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The Grand Master M. W. Bro. John Slore being presented to the M. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, H.R.H. The Duke of Kent at the Tercentenary Celebration of the United Grand Lodge of England.
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From the Editor

Thank you to my regular contributors who provided many interesting articles for this magazine.

There is a lot happening at the moment and I encourage you to all share your happenings. It was wonderful to see the coverage of the United Grand Lodge of England's Tercentenary celebrations and for Tasmania to be so ably represented by Grand Master M. W. Bro. John Store and Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. Phil Oddie, with Dot and Anne accompanying them.

Tony & I are off to the big island in May, on our grey-nomadding trek, please send your articles and photos to magazine@freemasonrytasmania.org. To send high definition photos drop me a message and I can arrange a "dropbox" mailbox for them to be uploaded to.

Please remember, no article is too small - I have pilfered Facebook pages for this issue.

Best wishes - Rosemary Bruce-Mullins

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From the Grand Master

M.W. Bro. John Slore

Dear Brethren and Ladies,

It is again my pleasure to report on some of the activities associated with the Craft in the Tasmanian jurisdiction over the past six months from August 2017 until February 2018.

My first year as your Grand Master has gone by very quickly, over the past six months I have had the pleasure of:

- attending three First Degrees with an escort team; it is very pleasing to see we are still attracting a steady influx of new quality members;
- representing the Grand Lodge of Tasmania at the Installation of the Tamar Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star;
- conducting 2 Installations; and
- attending a Lecture at Peace Lodge.

I am pleased to report that all the functions I have been to in the last six months, where ladies were invited were always well represented in numbers, this is very important to the survival of Freemasonry.

One of the highlights in October 2017 was the pleasure of attending the Tercentenary of the United Grand Lodge of England in London, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Philip Oddie and our Ladies. It was a great Honour for me and the Deputy Grand Master to represent the Grand Lodge of Tasmania. 136 Grand Masters from around the world were presented to the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, HRH the Duke of Kent, at a private Reception at the Grand Lodge of England in Greater Queen Street, the largest gathering of Grand Masters ever assembled in one place in the history of Freemasonry.

This year I will be representing the Grand Lodge of Tasmania at the Grand Installations and associated functions of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory in April, the Victorian Grand Mark Installation in June, the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory in August and the Grand Lodge of Western Australia in October. The Grand

Installations will be held in Melbourne, Adelaide, Melbourne, 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. Dot and I invite Brethren and Ladies to accompany us to any or all of these Installations. Dates, details and Registration Forms can be obtained from the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. David Macrow. Your company and support would be very much appreciated.

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

John Slore
Grand Master



The Grand Master M. W. Bro. John Slore being presented to the M. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, H.R.H. The Duke of Kent at the Tercentenary Celebration of the United Grand Lodge of England. (Chris Allerton Photography/UGLE)

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W. Bro. Peter Schulze - 50 year Jewel

W. Bro. Peter Ross Schulze was initiated into Freemasonry on 13th September 1967, passed to the Degree of a Fellow-Craft on 15th November 1967 and raised to the Degree of a Master Mason on the 13th December 1967.

From Entered Apprentice to Master Mason in three months is a remarkable achievement. I doubt there has ever been, in the history of Freemasonry in Tasmania, a candidate who has progressed as quickly as W. Bro. Peter Ross Schulze.

However, his progress did not stop there, in 1968 he was invested as Tyler of the Lodge, progressing to Junior Deacon in 1969, Senior Deacon in 1970 the Senior Warden in 1971. He was then elected as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1972. From Entered Apprentice to Worshipful Master in 5 years another remarkable

achievement.

He was installed as Master of his Lodge by the Most Worshipful Grand Master E. Chester Clifford K.C.St.J. on the 8th March 1972 in the Masonic Temple at Zeehan.

W. Bro. Schulze was also installed as Master of Zeehan Lodge No 18 TC in March, 1980.

The presentation of his 50 year Jewel was made at his home in Devonport on the 19th August 2017 by R. W. Bro. Norbert Kirchebner together with W. Bro. Ian Petty.

W. Bro. Schulze has been diagnosed with 3rd stage leukemia which means he has no immune system in the event he was to catch a cold. The outcome of a cold could be fatal, therefore, the presentation at his home. Both R. W. Bro. Kirchebner and W. Bro. Petty had flu shots before the visit.

I have kept in touch with Peter, and when I last spoke to him over the phone he advised, that while he has been spending a lot of his time in Launceston for weekly blood transfusions, he was in no pain, and kept himself busy cooking and looking after his wife.

He spoke of his illness and that he has come to terms with the fact that he has but a short time to live and his passing could happen at any time and he was comfortable with that.

His main concern is to get everything in order and he worries as to how his wife will manage when he is gone.

W. Bro. Ian Petty



R. W. Bro. Lyell Knowles receives Order of Distinguished Service

Lodge Lauriston's Regular Meeting on 15th September 2017 was its Worshipful Master, R. W. Bro. Lyell J. Knowles' last working night.

It was decided by the Brethren to make it a memorable one for him, as he had represented Lodge Lauriston with distinction throughout his year in the Chair, and it turned out that we were not alone in this sentiment.

However, a celebration of Lyell's year would not be complete without his greatest supporter of 60 years, his wife Janet, and so it was decided to design a meeting which would include Our Ladies.

Our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John and Mrs Dot Store and his Deputy, R. W. Bro. Phil and Mrs Anne Oddie were approached and asked if they would complete the guest list and add a little Grand Lodge flair to the evening, to which they graciously agreed.

The evening was a spectacle of Freemasonry at its best, with Lyell and twenty-four of his Brethren welcoming into the Lodge thirty-four visitors, twelve visiting Worshipful Masters, the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. John Hayton and Brethren of Bothwell on their Fraternal visit, and finally the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master supported by an escort of twelve Grand Lodge Officers, in total, representing nineteen Lodges from throughout the State.

After a short demonstration of the "Initiates Chain" taken from the Province of Jersey, the Lodge was closed and Our Ladies invited in for a light-hearted talk on heavy industry in Bell Bay by W. Bro. Chris Hogan, which was followed by the large gathering retiring to the South for the Festive Board.

Once all the necessary fanfare was complete and the meal at an end, the Grand Master, with impeccable timing, took control of the room and announced that he had awarded Lyell with the Order of Distinguished Service for his contribution to the betterment of Freemasonry in Tasmania, which although a surprise, was totally supported by everyone who bore witness.

Lyell, true to form, was humble in acceptance and thanked his wife, Janet for all her support throughout his life, as well as his Masonic career, which he pointed out was also true for the majority of us who also receive such support from our wives and partners.

It was a terrific way to cap-off a splendid evening, and to recognise an exemplary man and Freemason.

W. Bro. Luke Wood



M. W. Bro. John Store presenting the O.D.S. to R. W. Bro. Lyell Knowles with Dot Store and Janet Knowles caught in the moment.

Lodge Lauriston Goes West

It had been several months since Lauriston had been on an excursion with their Ladies and the wanderlust had set in.

It was our Master, R. W. Bro. Lyell Knowles last month before abdicating the throne of King Solomon and so after a particularly late but vibrant meeting in George Town, it was decided that the West Coast should receive our attention, and after a quick enquiry with Mt. Lyell's Secretary, W. Bro. Ian Petty, and pre-warning the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Graeme Mee and his Brethren, their September Regular Meeting was set for the date to hit Queenstown.

Leaving the sunshine of the North Coast and heading through the snow to get there just added to the adventure, and with the twenty-two Ladies and Brethren visiting trains, mines and hostelries beforehand, we finally gathered at 24TC's magnificent Lodge Room.

The Worshipful Master and Brethren of Mt. Lyell greeted us with the warmest of welcomes, and after a short opening/closing, we witnessed the metamorphosis of the room into a banquet suite and were invited to sit with our ladies and enjoy Brotherly Love at it finest, with Bro. Buti Sello performing miracles with the festive board.

The following day we were treated to a visit to a mill and given a crash-course on specialist Tasmanian timbers before heading back to the sunshine.

Lauriston would highly recommend other Lodges visit our Brethren in Queenstown, and take advantage of visiting the tourist attractions and surrounding towns while on the West Coast.



Mt. Lyell and Lauriston Brethren gather in Queenstown for the festivities of the evening

W. Bro. Luke Wood



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Visiting UK Lecturer - W. Bro. John Belton

Tasmania has recently enjoyed the pleasure of another ANZMRC (Australia and New Zealand Masonic Research Council) visiting speaker. For those fortunate enough to attend his lectures in Launceston and Hobart, their Masonic knowledge was greatly expanded under the guidance of one of the World's leading Masonic lecturers.

W. Bro. John Belton was initiated in a lodge in Derbyshire, in the Midlands of England, in 1980, and since that time has become internationally known for his series of studies on Masonic knowledge. Prof. Andrew Prescott of Kings College London is amongst those who sing his praise. John has delivered papers in Europe, the Middle East and North America. He has been published in Greek, German, Italian, Romanian and Turkish, as well as in a number of English-language Transactions and magazines, and is a regular contributor to the English magazine, The Square.

In Tasmania W. Bro. John was hosted with W. Bro. John Preston in Hobart and V. W. Bro. Rex Hesline in the North. During his short sojourn in Tasmania, John entertained his grandchildren back home with online photos and snippets of his adventures. These include photos of Vegemite and toast on an Australian breakfast table (yes, they really do eat it kids!), Tasmanian Devils at Tasmania Zoo (the mysterious carnivorous monster of Warner Bros fame) and old Georgian cottages in Launceston (so familiar back home in England).

John's interest in Architecture is boosted by his daughter, who is a member of the British National Trust. John was fascinated by the Bullnose and Tent-sag iron veranda's

added by clever colonists which rendered the early local dwellings more liveable; both inside and out during the hot summer heat.

John and his wife's home back in England was built around 1750, half a century before our local cottages were first built. Photos of the facade at Clarendon House at Evandale were also sent back home to "old Albion" to show the grandeur some colonial gentry aspired to in Van Diemen's land.

W. Bro. Belton was praised by M. W. Bro. John Slore, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, for his work in expanding Masonic knowledge internationally and for his dedication to the Craft.

W. Bro. Belton likewise complimented Freemasonry in Tasmania for the warm and welcoming reception he was given, at the beginning of his long tour of lectures throughout the Antipodes.



V. W. Bro. Rex Hesline with UK Lecturer W. Bro. John Belton

V. W. Bro. Rex Hesline

Presentation of Benevolence in Queenstown

The Board of Benevolence works behind the scenes, ensuring that worthy requests for aid are distributed in a caring and unheralded manner, allowing dignity to all concerned.

An application by W. Bro. Graeme Mee, Worshipful Master of Mt. Lyell Lodge, and his Brethren, saw such a request fulfilled.



W. Bro. Leon King and V. W. Bro. Rex Hesline with the child helped by your donations to the Benevolence Foundation.

Without too much detail, a local family, who are well known for their charitable works in helping others in Queenstown, had encountered some medical difficulties with their baby daughter, and although the family had not sought financial help, the Lodge members recognised that they were in need of financial relief.

The Board of Benevolence rely on such instinct from the Brethren in the first instance of any application before any consideration is given, as they are on the front-line of their communities.

The Board did not find it a difficult task to exercise its solemn rite, and the donation of monies to the family was initiated, and on this occasion, it coincided with two of the current Board members, V. W. Bro. Rex Hesline and W. Bro. Leon King being in attendance to present the cheque to the family at Mt. Lyell's September Meeting.

It was a poignant moment when the Father addressed the Ladies and Brethren privileged to see Masonic Charity at its best, and when he produced his beautiful baby daughter for everyone to dote over, it was a very special point in time for all at Mt. Lyell that evening.

W. Bro. Luke Wood

Lodge Pembroke 74 TC - Life Membership - Paul Kregor

A night to stay in the hearts of the Freemasons present at the St Johns hospital meeting on 29th September 2017.

W. Bro. Paul Kregor delivered the Final charge to Bro. Stephen Pears (a candidate Paul proposed into Freemasonry), but as he was too ill to



leave hospital to do the charge at Lodge, 11 Lodge Pembroke members took the newly initiated to Paul and a word perfect charge was delivered as per usual.

Paul was also presented with a life membership certificate for the outstanding work he had done for the lodge.

(Sadly, Paul passed away on 13th October 2017.)



W. Bro. Geoff Reynolds presenting Life membership to W. Bro. Paul Kregor

(Taken from Lodge Pembroke 74TC Facebook page.)

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Brains on the Mind - Assoc. Prof. Tracey Dickson

Tracey Dickson is on a mission to tackle brain disease

by Miranda Harman

It's no surprise to Associate Professor Tracey Dickson that in 2017 there isn't a supercomputer that comes anywhere near the power of the human brain. She knows the brain more intimately than most of us and, 20 years into a career of neuroscience, her enthusiasm for this fundamental organ shows no sign of dimming. "I know I'm biased," she says, "but our brains are truly amazing."

Associate Professor Dickson is Deputy Director at the Menzies Institute for Medical Research and the leader of the Institute's Neurodegenerative Diseases and Brain Injury research theme. She is a national leader in motor neuron disease (MND) research and in 2017 received almost \$1 million in research funding through FightMND, the foundation inspired by Neil Daniher, who has MND.

In between being one of the two Menzies Deputy Directors, leading a research theme, running her own lab group and raising a young family, Associate Professor Dickson puts considerable energy into communicating her research to the community.

As well as MND, her research group of five scientists, five PhD and two honours students is investigating the cellular mechanisms underlying Parkinson's Disease, dementia and traumatic brain injury.

Associate Professor Dickson completed Bachelor of Science with Honours at the University of Tasmania and then took up her first real job working as a laboratory assistant with Professor James Vickers, who is now Director of the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre. But it could all have been very different. After growing up in Scottsdale and then moving to Burnie, she started out at the University of Tasmania enrolling in a double degree in Law and Science, realizing fairly quickly that she was awe inspired with the latter.

"I knew it was the job for me when the first question I was asked was, could I drive a Jag?"

She followed the Australian tradition of backpacking overseas, and for a short time had a job looking after an elderly couple who needed a driver to take them between their city and country homes. "I knew it was the job for me when the first question I was asked was, could I drive a Jag?"

After a few months of cucumber sandwiches and gentrified English life, she realised it was time to get back to the benches and contacted Professor Vickers about beginning a PhD in Hobart. She secured a scholarship through the **Tasmanian Masonic Medical Research Foundation**, which has continued to contribute philanthropically to her research.

"My PhD studies focussed on identifying some of the earliest pathological changes that occur in people with Alzheimer's, when they are still in what is termed a pre-clinical phase. Our studies focussed on this group of people, as the most effective intervention in Alzheimer's is likely to be treating people to either cure them or slow the progression of their disease before the important nerve cells actually die."

After graduating with her PhD she was awarded the C. J. Martin Postdoctoral Fellowship from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and spent two and a half years at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City.

Further funding from the NHMRC and other competitive grant schemes, in addition to philanthropic funds, have enabled Associate Professor Dickson and her lab groups to make inroads into understanding what is happening in the brain and cerebral nervous systems in neurodegenerative diseases. In 2016 her lab celebrated the publication of research showing where MND begins in the central nervous system.

"Despite its humble appearance the brain truly is an amazing organ," she said. "How it performs many of its functions is still a mystery but we, and others around the world, are working hard on this."

"The brain is made up of 100 billion nerve cells, all connected in a complicated series of networks via 176,000km of axons and 100 trillion specialised junctions known as synapses. With this level of sophistication, it is no wonder that even the most advanced computer is still unable to come close to its abilities."

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Associate Professor Tracey Dickson

Brain Power: Tracey Dickson marvels at the incredible capacity of the human brain.

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Special thanks to Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. David Macrow for sharing this article. He advises that to date the Tasmanian Masonic Medical Research Foundation has contributed in excess of \$1.2M to this research programme. You should all be proud of the contribution made by Freemasonry to this important work.

It is with great pleasure to share some recent highlights at Masonic Care Tasmania.

Masonic Care Tasmania wins two renowned awards

On behalf of Masonic Care Tasmania I am proud to share that our new state-wide organisation has won two of Tasmania's most renowned aged care awards.

- **Winner** of the Employer Excellence in Aged Care Award, 2017 Tasmania Community Achievement Award
- **Winner** of the Aged Care Organisation of the Year, 2017 Tasmania Aged Care Awards
- **Highly Commended**, Media, Marketing and Engagement Award, 2017 Tasmanian Aged Care Awards

Huge congratulations to everyone. Our staff and residents are simply thrilled. These awards are a brilliant acknowledgement of the extraordinary people that live and work with us.

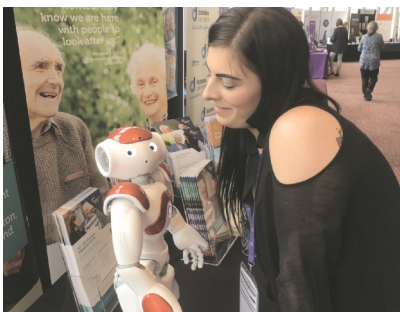
ACSA Tasmania Conference

Masonic Care Tasmania felt privileged to attend the recent Aged Care & Community Services Australia (ACSA) Tasmania Conference and we were pleased to have such a strong representation of staff from across our services.



Masonic Care Tasmania team at the 2017 Tasmanian Aged Care Awards.

Masonic Care staff had valuable conversations with others working in our industry and we presented two sessions to delegates. One presentation was about our Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation *Improving Dementia Care Project* and the impact Elroy, our new dementia therapy robot is having on our staff and residents. The real highlight was the opportunity to get Elroy among the action! He was walking, talking, singing and cracking people up with his hilarious dad jokes.



Elroy engaging with one of our staff at the Masonic Care exhibition booth at the conference.

As a result of Elroy being showcased at the conference, WIN News television worked with Masonic Care to create a feature story about Elroy and the impact he is having with our residents. The story aired on television in December and our residents really enjoyed being part of this story.



WIN news speaking to Freemasons' residents about Elroy.

Our new trishaw!

Getting the wind in our hair...

Exciting news to share! Masonic Care Tasmania is part of a global movement that is enabling older members of our community to get out and about...the wind in their hair! An idea that was born in Denmark, this inspiring initiative has seen six Danish mates cycle more than 2000km from Newcastle to Hobart. Their aim was to raise awareness of this growing movement that is helping to combat loneliness and putting a smile on many faces.



The Danish Team with Nicole from Cycling Without Age and Jason Nichols from Freemasons Home.

We are delighted to have Tasmania's first trishaw that is specifically for aged care. Masonic Care Tasmania now offers our residents the opportunity to be part of this fun, social and memorable experience. On Friday 20th October we celebrated the arrival of the team to our Freemasons Home in Lindisfarne for the official hand over of our newly purchased trishaw. Two of our residents, Barbara and Audrey were the first to experience a ride...they certainly had the wind in their hair! Their faces say it all in the image above.

This project was a successful collaboration between Masonic Care Tasmania, Team Strib, Cycling Without Age and Rotary Bellerive. We can't wait to see how this trishaw will enhance the wellbeing of those who live life with us.

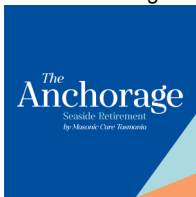
Masonic Care Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As valued members of Masonic Care Tasmania it pleases me to share that our first state-wide Annual General Meeting (AGM) was successfully held in Launceston on Tuesday 7th November 2017. The AGM was attended by Masonic Care Tasmania members, the Board of Directors and Executive. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended and those who sent reply of their attendance. We had some valuable discussions and I am proud to lead this organisation at a time of extraordinary growth and opportunity. Thank for your ongoing support.

Revealing 'The Anchorage'

Masonic Care Tasmania is excited to reveal new seaside retirement living opportunities in Lindisfarne. 'The Anchorage' is currently underway and is set to transform what was once our Bowditch Hostel. This stunning location will see 16 new premium retirement living units and a Community Centre built. The Centre will be called the 'Bowditch Community Centre' and inside the Centre we will share the historical journey of the location and pay respect to the site. Demolition is due for completion by Christmas, with construction starting early 2018.

The brand and an artist's impression of "The Anchorage"



The Anchorage Sales & Concept Office is located at 103 East Derwent Highway. For more information please contact Cate Grunsell on 6282 5299 to make a time to visit.

Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation Improving Dementia Care Project update

November marked six months of our Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation (MCMRF) Improving Dementia Care Project. An interim six month report developed by Dr. Emma Lea from Wicking has revealed some really exciting progress and positive outcomes. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Masonic Care Tasmania state-wide Clinical team and the significant progress they have achieved in such a short time. There is lots more to come and I look forward to keeping you updated with successes and milestones associated with this innovative project.

Masonic Care Tasmania Staff Satisfaction Survey

Masonic Care Tasmania recently conducted a state-wide Employee Engagement Survey. We received really valuable feedback from our staff surrounding areas of strength and areas for development as a result of the Survey.

I am proud to share that Masonic Care achieved a massive

response rate of 88%. This is one of the highest industry benchmark figures ever seen from an Australian Not For Profit (NFP) organisation. The staff engagement rate of 73%, is an unbelievable result when compared to other benchmarked NFP organisations.

Survey consultants (Insync) advised that of all NFP's who took part in this important industry benchmarking study, Masonic Care Tasmania's level of engagement is rated in the top 25 organisations across Australia. The survey was conducted to enable us listen to our staff and be the best employer we can be. Undertaking this feedback driven project in partnership with our staff is a significant step towards achieving this.

Bequests for Masonic Care Tasmania

When you make a bequest to Masonic Care Tasmania, your legacy will be permanent reminder to others of your kindness and generosity. Whether your bequest is material or financial, you can be sure that it will be truly appreciated and will enhance the lives and livelihoods of the 1000+ residents in our care. In December we sent many of you the new Masonic Care Tasmania's bequest brochure, if you would like more information please contact Carmen Windsor on 0481 211 077 or email carmen.windsor@mctas.org.au.

Department of Veteran Affairs

Some more good news. In May this year Masonic Care Tasmania submitted a tender to the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) to become a member of their preferred provider panel for the delivery of Veterans' Home Care (VHC) services. We have been delivering DVA nursing services for several years.

This tender was for regular home support that can consist of personal care, cooking assistance, gardening etc. (similar to the home care community services we currently deliver). Masonic Care Tasmania was a successful tenderer and are now a preferred provider on the DVA Home Care panel and have started accepting referrals. This is a great step forward in diversifying our service offerings and income streams.

Thank you for a sensational year. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past twelve months. I look forward to sharing many more highlights and successes with you in 2018.

Daniel Findley
Chief Executive Officer, Masonic Care Tasmania



A Masonic Birthday in Russia

A highlight of my recent trip to Europe was the opportunity to celebrate my birthday on 9 September 2017 with Masonic brethren in St Petersburg. I had originally arranged to attend what I assumed was an 18th degree meeting in St Petersburg on that day, but circumstances were such that the meeting did not go ahead. Instead, I celebrated my birthday with a selection of Masonic brethren, Andrew Pildish, Deputy Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council for Russia, whom I had met several days earlier, had gathered together. I was received most hospitably with toasts and a presentation, and arrangements were made for me to attend a Craft meeting in Moscow on my wedding anniversary, 13 September, 2017.



W. Bro. Greg Parkinson with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Russia, M. W. Bro. Andrey Bogdanov.

Unusually, the meeting in Moscow, of the United Lodge Lotus/Brotherly Love, consisted of a First Degree followed immediately by a Second Degree. The latter degree was conducted in both Russian and English as one of the two candidates was an Austrian lawyer who visited Moscow frequently for business purpose, but he did not speak Russian. It was an honour for me to be asked to oblige him in English.

The meeting was held in the Sovietsky Hotel, built by Stalin's son, and wired so that the regime could get the dirt on VIP's who stayed there. The room in which the meeting was held naturally had a camera in it and the first business of the evening was for the Inner Guard to put a piece of cloth on the end of a long stick and drape it over

the camera! I'm not sure whether the Junior Warden, when asked the duties of the Inner Guard, made reference to this act!

The elements of the First Degree were quite familiar although the candidate's journeys were, like the Scottish practice, designed to raise alarm in him and were not the sedentary amble that we are used to. The Second Degree was taken from the French Scottish Rite and attenuated at that, so was not one that was familiar at all. A nice touch is the practice of having a range of gifts available to all visitors, and after signing in (with a quill pen) you were able to select from the gifts displayed on the desk.



W. Bro. Greg Parkinson with The Deputy Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council for Russia, N. W. Bro. Andrew Pildish, 30° (far right) and Masonic Brethren in St Petersburg.

After the lodge was closed we repaired to a nearby restaurant for the South which was preceded by the quaint custom of the Master slashing a watermelon with a sword on the pavement outside. This apparently happens once a year at the start of the watermelon season.

Freemasonry in Russia is centred on Moscow and St Petersburg and is represented in a few other major cities. It is not strong in Russia and consists of some 500 brethren. Although there have been Masonic lodges in Russia since 1731, it was only in 1995 that the Grand Lodge could be reconstituted after many decades of suppression. In 2018, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Russia will be held in the City of Perm on Friday and Saturday 8 and 9 June.

W. Bro. Greg Parkinson

Support for the Masonic Care Tasmania Dementia Unit

Brethren of the Northern Tasmanian Sovereign Council and the Ernest Clark Sovereign Chapter of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite banded together to donate \$5,000 to Masonic Care Tasmania for dementia care initiatives at their November meetings.

"We know that Masonic Care Tasmania has been focusing on initiatives to position the organisation at the forefront of dementia care provision in this State, if not in Australia," said Peter Pfundt, Grand Secretary of the Northern Tasmanian Sovereign Council. "As stakeholders in the organisation, we are keen to see those initiatives pursued and the organisation, owned by the Freemasons of Tasmania, become a trendsetter in the area," he said.

Cheques from the Council and Chapter were presented to the CEO of Masonic Care Tasmania, Mr Daniel Findley, by Most Illustrious Brother Bill Morgan, Regional Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia and a Director of Masonic Care Tasmania, at the first Annual General Meeting of Masonic Care Tasmania held in Launceston on 7 November, 2017.

W. Bro. Greg Parkinson



Most Ill. Bro. Bill Morgan, presenting the donation for the Dementia Unit to the CEO of Masonic Care Tasmania, Mr Daniel Findley.

Lauriston's Charity Night

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a non-profit organisation that arranges experiences described as "wishes" to children with life-threatening medical conditions, and Lodge Lauriston couldn't think of a better destination for funds raised at its 2017 charity quiz night, held on Friday 15th December, 2017.

Lauriston's main Charity fund raising event is left in the capable hands of two Worthy and Distinguished Brethren, W. Bro. Nigel Hodges and Bro. Michael Long, who have been endowed with wisdom in all their doings, strength of mind in all their difficulties and the beauty of harmony in all their communications to allow them to pester and cajole donations of prizes and support from everyone in their sphere of influence.

After two months of preparation, securing a sealed set of questions and arranging an incorruptible quiz master, the night finally arrived, and with cash donations from the Buffalo Lodge and distinguished individuals, was already off to a good start before the first person was through the door.

The Lodge members, families and friends were joined in battle for the bragging rights of the George Town intellectuals from the Lions, Rotary, Soroptimist's, Order of the Eastern Star, Neighbourhood House volunteers, and last but not least, the volunteers from "Make-A-Wish" themselves.

And so, with over ninety souls in attendance, the games began.

The entertainment was exceptional, with everyone having a delightful evening, and no one seemed to mind W. Bro. Fagin and Bro. Oliver picking their pockets for a good

cause.

After the quiz had finished and every person in the room had at least one prize, the Treasurer finally proffered a cheque into the hands of Lauriston's Worshipful Master, M. W. Bro. Paul Hodges, who in turn, and with great pride, presented the sum of \$2,164.00 for the evenings work to Priscilla Busch, President of the Launceston Branch of "Make-A-Wish".

Not bad for three hours of fun on the Tamar Riviera...

W. Bro. Luke Wood



M. W. Bro. Paul Hodges presenting the cheque to Priscilla Busch, with Bro. Michael Long and W. Bro. Nigel Hodges looking on.

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Burnie Masonic Lodge - Scholarship Presentations

The June 2017 meeting of the Lodge featured the presentations of the Annual Burnie Masonic Scholarship Certificates by the Mayor of Burnie, Alderman Anita Dow.

The Worshipful Master of Burnie Lodge, W. Bro Richard Kern welcomed the students, their families and educators together with the Ladies of the Lodge and visiting masons.

The meeting was addressed by Alderman Dow who stressed the importance attached to all areas of education in this modern age and congratulated the scholarship recipients on their achievements.

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

Winner of the Hilton Sharpe Scholarship, ex Hellyer College student, Josh Downey is studying at the University of Tasmania and outlined his progress to date.

The winners of the D. I. Bartley Scholarships were Grade Nine pupils, Max Halfacre from Parklands High, and Montanna Hodgetts from Burnie High, both thanked the members for the financial support received.

Cheques of \$2,000 for the Hilton Sharpe Scholarship and \$300 for each D. I. Bartley Scholarship winner had been presented at an earlier date from monies raised by the Lodge Members and bequests from the estates of the late Bros. Ernest West and Roy Conroy.

A very successful evening concluded with the Mayor, Educators, Students and Guests joining the Lodge members for a Buffet Supper.

Gerry Gunton
Secretary Burnie Masonic Lodge.



Alderman Anita Dow, Mayor of Burnie, Max Halfacre, Montanna Hodgetts, Josh Downey and W. Bro Richard Kern.

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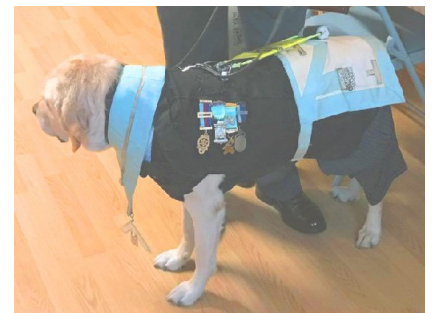
"When I saw this on Facebook I couldn't resist - thanks to Lake Lodge 94TC for sharing on their page, here is a small excerpt. (Rosemary)

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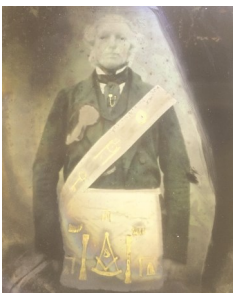
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Important Masonic Material Discovered at Auction

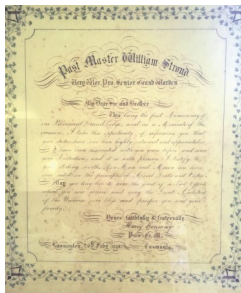
It never ceases to amaze what can turn up in auction rooms in Tasmania. W. Bro. Greg Parkinson reports that having gone to inspect an upcoming auction in Launceston to look at a clock, he was amazed to find an important collection of masonic material on offer. Included in the lot were masonic certificates for James Johnstone and William Fitzpatrick, an illuminated address to William Stroud, and a glass plate photograph, reputedly of Stroud in his regalia, that could possibly be the oldest masonic photo in the State.



The certificates and address were issued under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland and relate to St John's Lodge, the first lodge in Launceston, originally Irish Constitution, and Meander Lodge, which is a daughter lodge of St John's and also originally Irish Constitution.

The certificate for Johnstone is dated 1843 and is one of the first issued for St John's Lodge. James Johnstone was a warehouseman and was the proprietor of the firm later known as Johnstone and Wilmott. The building, dating back to the 1840s, still exists on the corner of St John and Cimitiere Streets in Launceston and is currently a workshop and showroom for makers of handcrafted furniture. Johnstone was one of three candidates initiated at the first regular meeting of St John's Lodge working under a Warrant of Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, prior to the lodge gaining its formal charter.

William Fitzpatrick, of the well-known family of publicans in and around Deloraine, was initiated in Meander in June 1884, the second working night of the Lodge. His certificate is probably the earliest extant for Meander Lodge. The Lodge was consecrated on 4 April 1884 by Harry Conway, PM of St John's Lodge, assisted by officers of St John's and other lodges in Launceston.



In 1886, Harry Conway was Provincial Grand Master for the Irish Constitution in Tasmania and probably held that office since the establishment of the Provincial

Grand Lodge in 1885, although this needs to be checked. Conway was an architect and was the designer of the Masonic Centre in Brisbane Street. The illuminated address to Stroud was prepared on the first anniversary of the Provincial Grand Lodge (26 February 1886) and was in appreciation of Stroud's worth as a man and a mason. Stroud was apparently Provincial Senior Grand Warden at the time. He was also a senior employee of James Johnstone.

There was apparently a connection between Stroud and the Furmage family. The late R. W. Bro. Kent Furmage said that he had in his possession a masonic sword (illustrated) and Royal Arch jewel that were Stroud's. He indicated that these items had come to him from his father.



Any Brother who has further information to add should pass this to W. Bro. Parkinson. The items from the auction were secured by W. Bro. Parkinson and will be deposited either in the library at the Launceston Masonic Centre, or in the Community History Collection at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery.

Stroud Senior Grand Warden Jewel

The Furmages have found the Stroud Senior Grand Warden jewel and have sent me photos. The jewel was used by Kent as a Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania and he has had his name engraved around the edge. The jewel and the Illuminated Address would appear to have been presented to Stroud on the same occasion.

W. Bro. Greg Parkinson



Ramsay Royal Arch Chapter



Bro. Pax Taylor, W. Bro. J. Windram (Wor. Mark Master) and Bro. Bruce Chamley

The labour of the evening at the May meeting of Ramsay Royal Arch Chapter was the ceremony of the advancement of Bro. Pax Taylor and W. Bro. Bruce Chamley to the honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason. It is a rarity these days to have two candidates go through on the same night especially after the previous two meetings having also been taken up with Mark Degree candidates, Bros. Peter Purcell and Buti Sello. Indeed, it would be akin to 4 candidates

being initiated in the Craft Lodges in the same year.

Ramsay Chapter will be fully employed with Degree ceremonies well into 2018 with an apparent resurgence of interest in the teachings of the Chapter. Ramsay Chapter prides itself in conscientious officers providing exemplary portrayal of each Degree.

R. W. Bro. John Windram and Gerry Gunton ODS

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Busy Night for Burnie Masonic Lodge

Welcomes and honours were the order of the evening for the Burnie Masonic Lodge's regular meeting in November 2017.

Mitchell Bruce Edwick, an ex service veteran, friend and neighbour of Past Master Charlie Heidenreich joined 89TC by Initiation.

Representing Grand Lodge R. W. Bro. John Windram presented a Past Masters Jewel to W. Bro. Richard Kern who was unwell at the time of the Lodge Installation in October.

An award for longevity was accorded to Bro. Robert Johnston Mole who has completed 50 years as a member of the Craft. In making the presentation of a 50 year jewel and Certificate as directed by Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. Windram referred to Bro. Mole and their former connections both as workmates and on the sports fields.

Gerry Gunton, Secretary Burnie Masonic Lodge



Bro. Mitchell Bruce Edwick, R.W. Bro. John Windram and Bro. Robert Johnston Mole

Donation for Care Robot



The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania donated \$1,000 to the appeal by Masonic Care of Tasmania for the purchase of a care robot.

On 11 July 2017, on behalf of Supreme Grand Chapter, I passed the cheque to Ms. Margaret Byrne, Facility Manager for Peace Haven.

*Geoff Cadogan-Cowper
1st Grand Principal
Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania*

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Aaron Jensen, the son of V. W. Bro. Svenn Joll-Jensen, Master of Meander Lodge, sent me this article to Bro. Greg Parkinson. Aaron has lived in China for 15 years now and is fluent in Chinese.

'Modern Freemasonry (the Freemasons) was founded in the 18th century in the United Kingdom. In keeping with the 18th century European notions of an utopian nature and religious colour, the organisation is of a fraternal nature and the world's largest underground organisation. It is headquartered in central London's Covent Garden, and promotes the idea of fraternity, and the spirit of virtue, the search for meaning of human existence, and calls for the establishment of the ideal of peace in the country. Many famous people in the world are members of Freemasonry. There are about 5 million members worldwide, about 480,000 members in England, Scotland and Ireland, and about 2 million members in the United States'. (as translated by Aaron Jensen)

In Chinese there are two common translations for FREEMASON, which differ by only by one (the leading) character. Internet searches suggest the second is the more common, however the first appears to be more formal. There are some further translation references as the 'American Medical Aid Society' (which i have not looked into).

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hù jì huì huì yuán = mutual aid gathering member

共济会会员

gòng jì huì huì yuán = communal assistance group member

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R. W. Bro. Bill Morgan Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

R. W. Bro. Bill Morgan, Past Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, and Regional Commander for Tasmania for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, was installed in June as Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

The ceremony, held in Sydney on 22 June in conjunction with the annual working of the 33°, also saw Emeritus Professor Bill Thompson installed as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Rite. Bill Thompson is well known to many Tasmanian masons as Regional Commander for Region 3 which includes Victoria and included Tasmania before Tasmania was established as a Region in its own right.

As Lieutenant Grand Commander, R. W. Bro. Bill Morgan will automatically assume the role of Sovereign Grand Commander and head of the Rite when Bill Thompson retires from that office, unless fate throws some impediment in his way.

Only two other Tasmanians have held membership of the Supreme Council 33° for Australia, the governing body of the Rite. They were R. W. Bro. Dennis Wivell, a former Regional Commander for Region 3, and V. W. Bro. Trevor Taplin. Trevor was given honorary membership of the Supreme Council 33° for Australia, as a former member of the Australian Branch Council for England.

Congratulations to both Bill Morgan and Bill Thompson, paradoxically now referred to affectionally by Tasmanian Scottish Rite masons as 'Big Bill' and 'Little Bill'. Tall might be 'Very Powerful' but short still packs the most punch – 'Most Powerful', according to the appellations that are attached to their respective offices!

W. Bro. Gregory Parkinson



M. P. Bro. Bill Thompson investing V. P. Bro. Bill Morgan
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