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M.W. Bro. John Slore congratulating R. W. Bro. Reg Frost on his being conferred as a Past Grand Warden at the Lodge Esk Installation. R.W. Bro. Frost's wife Karen stated it was the first time she has ever seen him speechless, he was in shock.

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From the Editor

As I write this message to you all the temperature in Renmark Sth Aust is 44 degrees—bit warm !!

I very much wish to thank my regular contributors for sending in so many articles to share with you—if you would like to join them, please put pen to paper / fingers to keyboard and share your Lodge's activities with us all

Till next time. Many best wishes.

Rosemary Bruce-Mullins
Magazine Editor

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to 31 December 2018



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From the Grand Master

M.W. Bro. John Slore

Dear Brethren and Ladies,

I struggle to find the proper words to adequately express how honoured I am to have been given this extremely important responsibility. This is a humbling experience and one that I take very, very seriously.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to communicate some of the activities in which I have been involved on behalf of the Tasmanian Grand Lodge over the past six months.

I have had the pleasure of conducting six Installations within the three Regions accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie and our respective wives.

I also had the privilege of accepting a total of seven invitations to attend Initiations as Grand Master from the North West and Southern Regions. I should report that the attendance at these Initiations was very pleasing to me and very supportive of the Candidates. In particular, at two of these Initiations, there were in excess of sixty Masons in attendance.

In October I had the pleasure of representing our Tasmanian Grand Lodge at the Installation of The Grand Lodge of Western Australia, to witness M.W. Bro. Peter Kirwan Installed as Grand Master of that State. I was accompanied by five

Tasmanian Brethren and four of our Ladies.

I would again like to give my most sincere thanks to the Deputy Grand Master and all those Brethren who have supported and accompanied me at the various State Grand Installations over the past year. I am sure that you, as I do, enjoy these functions.

I would thoroughly commend to all Tasmanian Masons and recommend to you, that if you have not been to an Interstate Grand Installation it is well worth the effort to attend. They look after interstate guests very well and these Grand Installations are open to all Masons, their ladies and friends wishing to attend.

The month of November was a very busy one for me. Apart from the important tasks which included two Initiations and three Installations, I had the pleasure of attending with a delegation to The Pacific Lodge for the Ceremony of the Vacant Chair and commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. Also, later in the month, I led a delegation to the Grand Chapter Installation of Most Excellent Companion David Macrow (our Grand Secretary,) as Grand Superintendent of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania.

It is very pleasing that we have a steady stream of quality individuals joining our fraternity. It has been a long time since I have witnessed four Entered Apprentice Freemasons

sitting together in the Lodge room watching an Initiation. This is becoming a regular occurrence lately and I urge you to remember that tomorrow's Freemasonry are today's Candidates.

All the positions for the 2019 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Teams have now been finalised and the list can be viewed by authorised users on the Grand Lodge Website. I congratulate all those who have been appointed to the various positions in the three regions and look forward to working with you over the next twelve months in my final year as your Grand Master.

In this my last year I ask of you three things: let us work so that we may establish society's opinion of Freemasonry rather than let our critics do it for us; let us work to improve the quality of our attitude towards one another as Freemasons and let us encourage a leadership based on knowledge and skill.

Brethren, I sincerely hope that with my assistance and your own endeavours we will this year make a positive difference for the common good.

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

John Slore, Grand Master

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Installations

St Andrew Lewis Lodge

The Installation of V.W. Bro. Lyall Patrick Lonergan of St. Andrew Lewis Lodge 6 T.C., was held on Thursday 5th July 2018 at The Masonic Centre Launceston Tasmania. This is the second time V.W. Bro. Lonergan has been in the chair.



V.W. Bro. Lyall Lonergan

The adverse weather conditions did not deter many Masons from travelling from Hobart and other cities and towns for the Installation of V.W. Bro. Lonergan, there were over 60 guests in the South for the banquet.

W. Bro. Douglas Dearing

Lodge Heather

On 20th Nov 2018, at Lodge Heather W. Bro. B. W. Duncan was re-installed into the Chair of King Solomon, at Lodge Heather.

Eight visiting Masters and their brethren, and a large retinue of Grand Lodge officers were in attendance to support the Grand Master.

Ladies joined them at the banquet in the South and an enjoyable time was had by all.

W. Bro. Douglas Dearing

M.W. Bro. John Slore, W. Bro. B. W. Duncan, R.W. Bro Phillip Oddie



Lodge Merton

Installation at Lodge Merton was held on 8th December 2018, with W. Bro. Keith Draper invested by Grand Master M.W. Bro. John Slore, accompanied by a large retinue of Grand Lodge Officers.

Seven visiting Masters, with a large number of Brethren were also in attendance.

The Grand Master thanked the ladies for attending the banquet. Mrs Dot Slore conducted a raffle in aid of the Grand Master's Winter Relief Appeal, which realised over \$170.00.

W. Bro. Douglas Dearing



W. Bro. Keith Draper and R.W. Bro Phillip Oddie

Lodge of Research

Tuesday evening 12th November 2018 saw W. Bro. Christopher Hogan take the chair of King Solomon in The Launceston Lodge of Research in Brisbane Street Masonic Centre, Launceston.

The Installing officer was M.W. Bro. John Slore, Grand Master, accompanied by his deputy, R.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie. They were joined by their wives, and The Grand Lodge ceremonial team.



M. W. Bro. John Slore, W. Bro. Christopher Hogan, R.W. Bro Phillip Oddie

A large number of visiting masters and their brethren also attended.

Lodge members and visitors retired to the South for a festive board at the conclusion of proceedings.

W. Bro. Douglas Dearing

Lauriston

Installation with a Difference

Over recent years, Lodge Lauriston has undertaken at least one annual interstate visit.

Perhaps as a reflection of this, we were very pleased to welcome a strong contingent of 'mainlanders' to George Town for the recent installation of W. Bro. Peter Thomas as Master.

Lauriston (No 72 in the Tasmanian Constitution) has built up a good relationship with Lodge Castlereagh (No 72 in the NSW Constitution) and the Worshipful Master and a Fraternal delegation from that Lodge were among the visitors.

Also among our visitors we were greatly honoured by the presence of M.W. Bro. Keith Murray (Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Victoria) and M.W. Bro. James Melville (Immediate Past Grand Master of the U.G.L. of NSW & the ACT).

It is also pleasing that the following month, Lauriston's new Worshipful Master was able to attend the Installation at Lodge Castlereagh.



M.W. Bro. James Melville (IPGM), R.W. Bro. Phil Oddie (DGM, GL of Tasmania), M.W. Bro. John Slore (GM, GL of Tasmania), W. Bro. Peter Thomas (WM Lodge Lauriston 72 T.C.), W. Bro. Michael Yuen (WM Lodge Castlereagh 72 UGL NSW & ACT) and M.W. Bro. Keith Murray (GM, GL of Victoria)



Worshipful Masters at the subsequent Castlereagh Installation, R.W. Bro. Tony Piggott (Lodge Castlereagh) and W. Bro. Peter Thomas (Lodge Lauriston) (both "72" Lodges)

V.W. Bro. Luke Wood

Burnie Masonic Lodge 89TC Installation

On 27th October 2018 a large gathering of brethren from every part of the state attended the Installation of W. Bro. Stewart C. Freeman, OAM CSM, into the chair of the Burnie Masonic Lodge No 89TC.

The Ceremony was conducted by his Uncle R.W. Bro. Maurice R. Lawson, PDGM, assisted and supported by a Grand Lodge Team of 30 members from the South, North and North West.

Born in Burnie and raised in Sydney, joining the Royal Australian Air Force our Worshipful Master embarked on a long and distinguished career finally retiring with a rank of Wing Commander.

In addition to his Burnie Masonic duties he is the Officer involved with the administration of the Masonic Education Programme in the North West.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Philip Kline having been congratulated for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the ceremony was somewhat bemused when the unconventional Installing Master asked to be conducted to the floor of the Lodge.

Brethren waited with suspense as the pair circled the lodge, stopping to face V.W. Bro. Russell B. Ker, who rose to his feet to learn, on behalf of the M.W. Grand Master, for his services to Grand Lodge, he was accorded with the rank of Past Grand Warden.

The day concluded with a Banquet in the South with stewards provided by Emu Lodge. The ladies who had spent the afternoon at the Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens, joined brethren for the banquet.

V.W. Bro. Gerry Gunton O.D.S.



W. Bro. Stewart Freeman, R.W. Bro. Russell Ker and R.W. Bro. Maurice Lawson.

A New District Commander for Tasmania, Bass

On 21 June last year Em. Bro. Peter Pfundt had conferred on him the degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33^o at a convocation in Sydney of the Supreme Council 33^o of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia.

Peter was one of five candidates, and was selected as the Principal Candidate for the ceremony. One of the other candidates, and District Commander designate for the District of Gold Coast Tweed Valley, Region 2, Em. Bro. Brian Ling, 32^o CoM, formerly of Tasmania, will be remembered by many Freemasons in Tasmania. Brian is a Past Master of Lodge Esk and was actively involved in the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

Having received the degree, Very Illustrious Brother Peter Pfundt assumed the office of District Commander for the District of Tasmania, Bass, and was officially installed in that office on Saturday 4 August 2108 by the Regional Commander for Region 8 and Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Rite, Very Powerful Bro. Bill Morgan, 33^o. Peter succeeds Very Illustrious

Bro. Ray Chell as District Commander and his term of office is five years.

The 33^o degree is described as an 'administrative degree' and its purpose is to prepare candidates to assume the responsibilities of office as District Commander. The degree is worked once each year in Sydney when the Supreme Council convenes. Several days are devoted to meetings, including the degree ceremony, and social events; the session culminating in the Grand Gala Banquet at the NSW Masonic Club.

W. Bro. Gregory Parkinson



The Tasmanian Sovereign Grand Inspectors General 33^o at V. Ill. Bro. Peter Pfundt's installation as District Commander, Bass. Left to right: Kerry Bowerman, Ray Chell, Bill Morgan (Lieutenant Grand Commander), Peter Pfundt, Allan Sangwell, Greg Parkinson, Rob Clarke.

Freemasons Tasmania Annual Dinner

For many years the Southern Masters' Association (SMA) has held an annual dinner to recognise the special attributes of particular Masters displayed throughout their term as Worshipful Master and to raise funds for various charities. The attributes to which I mention include the enjoyment of food recognised by a Gourmet Award and the capacity to talk, commonly known as the Ear Bashers Award.

The charities supported over the years are too numerous to list here, in recent years funds raised at have been donated to our own Masonic Medical Research Foundation. Prior to the recent reconstitution of the Foundation the funds raised by the SMA totalled in excess of \$15,000.

With the decline in the number of Lodges and membership, the decision was taken to rebadge the Annual Dinner under the name of Freemasons Tasmania. Due to other Masonic commitments, the Grand Master and his Deputy were unable to attend but he has assured me he

will be in attendance next year. I sincerely hope he will be joined by other members from the North and North West.

Since assuming responsibility for organising the Annual Dinner it has been held at the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania with which Freemasonry in general has established a wonderful relationship.

The dinner was a great success and I acknowledge, with thanks, those Lodges and individuals that donated prizes for the raffle which raised \$2,000 on the night.

As Chairman of the Masonic Medical Research Foundation I had great



pleasure in accepting a cheque from V.W. Bro. Don Ronald, President of the SMA.

David Louez, Convenor.

R. W. Bro. Lyell Knowles - 60 Year Bar

Lodge Lauriston's Worshipful Master, M.W. Bro. Paul G. Hodges had the honour to present R.W. Bro. Lyell J. Knowles with his 60 Year Bar at the August Regular Meeting.

Lyell was Initiated into Empire Lodge 37 TC on the 26th July 1958, and was Master in 1966, 1967, 1984 and 2000, and at their demise joined their Daughter Lodge, Lodge Lauriston, becoming Master in 2013 and 2017. He is a Life Member of Lauriston and has been honoured by the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, which awarded him the Order of Distinguished Service in 2017.

Lyell is active in the Grand Lodge, he was Senior Grand Warden in 1985, and still attends when requested, a further testament to the quality of the man.



Paul presenting the 60 Year Bar to Lyell, an exemplary man and Freemason.

Lyell, as usual, was humble in receiving the 60 Year Bar in recognition of his attachment to Freemasonry in Tasmania and recently to Lodge Lauriston in particular, and looks forward to many more years in the Craft.

V.W. Bro. Luke Wood



The new Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Jamie Smith and his lovely wife Mel at the Esk Installation Banquet on the 27th October 2018.

Photos : M.W. Bro. John Store

Lauriston, St Helens, Dorset Lodges Triangular Meeting returns to Lauriston

August 21, 2015 is forever marked in history as the Inaugural Lauriston, St. Helens, Dorset Triangular Meeting, was held in George Town. The 17th August 2018, marked its return to Lauriston.

The meetings have attracted a large gathering of Masons and its return to the "Riviera of the North" was no exception.

The work was a demonstration of the "McBride Ritual", Scottish Constitution, which was overseen by distinguished visiting members of the Earl of Dunmore Lodge (No 1686 Victorian Constitution – incidentally 1686 is the year that the Dunmore peerage was created).



L-R Bro. John Store (The Earl of Dunmore Lodge), M.W. Bro. Paul Hodges (Worshipful Master of Lodge Lauriston) and Bro. Malcolm Murray (Right Worshipful Master of The Earl of Dunmore Lodge) at the 2018 Meeting.

As usual, the work for the evening was of an exceptional standard, and was followed by the Banquet in the South which was of riotous proportions, culminating in a "sing-off of Visitor Songs" between the Lodges!!! – We are all looking forward to St Helens next year.

V.W. Bro. Luke Wood



The new Grand Inspector of Lodges Designate, W. Bro. Leon King and his wife, Allison, enjoying the Lodge Esk Installation Banquet.

Photo : M.W. Bro. John Store

A Night to Remember at Lodge Esk

What a night to remember at Lodge Esk on Tuesday 25th October 2018.

There were six visiting Masters with ten visitors from various Lodges around Tasmania, with one special visitor from Victoria, Brother Jason's Father, Bro. Josef Vetesi. Jason was invested with his grandfather's regalia who had passed it on to his father.



Jason's Father, Bro. Josef Vetesi, W. Bro. Nathan Groves, W. M. Lodge Esk, Bro. Jason Vetesi, Bro. Jamie Smith S.W. and Master elect Lodge Esk.

Brother Jason's maternal grandfather, Raymond Francis Lowe, was a member of lodge Westminster and was their Worshipful Master several times before his passing. He was also a member of the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

He was also a Mark master at Frankston Lodge No. 69, Royal Ark Mariner at the same lodge, Knight of the Pelican and Eagle as well as Sovereign Prince Rose Croix of H.R.D.M., 18 degree.

The Lodge room was bulging with sixty one Masons, all coming together for the evening's work, The Raising of Brother Jason Vetesi.

The Festive board was also exciting with over forty one brothers who enjoyed the meal and catching up with fellow Brethren.

W. Bro. Douglas Dearing



Father & son, Bro. Josef Vetesi and Bro. Jason Vetesi

Vale — M. W. Bro. Norman Roy Cooper



Norman Roy Cooper, one of the most distinguished Freemasons in this State, was mourned by members of the Masonic Fraternity by his passing on the 2nd Sept, 2018.

M.W. Bro. Cooper was born on 5th March 1937. He was an electrician by trade and

worked for a number of refrigeration firms before establishing his own successful business, Southern Air.

Norm was married to his wife, Cyrene for 60 years, had two daughters, a son, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He served 55 years of devoted Masonic service. He was part of a chain of Masonic tradition in the Cooper family: his father Roy was a member of Tasmania Operative Lodge, his late brother Jack and his son Allan, members of Lodge Clarence.

Norm's Masonic career began when he joined Lodge Clarence on 25th May 1963. He retained his Freemasonry membership until his passing, then as a member of Lodge Lindisfarne, which was formed following the amalgamation of Lodge Clarence with a number of other Eastern Shore Lodges.

Norm worked his way through the various offices of Lodge Clarence and was elected as Master in 1983. He was a driving force for many years and in latter years was the Preceptor at both Lodge Clarence and Lodge Lindisfarne.

In 2013 he received his 50 years' service certificate. Earlier in 2018 he was awarded the Lodge Order of Merit, the equivalent to Life Membership.

He also affiliated with the Lodge of Research, Lodge Phoenix, Lodge Themis and Lodge Beltana: joining the two latter Lodges when they needed material assistance.

Norm was a little tardy in becoming involved with Grand Lodge, but made up for it in the last eighteen years with a tireless contribution. He served as a Grand Lodge Officer in various capacities, was appointed Deputy Grand Master in 2005 and installed

as Grand Master in 2008.

Norm was a no-nonsense man – his leadership qualities showing in all aspects of his Masonic career. If a task had to be undertaken he got on with it and got it done, preferably yesterday. It was a standing joke that Norm did not have the word "protocols" in his vocabulary; he didn't know what the word meant, apart from when it suited him!.

He served on the Board of General Purposes from 2005 until 2011 and again in 2014/15. He also served on the Board of Benevolence from 2000 to 2010.

He was the Grand Lodge representative for the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Norm travelled to every part of the State attending masonic meetings with his lovely wife, Cyrene, by his side. They attended Grand Installations in all Australasian jurisdictions. Norm also visited and established a fraternal friendship with the French speaking Lodge in New Caledonia.

After completing his term of Office as Grand Master he did not go into semi - retirement, quite the contrary, he just continued at the same hectic pace.

In addition to Craft Masonry, Norm was at various times, involved in a number of other Orders, including Knight Templars, Knight Templar Priests, Order of the Secret Monitor, Royal Arch Chapter, Rose Croix and Royal Order of Scotland, just to name a few. He attained the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Royal Order of Scotland, High Priest in the Knight Templar Priests, and rose to the 31st degree in Rose Croix masonry.

However, it was the Tasmanian Lodge of Mark Master Masons under the Victorian Constitution for which he had a great love. He served that Lodge for the past 36 years, having joined on 7th Dec. 1982. The high regard in which he was held was acknowledged by the Grand Master from the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria being present at his funeral.

He progressed through the various offices of the Mark Lodge and was elected as Master on 11th March 1993. Norm played a major role in hosting the Victorian members whenever they visited this State. He

also paid regular visits to the biennial Grand Installation Ceremonies held in Melbourne.

His valued service to the Order was acknowledged on no less than three occasions when he had Past Grand Rank conferred on him, culminating in 2017 when he received the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master.

In conjunction with the Mark Lodge he was a member of the Royal Ark Mark Mariners Lodge having joined on 1st May 1984. He filled all offices and had the rank of Past Deputy Grand Commander conferred on him.

Norm worked for many years contributing to the Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania. He served as a member of the Board of Management from 2000 until 2010 making a significant contribution.

Apart from Freemasonry, Norm had another passion, his love for boats and fishing. He owned a number of boats over time and would often gather a group and spend a weekend, fishing during the day, cooking a meal and a couple of beers and a game of cards at night.

His love for card games led to the establishment of the original group of fourteen Masonic friends meeting regularly, have a nice meal and then settling down for a night of cards together with the occasional sip or two of scotch whiskey.

Norm was also a member of the Rotary Club of Howrah; a Past President and Paul Harris Fellowship recipient for his service to Rotary.

Norm was a man of the highest principles and was always practicing the tenants of our craft of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. He was a true leader and just got on with the job.

He will be sadly missed by all.

*M.W. Bro. A. B. Swinton,
OAM, QPM, PGM*



A Master in Bonsai as well as the Craft

At a recent Lodge Dorset Meeting five (5) times Past Master, W. Bro. M. E. Bradford displayed his skills in both Masonry and the Antient Art of Bonsai.

Mike took the audience on a journey through "speed Bonsai", where he starts with an empty crate and a plant he has just pulled from the verge at the side of the road, and in a very short time, like a world class magician, conjures-up a Bonsai display ready for competition.



Mike Bradford presenting how to "Speed Bonsai" to an amazed audience.

Although Mike may not, on first appearance, give the impression that one of his many passions is his skill in this Antient Art, after 30 minutes in his presence as "Bonsai Master" you are left in no doubt on his skill and ability in the subject.

V.W. Bro. Luke Wood

Initiation of Bro. Granger Derwent Valley Lodge

Bro. Granger on his Initiation with the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge team witnessing this special event .

(ex Derwent Valley Lodge Facebook Page)



The 2018-2019 Grand Chaplains come to the end of the road

The Grand Chaplains for the 2018-2019 Masonic Year have supported one another in each others regions on a very regular basis over their year in office, and also managed to support the Grand Master as a group at Grand Installations.

Often being referred to as the "three wise monkeys, three amigos or three stooges" – you get the drift, V.W. Bros. Craig Deane (South), David Loone (Northwest) and Luke Wood (North) have not let that deter them from enhancing the Grand Lodge Installation Teams across the State with their presence.

Although the honour of being Grand Chaplains is taken very seriously by them all, this did not stop them being voted best "Synchronised Grand Chaplain Dance Troupe" at the Victorian Grand Installation Banquet, of which they are very proud and hope their successors can emulate!



L-R V.W. Bros. Luke Wood, David Loone and Craig Deane, The Grand Chaplains of 2018-2019 at Burnie Masonic Installation

V.W. Bro. Luke Wood

Lauriston Go to the Ball

Lauriston received an invitation to attend the Victorian Grand Master's "Gold & Black Charity Ball", and as the Brethren hadn't been on an excursion with their Ladies to see their Victorian Brethren on the other island for a couple of months, decided to accept and help them in a small way to achieve their charitable goals.

The event was held at the Melrose Reception Ballroom and had been organised to raise funds for the Paediatric High Dependency Unit at Northern Health and for the Taralye Foundation for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

W. Bro. Bevan & Judith Duncan initiated first contact with the fund raisers and were supported by Bro. Kent & Alyssa Mainwaring, W. Bro. Leon & Allison King, R.W. Bro. Rex & Sue Hesline and V.W. Bro. Luke & Nora Wood.

As we were "overseas visitors", we had the honour of being placed in pole position next to the Grand Master of Victoria and his wife, M.W. Bro. Keith & Fiona Murray, who spent quite sometime in our company on the night, both at the table and on the dance floor!



Lauriston Ladies & Brethren at the table before the festivities of the evening

The "Gold & Black Charity Ball" was an outstanding success for Freemasons Victoria, with M.W. Bro. Keith Murray presenting a cheque for just over \$150,000.00 to the deserving causes at the end of the evening.

V.W. Bro. Luke Wood



Initiations

Bro. Josh Skinn, Bro. Andrew Quilliam & Bro. Warren Newell Devonport

Devonport Masonic Lodge 90 T.C. had the privilege of M. W. Bro. John Store attending its meetings for the initiation of Bros. Josh Skinn, Andrew Quilliam and Warren Newell, over three months.



Group photo with Entered Apprentices in centre Bro. D. Connelly, Lodge Of Peace; Bro. A. Quilliam, Bro. J. Skinn, and Bro. E. Payne, all of Devonport

On each occasion visiting Worshipful Masters and Brethren were welcomed by W. Bro. David Olden, and were of such numbers that the lodge seating was at a premium.

It was pleasing to see that on each occasion newly initiated Brethren from along the coast attended to support the new Brothers on their journey.

V.W. Bro. D. C. Loone
Grand Chaplain



M.W. Bro. John Store, Bro. Warren Newell,
W. Bro. David Olden



Bro. Corey Brazendale Nugara

August 2018 bought renewed vigour to Nugara Lodge 32 T.C. with their first Initiation in approximately 10 years.

To assist the Nugara Brethren with the Initiation ceremony for Bro. Corey Brazendale, a group of North West Brethren made an overnight visit to King Island.



The visiting brethren were again well catered for by R.W. Bro. Kevin Grave, Worshipful Master, and his members.

A banquet was held at the King Island Hotel following the ceremony at which the lodge had the pleasure of entertaining Bro. Brazendale's family and friends.

V.W. Bro. L. Clark, Grand Inspector also attended and congratulated Nugara on their work.

V.W. Bro. D. C. Loone
Grand Chaplain

Poulett Lodge 18 T.C. Exchange Visit

The Worshipful Master W. Bro. Larry Astell, welcomed Devonport Masonic Lodge to their October meeting for their Official Exchange Visit.

The work for the evening was a presentation of the First Degree Tracing Board by W. Bro. David Allerdice.

The evening was highlighted by the attendance of three Entered Apprentices, Bro. Darrel Connelly, Lodge of Peace; Bro. Josh Skinn, Devonport Masonic Lodge; and Bro. Corey Brazendale, Nugara Lodge.

V.W. Bro. D. C. Loone
Grand Chaplain

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It has certainly been a busy time at Masonic Care Tasmania (MCT) as we continue to grow our services and expand our communities across Tasmania. In 2018, MCT proudly increased our community programs by more than 70%. I am sure you will agree, that this is a significant effort, and demonstrates our momentum and growth in this key area of service to older Tasmanians. I am happy to share that MCT took over operations of Manor Gardens Day Centre in Kingston on 31st October 2018. Manor Gardens is a purpose-built day centre that offers members the warmth and companionship of daily family living, while providing comfort and support to all carers. It will be the first of our location-based community programs in the south of the state and something we are really proud of.

Masonic Care Tasmania Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thank you to everyone who attended MCT's Annual General Meeting on Friday 16th November 2018 at Freemasons Home. This was a valuable opportunity to discuss the highlights, successes and challenges we have experienced over the past 12 months. Our Board of Directors, Executive Team, staff and residents enjoyed the many conversations with, and the feedback received from members throughout the afternoon.

Victoria Court by Masonic Care Tasmania



October 2018, Masonic Care formally took over ownership of Victoria Court Retirement Village in Lindisfarne, another important milestone for us as we continue to expand our Retirement Living portfolio across Tasmania.

Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI) Lynda Gratton CEO Award

I am extremely proud and was overwhelmed, that I was named the national winner of the Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI) Lynda Gratton CEO Award which recognises CEOs who achieve positive results for their organisation through best-practice people

management.

The gala ceremony was held at the Melbourne Town Hall on 20th November 2018, where more than eighty national finalists were joined by some of Australia's most renowned business leaders and professionals from organisations including Westpac, Qantas, Coles, IBM, the Australian Defence Forces and Australia Post.

Finalists were acknowledged for their initiatives that are contributing to the business sector of their organisations, and the impact these organisations are making in contributing to the prosperity of the nation through outstanding leadership and management of their people.

Winning this award is a true reflection of the 500+ people I work alongside every day. I am proud to lead an innovative, talented and committed team of inspiring individuals. Our staff are key to the success of Masonic Care Tasmania.

2018 Tasmanian Palliative Care Awards

The palliative care sector's most innovative, dedicated and passionate individuals and organisations were recognised in October 2018 for their commitment to dying Tasmanians and their families at the 2018 Tasmanian Palliative Care Awards. We understand the awards attracted dozens of entries and it's a great reflection of the remarkable work undertaken in this area. We are pleased to reveal that Masonic Care Tasmania was runner-up in the Outstanding Palliative Care Organisation category. This is a significant acknowledgement of the quality care our expert staff provide to more than 1,000 people across Tasmania.

Creating Meaningful Relationships

In 2018, our Migrant Resource Program in Launceston delivered training and job-ready skills to more than 50 participants. The Program is a collaboration between the Migrant Resource Centre North, St Giles and Masonic Care Tasmania and provides training, support, mentoring and work placements specifically designed for culturally and linguistically-diverse

people to enable them to find employment in the disability and aged care sectors.



The Examiner Newspaper captured the stories of some of the participants and the impact the program is having on those involved. There have been three extremely successful intakes, resulting in MCT happily recruiting some participants in our Hotel Services area, providing evidence of how beneficial and valuable the Migrant Resource Program is to MCT. Our fourth intake commenced in January 2019. We are also happy to share that future programs will focus on Hotel Services as well as assisting the direct care needs of those who live with MCT, another example of how we are creating a positive influence and supporting our local community.

Horizon by Masonic Care Tasmania

Master planning for our new Retirement Living Community in Newstead is underway and we are excited to reveal that a new identity has been created for our McKellar Road site. *Horizon by Masonic Care Tasmania* is a hint at the elevation of



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the address, it is unquestionably aspirational; a place that goes above and beyond expectations of retirement living. We look forward to sharing more information soon and reveal what we have planned for this new location.

Transforming our home

Our new door decal pilot project at Freemasons Home is proving to be a fantastic source of conversation, attracting lots of positive comments and the project even made ABC local radio. Liz Neville, Residential Manager enjoyed speaking in-studio live on air to Lucie Cutting from the ABC about

the many benefits of the doors and how we plan to expand the project.

These door decals have come all the way from the Netherlands and we're excited to see the positive impact this project has had on those who live with and visit us. We have installed two of these decals to adjacent rooms in Freemasons. Not only have they received some wonderful comments, but they have also started many conversations. They are made-to-measure decals using pictures of real doors and they certainly bring a smile to your face! Our aim is that the doors will help create a more homely atmosphere.



The doors also help with:

- Way-finding;
- Privacy and sense of safety;
- Stimulating reminiscence; and Social interaction – true doors are a piece of everyday art!



Liz and her team are also working with those who live in our Dementia Specific Unit and their families to choose what kind of doors they would like. With over 500 colourful designs to choose from, this will no doubt be an exciting process for all involved. A new bookshelf decal has also been placed on the exit door inside the unit, in the hope it will improve the feeling and individuality of Swinton. We look forward to keeping you updated on the impact this project has on those who live life with us.

Our changing sector

As you are aware, Prime Minister

Morrison has announced a Royal Commission into aged care. Masonic Care Tasmania, alongside our peak body Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA), supports this national discussion about the future of aged care. We are committed to providing the highest quality care for those who choose to live life with us and want to assure you that MCT will keep open communication lines with you, in what will no doubt be a challenging time for our industry over the coming months. During this time, it is important to remember the amazing positive impact our staff have on those who choose to live, work and visit Masonic Care. A letter to the editor (The Examiner Newspaper) that we would like to share with you, written by a family member:

Residential Care – What about the good ones?



"With the current furore about conditions in residential care homes, I was feeling concerned about all of those very wonderful, dedicated and patient staff in the homes. My mother is at Fred French as a government resident and I cannot praise enough of the staff there. I have noted so many times small acts of kindness from them that they are not obliged to offer – they are simply being caring. So in the months to come, I would like people to remember that there are wonderful staff out there looking after our relatives too and I really hope they feel supported and valued."

– Louise James of West Launceston

Creating choice

We are on a mission to offer healthy, nutritious, delicious foods to more than 1000 people who live with us.

MCT is working alongside expert chef Lydia Nuttall to transform our menus around the state. Our

team have implemented a new menu across all three of our homes and have so far received some wonderful feedback about the choice, diversity and taste of what we are creating.

New Retirement Living Opportunities at Exeter

We have newly renovated two and three-bedroom units now available in the beautiful town of Exeter. This delightful retirement community is just 20 minutes' drive from the city of Launceston and is just a short walk to shops, cafes, bakeries, banks and doctors as well as a bowls club and golf course. To find out more and arrange a tour please contact 1300 988 203.



Thank you

Allow me to extend sincere thanks to each of you that have given generously to MCT over the past 12 months. Every donation made has helped enhance the lives and wellbeing of those who live with us. The amazing tools we have been able to implement such as our dementia therapy robot Elroy and virtual reality program are just a few of the many examples all thanks to your generosity. Thank you.

When you make a bequest to Masonic Care Tasmania, you will be permanently leaving your legacy as a fond reminder to others of your kindness and generosity. Whether your bequest is material or financial, you can be sure that it will be truly appreciated and will enhance the lives and livelihoods of those in our care. For more information please contact Carmen Windsor on 0481 211 077 or email carmen.windsor@mctas.org.au.

I look forward to sharing many more highlights and successes with you in the next edition.

Yours sincerely,
Daniel Findley
Chief Executive Officer,
Masonic Care Tasmania

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Masonic Christmas in Renmark, SA



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W. Bro. Tony Bruce-Mullins (Lodge Pembroke (Tas)), W. Bro. Bruce Pinyon (Master, Berri Lodge, SA), Bro. Brett Wright (Renmark Lodge) and W. Bro Andrew Gower (Master, Renmark Lodge, SA)

As Tony and I stayed in Renmark SA for a couple of weeks visiting family on our grey-nomad adventures, we were made welcome by the Renmark Masonic Lodge at their Annual Christmas function at the Renmark Hotel. A good evening was enjoyed by all —thank you to the Renmark and Berri Lodge members for your hospitality. *Rosemary*

A Masonic Pocket Watch

Masonically themed clocks and watches are not uncommon. Indeed, many different designs were produced prior to the Second World War and even today one can buy wristwatches with masonic symbols on the dial. My interest was excited, however, when contacted by a friend in New Zealand with the suggestion that I look at the on-line catalogue of a well-known Auckland auction house, as there was a masonic watch for sale.



The 1780 Francis Wheelhouse masonic pocket watch showing the masonic symbols on the dial.

It was a masonic watch indeed – it was a pair-cased verge watch dated 1780, by known Sheffield maker, Francis Wheelhouse, with not only masonic symbols painted on the enamel dial but also with a finely fretted and engraved watch cock (the cover for the balance wheel) illustrating yet further masonic symbols. The latter made the watch particularly unusual. While watches of this vintage with masonic symbols

painted on the dial are known but scarce, it is particularly unusual to find one with a finely fretted and engraved watch cock also illustrating masonic symbols – indeed, almost like a miniature tracing board.

Francis Wheelhouse was born in Sheffield in 1733 and professed his trade as a watchmaker in both Sheffield and the Isle of Man. He died in Lisbon, Portugal in 1814. That he was a skilled watchmaker there can be no doubt. The quality of his work, as illustrated by this watch is outstanding. That he was a Freemason is also likely as the manner in which the masonic symbols have been assembled on this watch had to be the work of somebody skilled in masonry.

Like all watchmakers of his time he was skilled in the mechanical arts generally and, as a consequence, was involved in the establishment of a cotton mill in Rothesay, Scotland, in 1778 in partnership with his watchmaking partner, James Kenyon, and Jonathan Moore, 'victualler' of Sheffield. Following this venture, he rented the Ballasalla Cotton Spinning Mill in Malew on the Isle of Man together with his son-in-law, Abraham de la Pryme, whose family had come from Flanders and had an interest in the textile industry. What took him to Lisbon is anybody's guess, but he was obviously a man of capital and something of an adventurer prepared to speculate in order to improve his fortune.

This watch was probably commissioned by a wealthy Freemason and could only have been afforded by a person with

considerable disposable income. An ordinary silver watch cost in the order of five guineas in those days and this watch is anything but ordinary. It would be equivalent today to buying a very expensive Rolex. Unfortunately



Inside the Francis Wheelhouse masonic pocket watch showing the finely fretted and engraved watch cock

the watch came without a provenance. It had been sent to auction by a retired watchmaker with whom it had been left for repair many decades before and had never been collected by the owner. One can only speculate on the proud Freemason who owned it and on the many subsequent generations through whose hands it has passed.

My thanks go to Catherine Hynes, widow of Very Illustrious Brother Mervyn Hynes 33^o, Scottish Constitution, for both locating the watch for me and for venturing out on a blustery stormy night to bid on it for me (and with her stern and determined demeanour for scaring off all opponent bidders).

W. Bro. Gregory Parkinson

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B W Squibb	Devonport Masonic Lodge

70 Year Bar

M G Brown	The Pacific Lodge
K J O'Brien	Derwent Valley Lodge

E J Windsor	Lodge Lauriston
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70 Year Certificates

K J O'Brien	Devonport Masonic Lodge
E J Windsor	Lodge Lauriston

K J (Kenneth) O'Brien (70 year Jewel and Bar recipient) & Leo Tribolet





Order of the Eastern Star

On Sunday August 19th 2018 Members of Tasman Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star dined out at Lodge of Peace Penguin for the purpose of presenting charitable donations to two worthy organisations selected by the Worthy Matron, Sister Beverly Bugg, which she was responsible for raising during her year in Office.

The charities to receive the donations were the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Redeeming Our Community (R.O.C.) fostered by the Baptist Church in Wynyard.

The luncheon was enjoyed by all those who attended; the day also included some trivia questions as well as recitations of poetry.



Worthy Patron, Bro. Neil Bugg, Pastor Owen Muskett, John Kirwan CEO of RFDS, Worthy Matron, Sister Beverly Bugg

The Grand Master's 2019 WINTER RELIEF APPEAL

M.W. Bro. John W. Store invites Brethren and Lodges to participate in this Fund Raising Appeal to raise \$15,000 to provide 1,000 blankets to the less fortunate in our community over the 2019 Winter Months.

With The Salvation Army assisting in the distribution of the blankets we can reach out to a wide section of the community and support them in their time of need.

The blankets are 60% wool blend, 230 cm x 150cm, Hemmed, 2 kg ea and have a Square and Compasses logo with FREEMASONS TASMANIA heat transferred on to each one.

Brethren,
Supporting our community through organizations such as the Salvos, via the distribution of these blankets across all areas of the State, will show we do care and share in our thoughts, needs and wants of others.

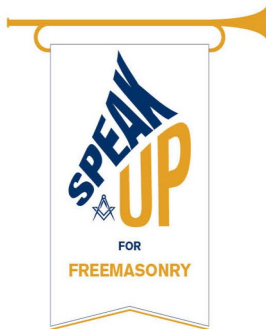
To raise the funds will be quite a task, it's a challenge, but it can and will be done.

Your assistance with early promises would be appreciated as we need to get the blankets confirmed for manufacture and delivered.

Thanking you in anticipation.



M.W. Bro. John W. Store
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Tasmania



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Ellesmere Royal Arch Chapter

The Ellesmere Royal Arch Chapter No. 5 TC in Scottsdale, sent the summons, prepared the Chapter room and had well rehearsed Companions as on Monday 1st October 2018, Bro. Tristen Latta was Exalted to the Royal Arch Degree.

Most Eminent Companion Geoffrey Cardogan-Cowper, First Grand Principal and Right Eminent Companion Peter Davidson, Deputy First Grand Principal, accepted to perform the evening's work.

Ellesmere is in the unique position of having a father and two sons as members, with the father helping to put his sons through their degrees.

They are E.C. Darren Latta, E.C. Baden Latta and Companion Tristen Latta, who are also members of Lake Lodge (Longford), where Darren is Worshipful Master; Baden, Senior Deacon, and Tristen, Junior Deacon and, if that is not enough, the three are also members of Esk Lodge (Launceston) where Darren holds office as Inner Guard, and Baden as Junior Warden, truly putting Lake Lodge, Esk and Ellesmere Royal Arch Chapter on the Freemasonry map.

Although Ellesmere does not have a big membership, it does have a good blend of experienced and younger members, ensuring it will progress into the future.

E.C. Douglas G. Dearing



Geoffrey Cardogan-Cowper, Mark Davey, Tristen Latta, Ray Chell, Justin Symons

The Rose of Launceston Chapter of The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Rose Croix

The meeting on 12th October 2018, was Illustrious Brother Don Simpson's Proclamation, for a second year, after recovering from a serious illness.

Ernest Clark Rose Croix Chapter members attended on an official visit, and spoke on the importance of chapter attendance, as it is a wonderful order full of important and historical rituals, and fulfils the important function of providing camaraderie, which becomes obvious in the refectory.

The Chapter was blessed with the presence of:



- V. P. Bro. G. W. Morgan, 33° Lt. Grand Commander, Regional Commander Region No 8;
- V. Ill. Bro. R. Chell, 33° S.G.I.G.; and
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Douglas Dearing



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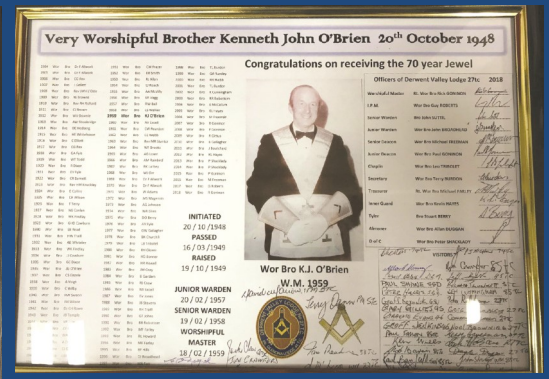
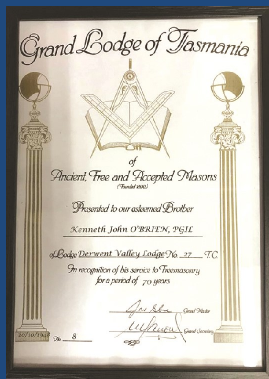
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70 Year Bar V. W. Bro. Kenneth John O'Brien



Nick O'Brien wrote on Derwent Valley Masonic Lodge's Facebook Page:

"Very proud moment for my 95 year old dad and his family last night when he received recognition from the Masonic Lodge for 70 years continuous service by being presented with the 70 year Jewel! It's only ever happened 7 previous times in the history of the Lodge in Tasmania, considering you have to be 25 years old to join and serve continuously without a break. Thank you so much for the Derwent Valley Lodge, guests who travelled long distances to be there and a great night as a whole. Dad lapped up the attention!! A special thanks to Rick Goninon and Leo Tribolet for your very personal attention to dad. "



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