roy Reeves, drew the winning ticket for the Aged Care Foundation major fundraising raffle

Roy celebrated his 106th birthday on 20th December 2015 – congratulations Roy from every one at Freemasons Homes.

On Christmas Day one hundred and seventeen family members and friends joined residents at the Home for Christmas lunch. The day was a huge success with staff receiving wonderful feedback from those who attended.

A huge thank you must go to our Hospitality Services Supervisor, Darren Carew, and his staff for organising this special event.

As we prepare for the challenges of 2016 we take the opportunity to wish everyone a successful and rewarding year.



Greg Burgess
Chief Executive Officer

News from Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania

FACE LIFTS FOR OUR FACILITIES

Our two aged care facilities - Masonic Peace Haven and the Fred French Home – have been undergoing major redevelopments over the past months and it is exciting to see the progress each day at both sites. There are several stages to both redevelopments which will take place over a couple of years; by the time that this magazine goes to print, the first stage of Fred French's building work will have been completed i.e. two new wings of resident accommodation, comprising a total of 21 suites, dining/living accommodation, and undercover car parking. We are sure that these beautiful rooms will have great appeal to prospective residents and we look forward to welcoming the newest members of the Fred French 'family' by early February 2016.

The next stage of the redevelopment at Fred's will be the demolition of the outdated Robinson and Wilkinson wings and its total reconstruction into accommodation and living areas. This will commence in around February.

One kilometre down the road from Fred's, the Peace Haven complex is having its own face lift. The ground level area of the new wing at the front is framed up, and the second level slab will be in place by Christmas. The work is going well, on target and this first stage of development should be completed by May 2016. The next stage will be the relocation of the residents from the older Balfour area so that this can be demolished, ready for reconstruction into brand new contemporary resident accommodation and living space. The final stage of Peace Haven's program will be the refurbishment of the current older section of hostel to align it with the same high standard of accommodation elsewhere in the complex.

By the time the reconstruction work is completed at both Peace Haven and Fred French, we have no doubt that our facilities will be the location of choice for aged care in the Launceston area!

Any enquiries about residential aged care services please contact Administration on (03) 6345 7200.

'LIVE LIFE WITH US' FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS

On Saturday 7 November 2015 we held the Masonic Homes' 'Live Life With Us' Fair for the first time since 2008 and it was a huge success. We were blessed with perfect weather and a great atmosphere on the day, with loads of musical entertainment, yummy food and wine, a classic

car display, plenty of kids activities, and heaps of stalls, among other things. Almost \$9,000 was raised from the Fair on that Saturday and these funds will be put to good use throughout our aged care facilities and independent living unit villages.

We take this opportunity to thank again our Member Lodges and individual members for their support of the Fair in a variety of ways. In particular we wish to express our thanks to the Northern Tasmania Sovereign Council, Lodge Heather, and Lodge Scotch College for their generous donations. These funds allowed us to purchase three gazebos, which we used at the Fair and which will also be used for staff and resident events throughout the years to come.

Feedback from staff, residents and the general public has been extremely positive, with many saying how much they enjoyed the day and the community interaction.





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Lodge Lauriston hosts the Town's Year 5/6 Boys Motivational Talks

Soroptimist International of George Town has held a local event to celebrate the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 66/170, "The International Day of the Girl Child", for several years now.

The event involves gathering Year 5 & 6 school girls from George Town's three junior schools, for a presentation by locally educated women, who each speak for 5-10 minutes about why they chose their particular field of employment, what their training involved, the nature of their work and why they enjoy their jobs.

The event was also designed to impart a sense of pride in the local area and stimulate the young audience on what they can achieve.

The gatherings have been a great success, but George Town Soroptimist's identified that this type of program would be highly beneficial for the Town's Year 5 & 6 school boys as well.

As a like minded group, the Soroptimists approached Lodge Lauriston and asked if we would facilitate an event for the school boys, in conjunction with them.

Our response, as you can imagine, was obvious and we looked to men of good standing in the community, who had been educated in the area, were still working, and would be able and willing to be a speaker on the day.

We were delighted at the response received from the men we approached, senior supervisors in heavy industry in Bell Bay, business owners from the Town, Government sector Inspectors and Educators; all to a man agreed without hesitation and with great enthusiasm for the project.

Some of these men had connections with Masonry through family or friends and some had none at all, but that did not matter, as the common goal was to positively stimulate the children in the audience.

As nothing was scripted, we were unsure how it would pan out, but on the 15th October 2015, 88 boys, accompanied by their teachers, sat down, and we all listened attentively for an hour or so to the life experiences of the men, their thoughts on growing up in George Town, and how they have succeeded in their chosen fields.

Their stories were very interesting and somewhat inspiring to both the boys, and the adults in the assembly; the volunteer speakers should be justifiably proud of themselves.

Afterwards, light refreshments were served where the presenters and Lodge Members mingled with the students to answer any questions they had. The boys behaved impeccably and are a credit to their schools, parents and teachers.

The feedback and thanks we have received from the schools has been fantastic, with thank-you cards, mentions in newsletters, and good reports from the teachers, many of whom constructed follow-up lessons on the talk and what the boys learned and thought, after listening to the speakers on the day.

One of the Principals thought the idea could be expanded to other towns in the future, as she thinks that even if it re-enforced the self-belief of just 4 or 5 of those boys we spoke to, the benefit is invaluable for them and the community in general.

Lauriston let her know that we whole heartedly agreed with her sentiments and felt that even if it was just 1 boy who benefits, it is well worth the effort, although we'd like to think that the 88 in attendance and their teachers all took something away from the experience, I know we are a little lighter in the heart when we contemplate the possible positive outcomes of the event.

It was a tick in the "Good Day" column for all of us.

W Bro Luke Wood, Lodge Lauriston



Some of the Guest Speakers and Members of Lodge Lauriston at the event.

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Mighty Oaks from little Acorns grow (Lauriston, St Helens, Dorset Lodges Inaugural Triangular Meeting)

Back in early 2014, W Bro Roger McKenzie, at that time Master of St Helens Masonic Lodge, had many discussions with Lodge Secretary, R W Bro David Kay about the benefits of starting a Triangular meeting with Lodge Dorset and Lodge Lauriston.

Being a forward thinker and well knowing the glacial speed at which we move, Roger knew it would not happen during his Mastership, but he canvassed the idea with the new Master of Lodge Dorset, W Bro Mark Davey and the Senior Warden of Lodge Lauriston, Bro Luke Wood, who both thought it to be a splendid idea and well worth pursuing.

Time passed, and over a year later, Roger, succeeded in the Chair by R W Bro Don Robinson, and Mark now accepting the role of Master for a second year; and Luke became Master of Lauriston, they were still talking about it!

However, by this time, the event had a name, as Dorset's V W Bro Dale Orchard christened the meeting the "L.S.D." Triangular Meeting, standing for Lauriston, St Helens and Dorset, well this is what we hoped he meant...

So, as St Helens had loaded the gun by coming-up with the idea and Dorset had cocked the hammer by giving it a name, it was now up to Lauriston to fire it.

Eventually it was agreed that Lauriston's Regular Meeting night, on August 21st 2015 would be a good date to pull the trigger and see if we could hit the target.

The stars certainly lined up for the L.S.D. Meeting, as the work for the evening was the Initiation of Lauriston Candidate Mr Stephen Andjelkovic, which was to be witnessed by over fifty visitors and thirteen Worshipful

Masters in attendance!

The three L.S.D. Masters took the Principle Officers roles, with all the remaining Offices and Charges being evenly split three ways, it was a magnificent team effort and one that Bro Andjelkovic and the three Lodges can truly be proud of.

It is safe to say the Inaugural L.S.D. Meeting not only hit the target, it was a competition winning bullseye and the Brethren of St Helens Masonic Lodge are already planning the next shot!

W Bro Luke Wood



Bro Stephen Andjelkovic, with the Worshipful Masters in attendance at the L.S.D. Meeting

...and from *W Bro Douglas G. Dearing, Scribe at Large*

What a night we all had to welcome Mr Alex Andjelkovic, now W Bro Alex Andjelkovic, to Freemasonry Tasmania.

It was a cold, windy and rainy evening at Georgetown, but that did not hinder the twelve sitting Masters and over forty brethren from the Northern Lodges with a special mention of R W Bro J Porter, sitting Master of Burnie Masonic, who was the organist for the evening.

The inaugural annual meeting of Lauriston, St. Helens and Dorset was held at Lauriston Masonic Centre on Friday 5th August 2015. What a sight it was with Lodge St. Helens leading Lodge Dorset into the Lodge room on their respective Official visits.

Three Masters took the lead from W Bro McKenzie, Master of Lodge St. Helens, planning a very special evening, I'm not sure they could possibly have forecast the turn out from the Lodges, a count of 55 Brethren was made, and an initiation to cap it off, all being made most welcome, for the evening's work which was described as a sort of one up with a difference with officers from the three main lodges exchanging chairs and performing a live first degree, where the officers had never worked with each other and without rehearsal. Congratulations, it all went off without the smallest hiccup.

The Festive board was excellent. The toasts were carried

out in a businesslike manner, and everybody had a great time.

St. Helens Lodge your turn next year 2016.



R W Bro Robinson, Master of Lodge St. Helens; W Bro Luke Wood, Lodge Lauriston and W Bro Mark Davey, Dorset Lodge

History of Amalgamation of Lodge Lindisfarne

A Sub-Committee of Lodge Beltana/Bowen and Lodge Clarence met during September and October 2014 to consider the amalgamation of the two Lodges into a separate Lodge. Members of the sub-committee from Beltana/Bowen were Barry Curtain (Chairman), Alan Swinton, Trevor Quilliam, (incoming Secretary), Alan Ludeke, (outgoing Secretary); and Norm Cooper, Peter Calvert, Roger Burdon and Graeme Evans from Clarence.

The committee met on three occasions and formulated the following information that was considered by members of both lodges.

Name - After lengthy discussions the name, Lodge Lindisfarne was recommended, mainly because the temple is in Lindisfarne.

Lodge Number - It was considered that 46TC, the number of the Mother Lodge, Lodge Clarence should be utilised.

Meeting Date - The second Monday in the month was considered the most suitable evening as Lodge Esperance and Lodge Beltana/Bowen previously met on the same night.

Installation - the Second Monday in September was considered preferable.

Committee of Management Meetings & Rehearsals - to be held on the First Wednesday of each month with rehearsals following the Committee meeting.

Lodge of Instruction - to be re-instituted and held on the last Wednesday of each month. A preceptor was appointed.

By-Laws - A sub-committee of Alan Swinton, Norm Cooper and Trevor Quilliam met and consolidated the best of the previous two sets of by-laws and the committee approved the consolidated set of rules.

Regalia - New regalia was purchased, with the Lodge name being placed on the left hand breast of the Masters collar only.

Office Bearers - Officers for the 2015/16 year were determined at the July meeting and installed in September 2015.

Honour Board - A new board was made with the Clarence board being placed in the foyer.

Supper Room Board - changed to new name.

Volume of the Sacred Law - Volume of Lodge Beltana/Bowen to be used with other volumes used as appropriate.

Banking - the arrangements used by Beltana/Bowen to be used.

Life Membership - Life members of both Lodges will continue to be recognised as such, however Life memberships will not be continued.

Order of Merit - has been included in the By-Laws.

Annual Reports - will include a list of Past Masters at time of amalgamation, in order of seniority, still living.

Supper - the supper arrangements enjoyed at the Lindisfarne temple will continue.

Special Meetings Nights and Events - will be as arranged with the Master.

Ceremonies - A general meeting of interested members was arranged to consider the most appropriate ceremony.

Building Sub-Committee - Norm Cooper (Chair), Terry Dann and Duncan Jamieson met and considered items in

the Lindisfarne building that need to be replaced or purchased.

Items including seating in the Lodge room and Supper room, new carpet in meeting and other rooms, a new floor in the supper room and other alterations were included in the wish list for improvements, to be carried out if amalgamation was approved.

M W Bro Alan Swinton reported to Lodge Beltana /Bowen on 20th October 2014. Clarence Lodge also considered the recommendations. Final decisions were made by the Lodges after Nov 2014 meeting of the Committee.

The final committee meeting was held on Friday 28th November 2014 to further consider recommendations to both Lodges.

Alan reported in December 2014 that a recommendation be forwarded to all members of both Lodges with January notice papers. A motion was put to Beltana/Bowen members for the amalgamation to proceed.

The following motion was put by M W Bro Swinton at the January 2015 meeting, seconded by M W Bro Norm Cooper and carried.

"In accordance with Regulation 214A of the Book of Constitution, Lodge Beltana/Bowen No 65 TC agrees by resolution to the consolidation of Lodge Clarence 46TC with Lodge Beltana/Bowen No 65 TC to operate under the name, By Laws and Warrant of Lodge Lindisfarne No 46 TC and the officers of the current Lodge Beltana/Bowen shall continue in their respective offices until the 2015 installation of Lodge Lindisfarne, No 46 TC with a recommendation that it take effect on 18th March 2015."

Clarence subsequently notified in February, unanimous passing of the amalgamation proposal.

The new By-Laws, as promulgated by both Lodges, were approved in April 2015.

The final meeting of Lodge Clarence was held on 9th March 2015 with W Bro Graeme Evans in the chair.

The election of officers for the year 2015/16 were conducted on 13th July with Barry Curtain's son, Joe Curtain, being elected Worshipful Master.

The wish list for improvements now rests in the hands of the Lindisfarne Masonic Centre administration. Emergency electrical work has already been approved and carried out and the Board room and ante rooms have been painted and floors re-carpeted.

The matters of a new floor for the supper room and foyer/entrance and new chairs for the lodge room have also been now approved and will be transacted in early 2016.



Lodge Clarence's building in King Street has been sold

and funds diverted to Grand Lodge for safe keeping and, as in accordance with the wishes of the former members of Lodge Clarence, the proceeds will be spent on improvements to the building at Lindisfarne.

Trevor Quilliam, Hon. Sec Lodge Lindisfarne

Burnie Masonic Lodge - Installation of Paul Hodges 2015



Burnie Masonic Lodge welcomed visitors from all over the state to their 24th Annual Installation Ceremony at the Burnie Masonic Hall on Saturday 24th of November 2015.

The occasion was somewhat unusual in so far as a past leader of Tasmanian Freemasonry Paul Geoffrey Hodges accepted the leadership role of Worshipful Master in the Burnie Masonic Lodge, with the ceremonial part of his installation being led by C. J. (John) Wallace, Past Grand Master, another former head of the state body.

Paul Hodges played a leading role in the formation of the Burnie Masonic Lodge in 1992. Coming from his East Tamar home on a regular basis to chair a series of meetings to ensure a smooth passage, when three existing lodges, Gill Memorial, Burnie Rechab and Davies Lodge combined.

In addition, he conducted the first two Annual Installation Ceremonies of the new lodge and became an affiliated member himself, and was granted Life Membership in 1993.

After many years as an active businessman he is now a partly retired tourist guide, in addition to many community interests, and a deep involvement in the Masonic Homes for the Aged.

The loss through work relocation of a senior member left the lodge short of a Worshipful Master for this year, but the vast experience its new leader brings, will, according to Lodge Secretary, Gerry Gunton, be of great benefit to members both old and new.

At a well attended banquet following the installation ceremony the Worshipful Master welcomed guests from every part of the state including Bruny Island, and with his active team of officers looks forward to a busy productive year, as both he and his wife Joan addressed the gathering.

Gerry Gunton, Secretary, Burnie Masonic Lodge

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Rose Croix Presentation

R W Bro Merv Keen has not been enjoying the best of health in recent times and has taken up residence in Umina Park Care Home in Burnie.

He celebrated his birthday on December 1, and much to his surprise his family and Masonic friends gathered in strength at the Burnie Masonic Hall. He was given time to meet some guests and find a comfortable seat when another surprise was in store for him.

In his capacity as a 31st Degree member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Rose Croix of Heredom he was entitled to be present at a recent ceremony in Hobart to be elevated to the 32nd Degree. However the state of his health disappointedly prevented this from eventuating.

A number of North West based 32nd degree men from Coronation Chapter No 66 were joined by Regional Commander Most Ill Bro G. W. (Bill) Morgan and District Commander Bass V. Ill Bro Ray Chell, who accompanied Ill Bro Keen into the lodge room and there invested him with his 32nd Degree.

The afternoon concluded with a buffet tea provide by the family and the ladies group from the lodge.

Gerry Gunton, Secretary, Burnie Masonic



Picture Back Row: Ill Bro Gerry Gunton, Ill Bro Barry Squibb, EmBro Maurice Lawson, Ill Bro Chris Dyer, Em Bro John Horton.

Front Row: Most Ill Bro G. W. (Bill) Morgan, Ill Bro Merv Keen, V Ill Bro Ray Chell

Lake Lodge, Longford

News snippet from Lake Lodge's Facebook Page

The Grand Secretary has notified us of the support of the Board of General Purposes, and the Grand Master, in the formation of Lake Lodge.

We are working towards the consecration and installation on Saturday 9th April 2016. This is to be held at Lodge Esk, in Brisbane St Launceston. Partners most welcome to attend the festive banquet following installation.

Watch out for confirmation of dates.

United Grand Lodge of England - Membership Focus Group Strategy Paper 2015 to 2020

The Membership Focus Group of the United Grand Lodge of England has released a paper outlining strategies aimed at reinvigorating Freemasonry in England. The paper outlines core strategic objectives for the next five years, introducing plans for governance, membership and Masonic halls.

The Focus Group sees the key to the future of Freemasonry in England lying in the development of effective governance at all levels of the Order. The Focus Group aims, therefore, to review, overhaul and clarify responsibilities, accountabilities, reporting relationships, leadership style, terms of reference and succession planning at every level. Proposed changes include reviewing performance in key Masonic roles and the creation of an effective succession-planning model.

In this regard, the Focus Group wants lodges to be more rigorous in their leadership selection and development programs, and will provide training to help grow Masonic skills in key lodge positions. There will also be a review of rules and regulations, with a consideration being given to a rewrite of the *Book of Constitutions* to better reflect the future needs of Freemasonry.

As would be expected, attracting and retaining members is a central plank of the strategic review. To address the need for building and retaining membership, the Focus Group will introduce a membership pathway program as well as establishing Membership Officers in each Province, Lodge and Chapter. The role of these officers will be to help improve attraction, selection, mentoring, care for members and retention rates.

The pathway program will assist lodges and chapters to attract and retain members by evolving an interview process to ensure candidates' expectations are in line with lodge culture. Lodges will therefore need to demonstrate transparency by providing detailed costs of membership and ensuring that candidates are aware of the need to support a lodge's social and charity activities.

Crucial to retention, will be developing a mentoring culture in all existing members as well as ensuring Almoners are proactive in contacting members who do not attend meetings to ensure they still feel included and cared for. Provinces will also be encouraged to implement a retrieval strategy with exit interviews and to assist disaffected members to find a lodge that meets their expectations.

The Focus Group has rightly indicated that Masonic centres have much to contribute to the future of the Craft. Surveys conducted by the Group indicate that many are not considered fit for purpose by the members who meet in them. The UGLE will therefore seek to collaborate with masonic centre managements to provide expertise, if required, and assist those that need help. Assistance will also be given in identifying ways of growing revenue streams within centres.

Extracted from *Freemasonry Today*

www.freemasonrytoday.com/news/initiatives/membership-focus-group/membership-focus-group-launches-new-paper-our-strategy-2015-2020

Greg Parkinson

It's All About the Fundraising

Derwent Chapter No. 209, Order of the Eastern Star has had a great fundraising year. The members have enjoyed raising money for charity.

Events such as Beetle afternoons, Christmas in Winter with the German Choir, Christmas cakes and boot sales.

The Worthy Matron Sr. Jennifer Helm, was thrilled with the amounts raised, which enabled the Chapter to donate \$1,500.00 to Guide Dogs of Tasmania and \$1,500.00 to the Royal Flying Doctors.

Both organisations are self funded and rely on public generosity. Sr. Helm met up with the Guide Dog Yoda when she presented the cheque to the CEO of the Royal Guide Dogs of Tasmania

Doreen Round, Secretary



Peter Farmer - 60 Year Jewel

W Bro Peter Farmer was presented with his 60 year membership bar at an afternoon tea held at the home of Norm and Cyrene Cooper on the 30th December 2015 in the presence of R W Bro Peter Calvert, V W Bro Harold James and M W Bro Norm Cooper all originally members of Lodge Clarence 46 TC. Peter's son Robert also attended the presentation.

Now a member of Lodge Lindisfarne, Peter is now a resident of Robina, Queensland and although he has not joined a Queensland lodge he occasionally visits together with local friends. The occasion was very enjoyable with much reminiscing about current and long past Masonic identities.



V W Bro Harold James, W Bro Peter Farmer, M W Bro Norm Cooper, R W Bro Peter Calvert

Tamar Chapter OES

On the 26th September 2015, outgoing Worthy Matron, Tamar Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Christina Vaessen and Worthy Patron, Tom Nixon, presented a cheque for \$7,800.00 to the Friends of the Northern Hospice and Palliative Care Foundation, represented by Mrs Barbara Baker and members of her committee.

This money was raised by members of the Chapter during the year. At the Installation of Sister Christina Vaessen as Worthy Matron and Brother Tom Nixon as Worthy Patron in 2014, several monetary donations were received from the Installing team, members and the other three Eastern Star Chapters in Tasmania.



Cheque Presentation

A raffle held at the banquet also raised a substantial sum. The first function was a Spring Lunch at the home of Ann and Tom Nixon, which was well attended by members and their friends. In November members catered for a ninetieth birthday party, organised by

Sister's Noreen Fairley and Anne Burrows, this was most successful.

The next, an Australia day function at Sister Robyn and Brother Don Thomas' home, which is held annually for various charities and is always a great success.

In February a service of Praise, Prayer and Proclamation, again at Ann and Tom Nixon's home, was followed by a lunch. In April, Christina hosted an afternoon tea at her home, which was much enjoyed and definitely not for the weight watchers.

The final function "Christmas in July" at Ann and Tom's home, where again the assistance of the members was much appreciated and those attending were very generous.

We must mention that members of the Foundation supported the majority of our functions, which was very pleasing to the Chapter and made us feel very appreciated.

We are grateful for the support of non members who come to all our functions. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron for the 2015-2016 year are Sister Isabel and Brother John McClelland who are continuing to support the same charity.



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