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From the Editor

Hello again from Wentworth, NSW, the last 6 months have been busy for us as we travelled to Mt Gambier, then across to Sydney for the Military Tattoo, Canberra and Wagga for a RAAF re-union. Look forward to catching up with you all at the Grand Installation in Feb 2020, when we pop back to Tas for a visit.

Thanks again to our contributors, especially Gregory Parkinson and Douglas Dearing — without you there would be no magazine. I know that many lodges have social media pages, but please also share your achievements with magazine readers.

Best wishes to all
 Rosemary Bruce-Mullins
 Magazine Editor

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From the Grand Master

M.W. Bro. John Slore



Dear Brethren and Ladies,

As this will be my last article for this magazine as your Grand Master, it is

my pleasure to report on some of the activities within this jurisdiction over the past six months.

I had the privilege to attend four Initiations as Grand Master since my last report to you. On each occasion I was very well received and the ceremonies were very well attended by visiting members.

In September, I had the pleasure of attending as Grand Master at the Order of the Eastern Star Tasman Chapter Installation. In October in the company of the Deputy Grand Master, I officiated at two Installations, Lodge Esk and Lodge Pembroke.

November was a busy month. The Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie and I, along with our wives and a large contingent of Brethren and Ladies from all over Tasmania, attended the New Zealand

Grand Installation in Wellington to witness M.W. Bro. Graham Wrigley Installed as Grand Master. On returning home, the Deputy Grand Master and I attended the Lodge Lauriston Installation.

The new year is upon us and I am looking forward to handing over to my successor R.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie. I hope he has as much pleasure in his term of office as I have enjoyed.

I thank you all for allowing me to be your Grand Master over the past three years and for the way that I have been received on all occasions. Dot and I appreciate the respect and kindness shown by all we have had contact with and look forward to your continued company in the future.

John Slore
Grand Master

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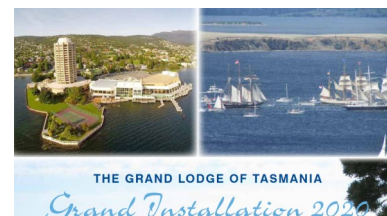
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THE GRAND LODGE OF TASMANIA

Grand Installation 2020

See all the highlights from the Grand Installation in the next issue.

Grand Master Elect

R.W. Bro. Phillip Frederick Oddie ODS

At the August 2019 Communications R.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie ODS, DGM was announced as the Grand Master Elect for 2020 – He will become Tasmania's 39th Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Oddie will be installed into the position at the Grand Installation to be held at Hobart's Wrest Point Casino Complex on Friday 28th February 2020.

R.W. Bro. Oddie has been a Member of the Craft for 50 years having been presented with his 50 Year Jewel by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Slore in September 2019.

He was initiated into Pacific Lewis Lodge No. 38TC on the 11th August 1969 and progressed through the Offices of the Lodge becoming Worshipful Master on 12th December 1983. Following the consolidation of his Mother Lodge with The Pacific Lodge No. 5TC, he affiliated with Lodge Macquarie No. 87TC and on his retirement affiliated with The Pacific Lodge. He has recently affiliated with the Hutchins Old Boys' Lodge No. 48TC and is also a Member of several other Orders of Freemasonry.

R.W. Bro. Oddie has been an active Member of the Southern Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team over many years and has also served as Grand Treasurer and President of the Board of General Purposes.

After being appointed Deputy Grand Master in 2017, he has actively supported the Grand Master throughout the State as well as attending Interstate and New Zealand Grand Installations.

The opportunity to work with the Grand Master and his Future Directions Program has been a highlight during this period.

R.W. Bro. Oddie and his wife Anne have thoroughly enjoyed the last three years and look forward to the renewal of old and the creation of new friendships in the next three years.



Deputy Grand Master Designate

V.W. Bro. Luke John Wood

At the August 2019 Communications, the Grand Master Elect, R.W. Bro. Phillip Frederick Oddie O.D.S. announced the appointment of V.W. Bro. Luke John Wood as Deputy Grand Master Designate.

V.W. Bro. Wood is a second generation Mason, his late father, Bro. Raymond R. Wood was Initiated into Wellesby Lodge 7981 UGLE (Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey) in 1972 and his step-father, W. Bro. Christopher R. Avis was Initiated into Lodge Steadfast 7758 UGLE (Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London) in 1977 and later affiliated with Lodge St Helier 4449 UGLE (Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey) in 1980, becoming the Worshipful Master in 1986.

He later served the Province as Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works and Grand Charity Steward. V.W. Bro. Wood was Initiated into Lodge St Helier on the 10th December 1990.

After moving to Tasmania, V.W. Bro. Wood affiliated with Lodge Lauriston 72TC in 2011, progressing through the Officers positions and becoming the Worshipful Master on the 17th October 2014. V.W. Bro. Wood subsequently served the Lodge as Secretary.

His progression through Grand Lodge Offices commenced in 2016, when he was appointed as Grand Standard Bearer, later to be given the privilege of Grand Standard Bearer for the 2017 Grand Installation of M.W. Bro. John W Slore.

He has also held the Office of Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Chaplain in the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team.

V.W. Bro. Wood served on the Board of the Fred French Masonic Nursing Home from 2013~2015, the Board of Benevolence from 2016~2017 and on the Board of General Purposes from 2017 till present.

V.W. Bro. Wood's professional background is in electronics engineering, he is a Member of The Institute of Engineering and Technology and a Registered Incorporated Engineer on The Engineering Council. His career has seen him work in London, Channel Islands and all States and Territories within Australia. He now enjoys semi-retirement.

V.W. Bro. Wood met his wife Nora in Jersey, Channel Islands and later married in Arlington, Virginia, USA. They are the proud parents of two adult sons, Nathaniel and Alexander.

Order of Distinguished Service awarded to W. Bro. Charlie Jones



At the Christmas Meeting of Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge on the 16th December, 2019 the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Store, a member of our lodge, surprised Wor. Bro. Charlie Jones by presenting him with the Order of Distinguished Service for his outstanding contribution to the Launceston Masonic Centre.

Charlie had been the Secretary/ Treasurer of the Centre for the last 21 years retiring at the AGM in August. Charlie has been a member of the Craft for over 40 years and has been Worshipful Master twice during this time.

Well done Charlie.

R.W. Bro. PGW Peter Edwards

Nugara Lodge, King Island — Bro. Corey Brazendale

You may well ask, what has cheese and freemasonry got to do with each other.

It has everything to do with it when you visit King Island and attend Nugara Lodge or the island in general. (It's a mandatory stop when you visit !)

After attending Nugara Lodge on King Island in April 2019 to assist with the Second degree ceremony for Brother Corey Brazendale, R.W. Bro. Kevin Grave cordially extended an invitation to assist with the Bro. Brazendale's Third degree ceremony to be held either late September or early October. Saturday 5th October was the chosen date.

After a request for some additional help the following brethren kindly offered to join in and enjoy a weekend on the island and to assist Nugara Lodge with the ceremony and work.

R.W. Bros.' David Greisbach, Ross Elphinstone, Mark Stillman, V.W. Bro. David Loone (G. L. Inspector) together with Bros.' Chris Grave and Josh Skinn. We were also accompanied by Mrs Linda Stillman and Mrs Debbie Ker.

Arriving on King Island and after settling into our accommodation, the Lodge was opened at 4:00pm with the following brethren filling the following officers: R.W. Bro. D. Griesbach - Director, R.W. Bro. M. Stillman - Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. R. Elphinstone - Inner Guard, R.W. Bro. R. Ker - IPM and V.W. Bro. D. Loone - Chaplain and W. Bro. C. Grave as Tyler.

Unfortunately W. Bro. P. Hofmann (Nugara Lodge Director), only the day before, had an accident and was on crutches, unable to fill the role of Director.

The degree work went exceptionally well, particularly as there had been no combined rehearsal prior to the event, with the ultimate surprise being Bro. Josh Skinn delivering the extended apron charge after the Investiture for Bro. Brazendale. Bro. Skinn had only just recently completed his Third degree in Devonport Lodge.

Bros. Corey Brazendale and Josh Skinn, just happen to be great mates having grown up together in Devonport and have had a long friendship since childhood, which will now extend throughout their Masonic life. It was a great honour for Bro. Skinn to take part in his friend and Brother's ceremony which was well received by Bro. Brazendale.

Following the closing of the Lodge and in typical King Island fashion, a great feast was held at the local hotel which drew a sizeable crowd of Lodge Members, families and friends.

On Sunday the visiting brethren and ladies were hosted by King Island brethren at the home of Phillip and Julie Hofmann at Naracoopa for a BBQ lunch and drinks, following which the mandatory visit to the cheese factory for tasting of fine quality cheeses and subsequent purchases was made.

We again dined at the local hotel for Sunday night dinner before departing for home on Monday 7th October.

All in all it was another great weekend and we kindly thank Nugara Lodge brethren for their hospitality and friendship with a special thanks to Kevin and Shirley Grave.

R.W. Bro. Russell Ker (PGW).



Grand Masters Winter Blanket Appeal



The Examiner Newspaper (Launceston, Tasmania) of 14th August 2019 reported on the Grand Master's Winter Blanket Appeal, which saw 1,002 wool mix blankets donated to the Salvation Army. Grand Master M. W. Bro. John Slore said that charitable work was a primary focus of the organisation; "Our ethos has always been based on helping those in the community. Assisting our fellow man, in this day and age, we want to make the most of it." In accepting the blankets

Salvation Army manager, Anita Reeve expressed her organisations appreciation for the generous gift, saying "Having access to good quality blankets like this for many people will make a huge difference"



Grand Master M. W. Bro. John Slore, Salvation Army's Roderick Brown, R.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie and V. W. Bro. David Loone. Picture: Scott Gelston

Original Masonic Hall, Murray Street



Hobart Local History Facebook page gives some history of the Former Masonic Hall, on the western side of Murray Street, between Macquarie and Davey Streets, Hobart.

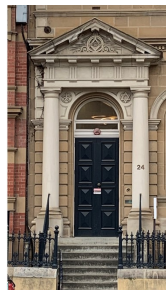
In 1872, a joint stock venture, called the Freemasons' Hall Company, was formed with the sole objective of constructing a suitable venue to rent out for the meetings of the various masonic lodges that were active in Hobart.

The shareholders, consisting only of Freemasons, raised £4,000 capital and employed Henry Hunter to develop a design.

The foundation stone was laid in 1873 by Governor Charles Du Cane, who was himself a Freemason, and the handsome new edifice was formally opened the following year.

The front façade was constructed of brown stone with white stone used to highlight the architectural features. The masonic emblem was incorporated into the stonework above the main entrance, with the main lodge room located on the first floor and a large banqueting hall on the ground floor. The kitchen and hall-keepers accommodation were located in the basement.

The premises were used by the Masons until 1938 when a new Masonic Temple was opened on the western side of Sandy Bay Road, near Davey Street. Strangely, the foundation stone from the original building was removed and incorporated into the new building.



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80 Year Jewel—R. W. Bro. Lance Strickland

Last month a number of our brethren gathered at the Blue Care Nursing Home to see V. W. Bro. Rod Wilson AGDD present an 80 year service jewel to R. W. Bro. Lance Strickland.

Lance was initiated into Burnie Rehab Lodge (Tasmania) on 14th May 1939. As Lance moved around in his employment, he joined Roland Lodge and then onto Dorset Lodge where he served as Secretary for 4 years. Lance eventually became Master of Dorset and 20 days later he moved to Hobart and for 12 months Lance did a round trip of 512km for 2 years to honour his commitment to the Lodge. Lance wrote and delivered a lecture on "Geometry and Freemasonry" to many Tasmanian Lodges. He was the W. M. of Hobart Lodge of Research in 1963. He was Foundation J. D. of University Lodge in 1964. When University Lodge closed Lance transferred to Macquarie Lodge



where he become Master

and received his 70-year service jewel. Lance was granted Grand Ranks, and 1989 was made a Past Grand Chaplain to celebrate his 50 years in Freemasonry.

Lance was also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter, Hobart Rose Croix. Holy Grail Sovereign Council and reached the 32nd Degree in 2007. He has attended Grand Installations in every state in Australia.

He moved to Queensland in 2015 and early 2016 I received a call from his daughter Sue, saying Lance wished to come to Lodge and she would come down from Cleveland to bring him along. I contacted W. Bro. Bob Reehal who picked up Lance and brought him to Lodge until he was no longer able to attend. I still visit Lance as often as I can and can assure you despite being 103 years of age is still going strong!

Reprinted from: Broadwater Surfers Paradise Lodge, No 434 UGLQ, MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - On the Square, July 2019



Douglas' Notes by W. Bro. D. G. Dearinger

The Meeting of **The Barton Mill Assemblage** was held at Heather Hall in Launceston on 5th August 2019, with visitors from the United Kingdom, Sydney and all parts of Tasmania. This was a very special occasion, because while in the past we have had visits from the First Grand Master Mason, along with the Grand Clerk this was the first time that we have had two of the Grand Master Masons attending one of our meetings.

Wor. Bro. D. Cullen was indentured into the Assembly as an Entered Apprentice. The Meeting was very well attended and was followed by the Assemblage later travelling to the Newstead Hotel where a private dining area was provided for the Banquet.



Bro. Lyall Lonergan, R.W. Bro. Paul Mycock (Grand Clerk (UK)), W. Bro. Paul Shane, Bro. David Cullen (candidate), M.W. Bro. Frank Jeffries (2nd Grand Master Mason (UK)), W. Bro. Maurice Dexter, M.W. Bro. Nigel Willows (1st Grand Master Mason (Sydney)), W. Bro. Arnold Shott DMM Barton Mill Assemblage, R.W. Bro. Ian Blair (Deputy Grand Master Mason & Senior Past Master for Region of Tas.), R.W. Bro. Norbert Kirchebner, W. Bro. Peter Davidson, W. Bro. John Wilson, Bro. David Smith, Bro. Mark Davey and in front R.W. Bro. Chris Dobson and W. Bro. Ian Petty.

The cold windy night did not deter the 33 Brethren from attending the third degree for Bro. Ross Bebbington at **Lodge Esk T.C. No. 60** on Tuesday 27th August 2019.

There were 2 visiting masters, 24 members of Lodge Esk and 4 visiting brethren.

W. Bro. Jamie Smith and Bro. Ross Bebbington.



Lodge Dorset T.C. No. 17 recently changed its tyle time to 13:00 hrs making it possible for the Wor. Master Ian Coombe, the Master of Hutchins Old Boys Masonic Lodge T.C. 40, to travel from Hobart with a retinue of officers and several of their wives. The purpose of the Official visit was for W. Bro. A. Cooke to present the First Degree Tracing Board, which was presented with the aid of a computer generated display, which was very well received and followed by a question and answer session.



Wor. Bro. Kevin East, Bro. Eric Parnham, Wor. Master Ian Coombe, W. Bro. Alvin Cooke, W. Bro. John The Duke of Avram, W. Bro. Bruce Craw.

M.E.C. Lyall Lonergan and my self travelled to Burnie 14th August 2019 to witness **Royal Arch Chapter Ramsey T. C. No. 4** perform a double degree being The Excellent Master followed by The Royal Arch Degree. We were most warmly greeted by the M.E.C. R. Ker, the officers and members of the chapter, it was quite moving to be received so warmly. I explained the purpose of our visit which was to observe the work and record the times as Ellesmere Royal Arch Chapter T.C. No 5 is proposing to do the same later in the year.

M.E.C. G. Wilby, R. Em. Comp. Ian Petty, M.E.C. Russell Ker, M.E.C. Phillip Kline



As 2019 comes to a close and we look forward to quality time with family and friends, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support, and to look back at some of the challenges and opportunities that made 2019 a defining year for Masonic Care Tasmania (MCT). As one of the largest not for profit employers in the state with over 550 staff and volunteers the past year has included some very important milestones for us, and the aged care sector as a whole.

Personally, I am delighted to have joined MCT this year as the Chief Executive Officer, and to continue the work towards achieving the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan goals. The key to delivering this plan is through our committed and wonderful staff who work to create a space where anything is possible. I would like to thank the MCT team for the amazing job they do and the love and care they provide to our residents and clients every day. We have some of the best people in the industry working at MCT and their efforts will continue to place our organisation in a strong position to make the most of the opportunities ahead.

The aged care sector is in a time of unprecedented transformation, where everything has, and is, changing, from regulations to our community's expectations. Some of this change and how we react to it, as a provider, is within our control, such as our models of care, the systems and processes we put in place, how we deliver efficiencies across the business and how we support and engage with our people to live and breathe the MCT values to create a positive culture.

Some of the most significant changes this year included the Aged Care Royal Commission, the new Aged Care Quality Standards and the Charter of Aged Care Rights. Although obviously challenging, there are real opportunities, as it's the first time that the general public has been involved in such a conversation about aged care services. In the words of a colleague of mine, *"this is the opportunity for us to create a system that is as progressive as it could be and create the soul in the nation that is it looking for"*.

I believe we can do this by engaging with our residents, clients, their families and carers, and our staff, and this will be a big focus for us in the coming year. To ensure we are responding to our community's needs, we have established engagement forums to keep residents and clients up-to-date and create a dedicated space to hear their voice about the services we provide, so we can continue to improve.

Masonic Care Tasmania Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thank you to everyone who attended MCT's Annual General Meeting on Friday 13th December 2019 at our Peace Haven residential 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 feedback received throughout the afternoon.

Opening of Kensington & Lenstan apartments

We were delighted to welcome Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck, Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, to officially open our new Lenstan and Kensington apartments at Peace Haven on 25 September 2019. The event was a celebration of the final stage of what has been a significant redevelopment at our Peace



Haven residential home. The new

addition has created infrastructure, technology and facility improvements that will further enhance the lives of those who live with us. We were thrilled that our Patron, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AC, Governor of Tasmania, her husband Richard Warner and Sarah Courtney MP, Minister for Health and Women, were also able to attend.

Aged Care Embraces Diversity Graduation

We had the privilege of celebrating our Aged Care Embraces Diversity (ACED) participants at their graduation on 6 November 2019. All 12 graduates, from cultural and linguistic diverse backgrounds, were presented with their certificates by Mayor Albert van Zetten; and treated those in attendance to a beautiful display



of song and dance.

ACED is a government-funded job-ready skills program tailored for humanitarian entrants, refugees and other migrants. The ACED program aims to reduce barriers and disadvantages to migrants through accredited training, work placements, assistance to secure employment and post-employment support. The 16-week course provided participants with knowledge in work health and safety, interacting effectively with others at work, first aid and preparing for job interviews. The graduates undertook practical work experience in 'buddy shifts', with all 12 participants completing placements at MCT's northern residential facilities, Fred French and Peace Haven. Participants gained valuable experience in catering, laundry, and cleaning during their 30 hours of placement.

The ACED Program is a collaboration between the Migrant Resource Centre North, St Giles and Masonic Care Tasmania. MCT has been proud to partner on this important and rewarding project since 2018 and we will continue to do so in 2020 and beyond. On behalf of MCT we offer our congratulations to all graduates and thank everyone who made this program so successful.

Day Therapy Paddock to Plate Program



Our Day Therapy Centre clients who participate in our Paddock to Plate Program have been busy tending to their gardens. This year participants grew their own fruit and veggies - to eventually make sauce, relish, jams

and slices. Recently, participants enjoyed getting into the kitchen to create zucchini and halloumi slice - yum!

Spin a Yarn Project

The Spin a Yarn Project was born from one of our dedicated volunteers, the idea is to invite local school students to interview our residents, to capture many of their amazing stories.



Our Leisure & Lifestyle team thought it was a fantastic idea and knew the value and experience it would provide both residents and students alike. Following several sessions building rapport and creating connections, their interviews were recorded on film.

The residents, students and family members were then invited to attend a short film night to share the life stories. The evening brought laughter – and tears – to all in the room. The opportunity to celebrate and share the experiences, generosity and history of our residents in such an intimate and meaningful way was a privilege. It will be something many will cherish for years to come.

Intergenerational Activities

What happens when you bring a group of older residents to mix with young children in childcare? Clapping hands and singing songs is just one way they spend the morning together. These interactions are made possible by the intergenerational programs implemented in our aged care homes. Following the opening of the Lenstan and Kensington Apartments at Peace Haven, the Leisure & Lifestyle team implemented a new program: Intergenerational Playgroup. MCT have become members of Playgroup Tasmania and now host the Peace Haven Possums Playgroup every Monday. Freemasons and Fred French are also lucky enough to have weekly visits from children in their surrounding areas.

The care programs allow children to learn from and connect with an older generation, improve their behaviour and attitude towards older people, and enhance the overall wellbeing of both young and old participants. For older participants, the programs allow them to pass on their knowledge and interact with young children in a meaningful way. The residents experience an improved sense of life meaning and enhanced self-worth and the program enhances the quality of relationships between ageing people and children. This is especially important because older people want to be treated as valued members of society.

The programs also create an opportunity to address ageism in society from an early age and challenge people's assumptions about the contributions of people living with dementia or experiencing other forms of cognitive decline.

ACSA Tasmanian Employee of the Year (Janine Stokely)

Earlier in the year Janine Stokely, Volunteer Coordinator at Freemasons Home, was awarded the Tasmanian Employee of the Year, at the Aged & Community Services Australia Tasmanian Awards, in Hobart. Janine's positive



energy and willingness to learn has seen her shine within our organisation, and no doubt in day-to-day life.

Our wonderful volunteers, Claude Conlan, Marie Moore and Lesley Green, were also recognised as finalists for Volunteer of the Year, and our Improving Dementia Care project was highlighted as a finalist for the Innovation in Service of

Design Award.

Live Life with Us

Expansion of our services has continued with the official openings of our two latest developments: Peace Haven's new apartments, Lenstan and Kensington, and The Anchorage Retirement Village. Residents at The Anchorage are already enjoying their new life overlooking the magnificent waters at Lindisfarne, and we are starting to welcome new residents to Peace Haven's retirement living community.



All Freemasons are warmly welcome to access all our services from Retirement Villages, Community and Home Care services, Day Centres, Residential Aged Care facilities including Freemasons Home, Fred French and Peace Haven provide aged care, dementia care (including memory support units) and end of life care.

Freemasons are most welcome to seek admission to our homes and will receive favourable consideration as long as there are vacancies and your assessment is in line with admission criteria. For further information, please contact Katie Cooley on 0499 559 168 or email Katie.Cooley@mctas.org.au.

Thank You

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to each of you that have given generously to MCT over the past 12 months. Every donation has helped enhance the lives and wellbeing of those who live with us.

When making a bequest to Masonic Care Tasmania, you are permanently leaving your legacy as a fond reminder to others of your kindness and generosity. Whether your bequest is material or financial, you can be assured it will enhance the lives of those in our care. Please contact Libby McKay on 0455 565 610 or email Libby.McKay@mctas.org.au to discuss.

Looking Forward

There is no doubt that our sector continues to face challenges, but there are also many opportunities. I am confident that we have the right team at MCT and am very optimistic that we can continue to make a difference in people's lives across our community. I feel greatly privileged to be heading up Masonic Care Tasmania and I look forward to the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Howard
Chief Executive Officer
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Jewels & Certificates

40 Year Certificates

G T Hawkins	Lodge Pembroke
D A Louez	The Pacific Lodge
E K Graver	The Pacific Lodge
C H W Jones	Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge
A E Lunson	Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge
C J Scott	The Pacific Lodge
G M Easton	Poulett Lodge
J E Fish	The Pacific Lodge

50 Year Jewels

B T Edwards	The Pacific Lodge
G E Evans	Lodge Lindisfarne
E K Graver	The Pacific Lodge
P R Hay	Hutchins Old Boys' Lodge
D A Louez	The Pacific Lodge
J McLelland	Army and Navy Lodge
M H Moore	Lodge Dorset
P F Oddie	The Pacific Lodge
I M Reading	The Huon Esperance Lodge

60 Year Bar

J T Mathewson	Lodge Macquarie
J D Orchard	Lodge Dorset
G J Upchurch	The Huon Esperance Lodge

60 Year Certificate

R O Scott	The Huon Esperance Lodge
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70 Year Bar

J E Fish	The Pacific Lodge
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R.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie, ODS presenting W. Bro. Graeme Evans with his 50 year jewel

Launceston Treasure Returned

Thanks to the good auspices of the Freemasons of Mt Lyell Lodge in Queenstown a Launceston treasure, the first minute book of the Masonic Hall Company in Launceston, has been returned to its rightful home.

The book was discovered on display in the Empire Hotel in Queenstown by Launceston Freemason, Greg Parkinson, who then alerted the masonic brethren in Queenstown to his find.

"I was formerly Secretary of the Launceston Masonic Centre and had spent a considerable amount of time trying to locate this important document", said Greg. "The book is of particular importance as it covers the planning, building and furnishing of the iconic Masonic Hall in Brisbane Street. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw it on display in the Empire Hotel", he said.

The freemasons of Mt Lyell Lodge then alerted the owners of the Empire Hotel, Ralph and Suzanne Norton of Launceston, to the treasure they had in their possession. Mr. and Mrs. Norton were more than happy to see the minute book returned to its rightful home, and were pleased to receive pieces of the original branded crockery from the Empire Hotel in return.

"I would have purchased the minute book at auction some 30 years ago when I was accumulating pieces for display in our hotels and had no idea of its significance" said Suzanne.

The minute book, in a presentation wooden box, was handed to the President of the Masonic Centre, Wor. Bro. Kent Mainwaring, by the brethren of Mount Lyell Lodge at the dinner that followed the October meeting of Lodge Phoenix. A talk on the life and work of Most Worshipful Brother Harry Conway, the architect of the building, was given by his great grandson, R.W. Bro. Neville Telfer, who came from Geelong for the occasion.

Harry Conway was a well-known Launceston architect and designed many prominent buildings in and around Launceston, including the house now occupied by Ralph and Suzanne Norton. Harry was also the last Provincial Grand Master of the Irish Freemasons in Tasmania before the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania in 1890.

It is the intention of the Masonic Centre to deposit the minute book in the Community History Library of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery where it will be available for study by those with an interest both in the masonic fraternity and in the development, building, and use of one of Launceston's landmark 19th century buildings.

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W. Bro Gregory Parkinson



Suzanne Norton, Ralph Norton, and Kent Mainwaring with the Masonic Hall Company minute book.

Interstate News - Mildura Lodge

On the 19th November, 2019 Mildura Lodge VC 170 held their Annual Cheque Presentation and Sponsorship night.

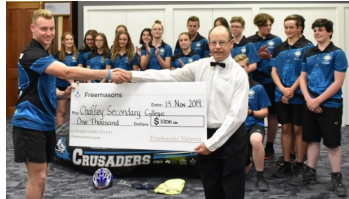
The evening involved a wide range of participants, Lodge members and their ladies, cheque recipients including local Chaffey Secondary School students and those who had previously been recipients of Lodge support.



The main event was the Chaffey Secondary School students doing a practice run for their involvement in the Energy Breakthrough Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) competition.

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Wor. Master W. Bro. Rick Tomlinson presented the students with a cheque for \$1,000 to assist with the costs of travelling to Maryborough, Victoria to participate in the competition.



Other cheques were presented to Sunraysia Scout's Gang Show and Mallee Family Care — Chances for Children.

The recipient of last year's Chances for Children award spoke emotionally of the huge difference the Lodge's support had made and how the chance to undertake university studies was life changing for her.

Following a light supper in the South, the Lodge rooms were opened for inspection by those in attendance. It was fantastic to see the interest in the history and workings of the lodge from those in attendance, particularly the school students. R. W. Bro. Eddie Levey was a most engaging speaker,



his explanations and enthusiasm for the topic held the audience. It will be interesting to see if, in future years, they go on to become Lodge members.

The historical items on display included, William Chaffey's (one of the Chaffey brothers who

established their first irrigation settlement at Mildura during the late 1880's) Certificate from the Grand Commandery Knight templar of California and his sword. The original minute books of the Lodge from 1894.



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R D Mayne
R A Wisbey

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A A Edwards
J Paal

Derwent Valley Lodge
Lodge Lindisfarne
The Pacific Lodge



R.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie, ODS presenting W. Bro. Graeme Evans of Lindisfarne Lodge with his 50 year Jewel



R.W. Bro. David Macrow had the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master conferred by Grand Master M. W. Bro. John Slore at Pacific Lodge. He is dressed in his Masonic Motorcycle "regalia" as the MMAA made a donation to Masonic Research



M.W. Bro. Alan Swinton (left) had the pleasure of presenting a 50 year service Jewel to his friend M. W. Bro. Keith Graver (right) with Wor. Master Ralph Wells (centre)



V.W. Bro. Brian Edwards (left) was presented with his 50 years jewel by R.W. Bro. Terence Dann, PDGM. (2nd right), W. Bro. Wally Ingram, Bro. Rodney Morley (Initiated), and W. Bro. Ralph Wells (Worshipful Master)

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