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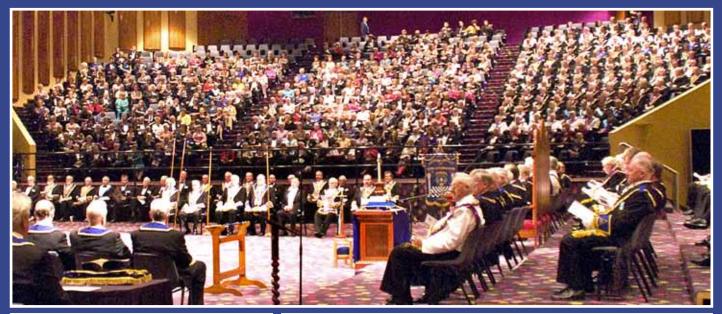
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FRONT PAGE PHOTOS

TOP: Wrest Point's Tasman Room and gallery was packed on February 25 for the Installation of our new Grand Master, MW Bro John Wallace and his deputy, RW Bro Allan Sangwell.

CENTRE RIGHT: The Grand Master makes his Obligation.

LOWER RIGHT: Outgoing Grand Master, MW Norm Cooper, places MW Bro Wallace in the Chair of King Solomon.

LOWER LEFT: MW Bro Cooper proclaims MW Bro Wallace as the new Grand Master.

From the Grand Master

Settling in well

The first half of our Masonic Year drew to a close with the Grand Lodge personnel settling into their respective tasks extremely well.

Particular mention must be made of our new Grand Secretary, VW Bro David Macrow, who has eagerly adopted his new role, and is the tower of strength which we have come to expect from our Grand Secretariat. RW Bro Allan Sangwell, his predecessor, and now Deputy Grand Master, is ready with advice and assistance whenever called on

The Board of General Purposes and the Board of Benevolence continue with their excellent administration of Freemasonry in Tasmania, and are continually working towards outcomes which will enhance the existence of the Craft at every opportunity.

The Public Relations Committee is in the throes of establishing three subcommittees in the respective districts. These will investigate and plan well organised and well advertised open days on mutually agreeable occasions, if not on the same day throughout the State, then on such days as are acceptable to each district.

Freemates, the bursary for tertiary education students, set up by MW Bro Clarke during his term of office and progressed by subsequent Grand Masters, although not yet having achieved its target capital, is now able, with the assistance of the University of Tasmania, to offer two bursaries this year.

The two initiatives I mentioned at the Grand Installation, and introduced by

MW Bro Cooper during his term, are progressing as was hoped.

The upgrade of our Masonic Centres continues, and as funds become available, further upgrades will occur. The Masonic Education Programme under the supervision of MW Bro Yaxley, was better attended on its second round, and I urge all our members to either participate or arrange for our newer members to attend as the programme moves forward.

I also mentioned membership retention at the Grand Installation, and although nominations on the monthly exchange notices are encouraging, we still have not made great inroads into increasing our membership.

I must congratulate those Lodges which have been fortunate enough to attract new members, and I also encourage all to be proactive in the search for acceptable candidates.

The number of Lodges operating within the State is at the moment stable, but with the ever increasing cost of operations, further consolidations may yet be inevitable. I certainly don't wish to see further Lodges disappear, but I do suggest that if a Lodge is uncertain of its future, contact could be made through the Grand Secretariat for advice on possible alternatives.

There are positive signs for our future, both within our Lodges and in the broader community. As I move around I see eager men looking for something which today's society cannot necessarily give, and if we are able to introduce them to our principles, we can be assured of a prosperous future.

Editorial changes under way

After nearly a decade of involvement with Freemasonry Tasmania, Editor and Advertising Co-ordinator Ian Cutler is to hand over to a new editorial team.

W Bro Tony Bruce-Mullins of Lodge Pembroke and his wife Rosemary have stepped forward after the Board of General Purposes advertised for expressions of interest in the role.

Rosemary has experience in producing similar magazines and Tony says he's to be her "gopher".

Their contact details are shown above left but it is probably best during the changeover period leading to our next edition in February 2012 to send contributions to the Grand Lodge addresses, also shown above left.

W Bro Cutler of The Pacific Lodge has been producing the magazine from wherever he is during extended travels around Australia.

In the past few years he has been working full-time at a local newspaper in Geraldton, Western Australia, and an additional job at the Geraldton University Centre coupled with "the tyranny of distance" have made it difficult for him to continue with the magazine.

Ian will continue to be available to Grand Lodge as media liaison officer.

Tasmania's new Grand Master, MW Bro John Wallace, used his address to the Grand Installation on February 25 to highlight the need for increased membership and a continuation of initiatives towards that end. Here is an edited version of the address, including some comments he made at the Grand Installation dinner the following evening:

The Installation of Grand Master is important to any Grand Lodge, and I am humbled to adopt that role and will endeavour to emulate the successes of those Brethren who have travelled this path before me. I see our major task to be the retention of our membership

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Positive initiatives

at current levels, and at the same time introducing measures, which into the future will see an increase in those levels.

Fact suggests that what we have been doing in the past has not necessarily been right, and change may be necessary to put us on the path to recovery. Remember, "If nothing changes – Nothing changes".

I would like the Board of General Purposes to continue with the initiatives introduced by the former administration, such as the upgrade of our Masonic Centres and the education programme introduced by MW Bro. Murray Yaxley. Both of these activities are strongly allied to membership retention.

In today's world, our newer members in particular don't want to spend their leisure hours in cold, unattractive buildings, with inadequate and substandard seating in drab surrounds. The first part of the education programme was not particularly well supported, so I urge the more established Brethren to get on board, and assist us by spreading the word, and inducing those newer members to participate in a most valuable initiative.

I trust I will be able to fulfil the role as Grand Master, and call upon the brethren of this jurisdiction to join with me and carry the order forward to bigger and better things.

Big contribution to Qld appeal

A masonic contribution of nearly \$40,000 to help the victims of the Queensland natural disasters has particular significance for Tasmania's Grand Master, MW Bro John Wallace.

He was born in the Home Hill area of Queensland and lived there before moving to Tasmania in 2000. Home Hill was one of the areas most affected by the floods and cyclones.

"The former Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Norm Cooper, initiated the Tasmanian masons' Queensland Flood Appeal, and now we have been able to help even more through the Queensland Grand Master's Flood and Cyclone Appeal," MW Bro Wallace said.

"I am delighted with the response of Tasmania's 1400 masons," MW Bro Wallace said.

"The fact that people in my home town will benefit from that generosity has greatly moved me".

The total of \$39,320 from Tasmania has been deposited with the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The UGLQ has established an appeal committee which is examining the best ways masonic funds can be used to help people affected by the natural disasters.

In a letter to MW Bro Wallace, the Grand Master of Freemasons in Queensland, MW Bro Adrian Burton, expressed sincere thanks for the contribution.

"Whilst these natural disasters have been devastating physically, emotionally



and financially, it is most heartening to see the true spirit of individuals and organisations coming together unselfishly to assist this in need, in the most part total strangers, in a show of humanity which is nowadays seemingly rare," MW Bro Burton said.

Pictured is MW Bro Robert Clarke, Past Grand Master, presenting the Queensland Flood Appeal cheque to the the Grand Master, MW Bro John Wallace.

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MW Bro Norm Cooper (centre) and his wife Cyrene were presented with a painting at the farewell function. From left are the MC, VW Bro David Macrow, VW Bro Peter Calvert and VW Bro Noel Harris.

Big attendance at 'farewell' function

A function at the Hilltop Tavern in Granton paid tribute to the former Grand Master, MW Bro Norm Cooper.

The function on April 15, 2011, was attended by more than 70 brethren and their wives from the ceremonial teams of the previous three years, and 26 apologies were received.

Norm Cooper was appointed a Grand Steward in 2001, Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2004 and Deputy Grand Master in 2005.

In 2008 he was installed as Grand Master at a ceremony in Wrest Point. Three years later in 2011 he was the Installing Master for his successor, MW Bro John Wallace.

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Strong family connections in use of 'Billing Bible'

A masonic Bible with significant family connections was presented to a candidate for a Third Degree ceremony at Lodge

On March 22, 2011, at the Launceston Masonic Centre, Bro Andrew Brumby was the candidate.

He is a grandson of the late Bro Charles Billing, who was initiated into Tamar

Valley Lodge shortly after the Second World War.

At the time of his initiation in September 1946 Bro Charles Billing was presented with a beautiful Volume of the Sacred Law that had a soft blue leather cover and gold edged pages.

Although the book has been regularly used it is still in a pristine condition and has the original cardboard box cover.

W Bro Rob Billing (Past Master of Lodge Themis) is an uncle of Andrew and he made the trip North to present the Bible on behalf of the family in particular and Freemasonry in general.

At the presentation, which took place whilst still in the Third Degree, both Rob and Andrew were temporarily overcome with emotion as no doubt very fond memories of the past were remembered by them.

The evening was a great success with 35 in attendance, including several visiting Masters and brethren.

In the supper room the members present were invited to look at the book that was proudly and lovingly displayed by Andrew.

This wonderful evening will surely be one that our new Master Mason remembers for the rest of his. Life.

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Meet our new Grand Secretary

Our new Grand Secretary, VW Bro David Macrow, was born in Hobart in 1946 and completed his primary and secondary education in Hobart and Sydney.

On leaving school in 1962, David commenced employment with the then Bank of New South Wales at Moonah.

Over the next 31 years David saw service in all States of Australia, the Northern Territory and had a secondment to Papua New Guinea.

A 1993 rationalisation of the bank structure led to a career change and he moved into both the Commonwealth and the Tasmanian public service.

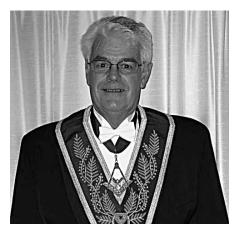
David retired from full time employment in 2003.

Since then, he has been a volunteer with Meals on Wheels Eastern Shore and the Maritime Museum of Tasmania.

In 2008 he became a Director of the Freemason's Homes of Southern Tasmania, and is is a member and treasurer of the building committee.

He is also a Justice of the Peace.

David is treasurer of the Hobart Branch of the Ulysses Club.



His other interests are inshore and offshore yachting/cruising, motorcycle and caravan touring, home and family and freemasonry.

He has been active in various community organisations, and his sporting interests extended into rugby union as a player, treasurer and State junior team manager.

David was initiated into freemasonry in June 1969 as a member of Lodge Diadem in Sydney. He became Worshipful Master in September 1973. He affiliated with New Guinea Lodge as secretary in July 1982 and Bowen Lodge in May 1998.

He is currently Tyler of Bowen Lodge and Senior Warden of Lodge Beltana.

David joined the Rosehill Scottish Royal Arch Chapter in March 1970, and was First Principal in 1975.

He is a member and office bearer of Derwent Royal Arch Chapter.

He has completed all associated degrees in the Scottish Royal Arch series as well as being an office bearer or member in several other Masonic orders. He is also District Grand Treasurer for the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania.

David was appointed Grand Steward in 2006, Grand Standard Bearer 2007, Grand Deacon 2008 and Grand Director of Ceremonies – South in 2009/10.

The rank of Past Grand Chaplain was conferred at Grand Lodge Communications by MW Bro Norm Cooper in February 2011.

David met his wife Elizabeth in 1964 at Launceston and they were married in 1967. They have two children, Rachel and Cameron, who are pursuing professional careers in Sydney and Adelaide respectively.

Christmas in a shoebox

The 23 active members of Derwent Chapter No. 209, Order of the Eastern Star, have been buying up bargains for children aged between 4 and 14 years.

Toys, clothing, and school requisites that will fill a shoebox will be covered in Christmas wrapping. The boxes will be sent to underprivileged children in Vietnam, Cambodia, Mongolia and other needy places.

An afternoon tea was arranged to fill and cover the boxes ready for postage by the Good Samaritans Association. Other activities efforts of the Chapter have raised funds for various charities, including the Worthy Matron's chosen charity, Leukaemia Tasmania.

- Doreen Round



Pictured at the afternoon tea are Mrs Doreen Forrest, Neville Round, Mrs Doreen Round and Mrs Jennifer Helm.



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Inspirational people

Josh wows them

A motivational presentation by a 20 year old man to the Lodge of Peace earlier this year left members, visitors and guests in awe of his determination to succeed despite a difficult life-long medical condition.

Josh Bloom, the grandson of W Bro Brian Jones, was diagnosed two months after his birth with femur/fibula/ulna syndrome, which left him with stumps at the elbow on both arms and mobility difficulties.

Doctors advised Josh's parents and extended family that he would never be able to walk and that he would be reliant on other people for assistance.

However, through the good management of his mother Andrea (who died two years ago after being diagnosed with a brain tumour) and with support from his grandparents and many visits to hospital in Melbourne, Josh proceeded through his infant years through to his teens determined to prove the doctors wrong.

He now holds a driver's licence and drives a car which has been modified to meet his needs thereby allowing him to maintain his independence.

Josh has been an inspiration to all who know him.

His motivation and drive has seen him pass through the education system to the point where he is now achieving distinctions in his exams at university where he is studying for a degree as a Bachelor of Clinical Psychology.

Lodge of Peace and Freemasonry has been able to assist Josh with the purchase of educational equipment and financial assistance for which he is very grateful.

- Graham Deacon



Josh Bloom with his grandfather, W Bro Brian Jones (left), and the Worshipful Master of Lodge of Peace, W Bro Gerald McGlone.

A Masonic 'byword' is honoured

A man described by the Grand Master as "almost a by-word' in Masonic circles around Tasmania has been honoured with the conferred rank of Past Deputy Grand Master.

The announcement of RW Bro Zichy-Woinarski's new rank was made by MW Bro John Wallace, at a lodge meeting on March 12, 2011 (Picture, back page).

RW Bro Zichy-Woinarski has an extensive Masonic career spanning 41 years, beginning with his initiation into Galean Lodge No. 515, Victorian Constitution on January 28, 1970.

He was subsequently passed and raised in that Lodge in the same year, and remained a member until at least February, 1977, when he affiliated with Tamar Valley Lodge No. 42 TC. He was invested Junior Warden of Tamar Valley in November that year, became Senior Warden two years later, then Worshipful Master in 1980 and again in 1991.



The Grand Master said it was not only his work for his own Lodge for which RW Bro Zichy-Woinarski was noted.

"His work for Grand Lodge has continued in one office or another, almost unbroken from 1985 until the present, serving as Grand Steward, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Deacon, Grand Director of Ceremonies for two terms in 1991-92, and Grand Inspector of Lodges in 1994," MW Bro Wallace said.

The rank of Past Grand Warden was also conferred on him in August 1995.

"During this time, he spent many years serving both the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Benevolence, as a member of both, and as President of the Board of Benevolence, during which time his tireless efforts resulted in the establishment of the Benevolent Foundation, a body which lowers and probably eliminates the tax burden on our charity arm," the Grand Master said.

RW Bro Zichy-Woinarski is currently vice-president of the Board.

His Lodge membership extends to University Lodge No. 154 WAC, which he joined in April 1995 until his resignation in 2003. After Tamar Valley returned its Charter, he affiliated with Flinders No. 75 TC, Scotch College No. 80 TC, and Phoenix No. 92 TC. He currently holds membership with both Scotch College and Phoenix.

He also accepted the appointment of Grand Lodge Representative for the Grand Lodge of Senegal within the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

The Grand Master said many other attributes of RW Bro Zichy-Woinarski could be related.

"This is a man who truly loves the Craft and isn't afraid to work for the betterment of the people of this world," he said.

Masonie benevolence

The June 2011 meeting of the Burnie Masonic Lodge featured the Annual Burnie Masonic scholarships certificate presentations by the Grand Master, MW Bro John Wallace.

The Worshipful Master of Burnie Lodge, W Bro P. J. Radel, welcome the students, their families and their educators together with the Lodge ladies and the ladies of visiting masons.

The Grand Master outlined the history of the scholarships, making particular reference to the D. I. Bartley Burnie Masonic Memorial Scholarship.

This was established by the former Burnie Rechab Lodge following a suggestion by Bro D. I. Bartley who unfortunately died before its inception.

He was the son of long-time freemason, the late VW Bro Fred Bartley, who made the first presentation on behalf of his son.

The other scholarship, the Hilton Sharpe Burnie Masonic Memorial Scholarship, was established by the former Gill Memorial Lodge.

It was named after a prominent freemason, RW Bro Hilton Sharpe.

Both scholarships commenced in 1991.

The greater part of the initial funds came from bequests from the estates

Three students benefit from scholarships



Pictured at the scholarships presentation are Sean Harding, the Grand Master, MW Bro John Wallace, Brad Williams, Becky Fairburn and W Bro P. J. Radel.

of the late Bros Ernest West and Roy Conroy.

The winner of the \$1000 Hilton Sharpe Scholarship is former Hellyer Campus Tasmanian Academy student Brad Williams who is now studying medicine at the University of Tasmania.

This year's winners of the \$300 D. I. Bartley Scholarships are Grade 9 students Becky Fairburn from Burnie High School and Sean Harding from Parklands High.

After the presentations, the Grand Master joined members and guests at a buffet supper. - Gerry Gunton



Significant contribution

A cheque presented to Ronald McDonald House in Hobart had a particular significance for the outgoing Master of St Helens Masonic Lodge, W Bro Russell Montgomery.

He was well aware of the valuable work of the House because he had a son hospitalised some years ago and he and his wife were able to use the accommodation facility. It is used frequently by East Coast famlies. The \$300 cheque was presented by W Bro Montgomery to Penny Richardson of Ronald McDonald House (pictured).

St Helens Masonic Lodge supports many local charities and recently helped Lions and Rotary to buy a mobile phone for a vision-impaired local man. The Lodge meets monthly at the St Helens Neighbourhood House and welcomes inquiries.

- Russ Mongomery



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Peace Haven and Garden Village upgrading

Masonic Peace Haven and the adjacent Masonic Garden Village independent living units are to be upgraded.

The aged care facility has been in operation for 25 years, and in a 15 year vision for the site, architect Artas has been commission to prepare a schematic master plan.

A concept master plan for the Fred French Masonic Home is also in the pipeline.

A report from the school of architecture at the University of Tasmania will underpin planning for the sites. It was prepared by Professors Roger Fay and Richard Fleming.

Docking Court

Building is almost completed for the two and three bedroom townhouses on the southern side of Peace Haven's Docking Court independent living units.

Seven townhouses are sold and residents of an eighth have just taken occupancy.

Docking Court is an iconic part of Masonic history.

The cottages built there between the end of WWII and the early 1960s were the first foray into aged care housing by the association of northern lodges called Masonic Peace Haven.

A foundation stone from one of the demolished dwellings, along with plaques showing the various community sponsors of the building have been preserved.

These will be incorporated in a designated area in Docking Court to acknowledge that history.

Carisbrook work behind the scenes

The Peace Haven planning committee is examining its proposed retirement village project, Carisbrook in south Launceston, to ensure it will be a sound, viable project for the Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania. Launceston City Council has started work on a roundabout which will feed traffic into the complex. There has been considerable community interest in the project.

Enhancing quality of life

The Aged Care Foundation of Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania was formed in 2009 to enhance the quality of life for residents of the nursing home, Bowditch hostel and the independent living units at Lindisfarne.

Initial publicity resulted in a healthy interest in membership from residents, their families and staff, and the ACF was heartened by donations from a variety of sources including other Masonic organisations.

The initial wish list included a large screen TV for residents, helping with refurbishing of Audrey's Place in the activities centre and subsidising bus trips for residents.

In 2010 the foundation was awarded \$25,000 by National Australia Bank as part of its Schools First programme.

Year 10 students from MacKillop College in Mornington recorded the life histories of FMH residents and the programme was repeated in two other nursing homes in partnership with local schools.

The presentation evening in June 2011 to mark completion of the second oral history project showed that the students and residents had enjoyed the projects and the warmth between both groups was a very positive outcome.

The students presented residents with scrapbooks and other tangible records of their lives and also gave personal gifts.



One student made a walking stick for resident Della Southorn (**pictured above**) and her joy and his pride were obvious.

In April 2011 the Aged Care Foundation bought a bus for residents' outings (See story, Page 9).

Now it is requesting suggestions for the next fundraising projects.

Ideas so far include a DVD for prospective residents (to provide information about life in an aged care facility), financial support for staff members wishing to undertake further education and funding for music and art therapy.

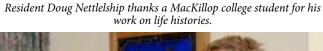
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Driver Horrie Hollick in the "hot seat"

New units at Lindisfarne

The latest addition to the Southern Homes stock of independent living units, Selbourne Masonic Villas - was officially opened by the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Allan Sangwell, on May 6.

The seven new units obviously fulfilled an important need, because at the time of the opening only one of them remained available.

Each of the units has two bedrooms and comes complete with all window furnishings and floor coverings, white goods, reversecycle heat pumps and 24-hour emergency call monitoring systems.

The units were designed by BPSM Architects and constructed by Bennett Construction Pty Ltd.

The Deputy Grand Master and FMH Board chairman Keith Graver are pictured with the official plaque marking the opening of the villas.



The Aged Care Foundation has presented a bus to to the Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania.It can carry 18 passengers and two wheelchairs and is fitted with a side wheelchair loader. The keys to the vehicle were presented to the chairman of the FMH Board, Keith Graver, by the chairman of the ACF Board, Miles Flanagan (pictured at left). An afternoon tea marked the occasion, attended by residents, families, staff and people who had worked hard to raise the funds.

Selling advertising on the sides of the bus was an effective way to raise funds and the advertisers will get excellent exposure as the bus is seen around Lindisfarne and further afield. Other fundraising methods included sponsoring seats in the bus, a raffle, and selling flowers and fudge.

The bus purchase is the most significant project undertaken since the creation of the ACF in 2009.

For more information about the foundation, contact its executive officer, Christine Howard at choward@fmhtas.com.au or by phone on 0408 101 449.



Around the World

Italy Celebrates

The Grand Orient of Italy is paying a lot of attention to the 150th Anniversary of Italian Unification during this year.

The Masonic fraternity played a seminal role in the process of modernising and democratising the nation, and this will be emphasised by celebrations and public meetings.

The whole world is aware of the constructive participation of Mazzini and Garibaldi in this part of the historic development of Italy.

They were foremost among those who saw the necessity to ensure that the intellectual imprint of the ancient Romans became an important element of modern Italy.

All in the Past

The ANZ Masonic Research group was recently asked, on behalf of a Turkish brother who had recently come to Australia, whether or not any moon lodge was still operative in Australia.

One response indicates that Lodge Calliope #252 NZC in Apia, Western Samoa, meets on the Thursday nearest to full moon in February, May, August and November.

A further response from Alan Gale provided the following comment:

"The minutes of Lodge Oxford, in Sydney, show that during the late 1800s the lodge would be tyled to coincide with the high tide so that members coming from what is now Glebe could row the 700 yards to the bottom of Goulburn Street, where there used to be a wharf – rather than take what was then a 15 mile overland trip by horseback. I recall that there were tidal lodges in Britain."

It gives a new slant on "What is the length of a cabletow?"



Compiled by

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G.M.O.H. P. Pro G.M.

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Washington DC Masons

Dan Brown's book spawned a great deal of comment and speculation, fact and fiction about Masonic involvement in the design of Washington and its prominent buildings. There is now a new item that can be included in the Masonic tour of Washington.

The Grand Lodge of Washington DC recently officiated at the laying of a commemorative cornerstone for the new School of International Service within the American University. It fosters international understanding and reconciliation. At the ceremony, the University President referred to the fact that freemasons come from every walk of life, every ethnicity and more than one hundred countries.

Freemasonry, like the School of International Service, aims to bridge cultural divides and support education in an effort to improve the human condition, so producing a truly civil society.

The University President noted that there were alumni present in the Masonic ceremonial team and that links between freemasonry and the School of International Service were being further exemplified by the funding of a scholarship by the Grand Lodge.

The Hiram Monument

In a quiet Masonic cemetery in a town in America's mid-west (Des Moines, Iowa) stands an eighty year old monument which is best described as *The Three Degrees of Freemasonry* but which is better known as *The Hiram Monument*.

It comprises three stone figures, emblematic of the three principal stages of human life: Youth, Manhood and Age.

On closer inspection, there is more symbolism: they depict the three degrees in craft freemasonry.

The young man faces the southwest and holds in his hands the 24 inch gauge and the common gavel of an Entered Apprentice.

The second figure, the man in his prime, faces the northwest and he exhibits the level, the plumb and the square of a Fellowcraft.

The third figure, facing east, is the most senior looking of the three, representing the Master Mason.

As he stands on the pinnacle of the monument with his two younger brothers, he is seen to press to his chest the Book of Constitutions, and he holds in his right hand the revered Masonic trowel, often referred to as the most important tool of the fraternity.

Collectively, they support a sphere, representing the world and indicative of the wide scope and acceptance of the fraternity.

Masonic manifesto

At the Grand Lodge of Alberta Annual Communication in 2005, a resolution was passed requiring candidates for Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens to prepare, for publication, an article of approximately 1000 words, but not less than 500 words, outlining their vision for Freemasonry in the Jurisdiction.

It is required that the article shall focus at least, but not exclusively, on current issues and the writer's proposals for dealing with such issues during the ensuing four years should he progress to the office of Grand Master.

His ideas for leading the craft in Alberta in the future should also be outlined.

Masonic practices do vary from one jurisdiction to another

The National Grand Lodge of France has a number of problems on its hands.

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Around the World

The role of the proposer

The one we should note stems from a concerted effort to increase membership.

Numerically, it may appear to have been a huge success. However, the quality and commitment are not there. Mentoring has been very lax. The combination of deficient Masonic education and the lack of incentives that maintain enthusiasm, has resulted in many resignations. Consider the following:

The proposer should satisfy himself that the petitioner has an appetite for learning and can be expected to develop a sense of engagement with the fraternity.

In some jurisdictions the emphasis on the mentoring responsibilities of the proposer is such that he is required to take an oath, in lodge, in the presence of the initiate, to the effect that he undertakes to provide support and guidance throughout the journey from EA to MM.

Notwithstanding the best efforts of the proposer, the new member is ultimately responsible for his own progress. If he has the seed that continually seeks light, he will become a mature craftsman.

You have all heard, in a variety of contexts, that "you will get out of it what you put in." The French have a cliché to express this. They say that it is a case of "auberge Espagnol". This refers to the old days when a Spanish inn provided a bed but no meals. So, as far as food was concerned, the traveller had to rely on what he had brought in his own basket. Masonically, the proposer, the mentor, should see that the basket is adequately supplied.

Another word for the proposers

In a booklet entitled "Information for the Guidance of Members of the Craft", the United Grand Lodge of England includes a "description of candidates for initiation or joining".

Grand Lodge ruled in June 1955 that the description of the occupation or profession of a candidate for initiation or joining membership must in every case be fully stated.

Terms such as "company director" or "civil servant" are not sufficiently descriptive. An inadequate description such as "consultant" could be added.

The UGLE Board of General Purposes now recommends that Masters should not sign the certificate for membership in the application form unless they are satisfied that a candidate's occupation is described in sufficient detail for the brethren to have a clear idea of his field of activity.

This policy has not been adopted in Tasmania but it may well be worth noting.

Confusing the issue

The Leichhardt Lodge of Research in Darwin has published an article from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Canada, which highlights confusion which can arise from a plethora of approaches to freemasonry.

As the Craft spread from England into North America, it either evolved into various multi-grade systems or recognised other organisations conferring degrees and imparting lessons which were believed to complement or supplement the first three degrees.

In North America, there are three Scottish Rite bodies, the Canadian, Northern and Southern Juridictions, with different titles for their degrees.

In South America and Mexico the Grand Lodges have absorbed variations of either the York or Scottish Rite degrees into their systems and often there will be two or more Grand Lodges in one geographical jurisdiction, general one styled a Grand Lodge and the other a Grand Orient, each conferring a different set of degrees.

In Europe, what is termed the Scottish Rite more closely resembles various 18th Century European rites than it does the North American model.

To complete the confusion, numerous degrees are organised quite differently in the United Kingdom than in Canada and the United States.

Grand Lodge on 24th Street

Yes, I am referring to the home of Freemasonry in New York City.

I had the opportunity to visit the Grand Lodge of New York in September 2010.

The 19-storey Grand Lodge Building was erected in 1908/9 at a cost of \$1.3 million and occupied in 1910.

The Grand Lodge Room can seat 1100 masons at Communications.

There are twelve other lodge rooms in the building. More than 100 lodges of craft masonry and other Orders call the building home.

Some floors are leased for commercial purposes as is a second adjacent building which was completed in 1912.

In the early days there were ashtrays on every seat! At the end of each meeting the atmosphere must have been heavy laden and unbearable.

By the 1990s the rooms had become dingy. The Trustees decided to have extensive refurbishments and improvements carried out in time to celebrate the centenary, 1910 – 2010, of the opening of the building.

A Peruvian designer and art historian with a team of artisans carried out the work. It was a major job, in terms of its extent and the quality required .

It had been completed when I visited; the redecorated rooms were a splendid sight and there was no trace of nicotine.

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Five certificates at one time

There was a rare occurrence earlier this year at Tasmanian Union Lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Allan Sangwell, presented Master Mason Certificates to five recently-raised brethren.

They included (from left) Bros Coombe, Curtis, Bell and Leggett, with the Director of Ceremonies W Bro Richard Plunkett.

Another picture, on Page 16, shows RW Bro Sangwell presenting Bro Curtis with his certificate.

- Jack Clear





Big breakfast at Lodge Esk

On Sunday, May 1, 2011, Lodge Esk held its annual Big Breakfast, with more than 60 members and guests attending.

They shared a feast of bacon, eggs and all the trimmings, an "all-you-can-eat" buffet costing only \$7.50 per person (with children under 18 free).

The breakfast also made a small profit which helped boost the Lodge's charity

A further benefit came from the breakfast being held only a few days after Lodge Esk's Friends Night, as it gave potential candidates an opportunity to take a further look at Freemasonry. Two new candidates came along, and a further application form was received on the day.

The Masters Association also joined the Lodge for its monthly get-together. A good time was had by all, further cementing this event into the Lodge's social calendar.

- Reg Frost

Honours at Knight Priests installation

One of the "Other Orders" indirectly associated with Craft Freemasonry held an important event at the Masonic Centre in Launceston on March 26, 2011.

At an "Especial Assembly" of Grand College of the Order of Holy Royal Arch Knight Priests, or Order of Holy Wisdom, Right Eminent Knight Priest Geoff Herbert was installed as the new Grand Superintendent for the District of Tasmania. The installation was carried out by the retiring Grand Superintendent, Andrew Thollar. Rt Em Kt Pt Herbert then appointed Illustrious Kt Pt Angus Maclaine of The City of Hobart Tabernacle as his District Director of Ceremonies.

> The Grand Superintendent of District No. 8 Victoria, Rt Ill Kt Pt Walter Burston had a particularly significant duty to perform on behalf of the Grand High Priest. He presented Rt Ill Kt Pt Max Linton with the jewel and certificate of the Grand High Priest's Award, the Order's highest distinction which is rarely conferred.

- Ancrew Thollar

Pictured (from left) are Ill Kt Pt Angus Maclaine, Rt Em Kt Pt Geoffrey Herbert and Rt Ill Kt Pt Walter Burston



PR team makes its mark in North West

In an initiative to promote the work of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee, members travelled to the North West

Much interest was shown by the North West lodges, with a Lodge of Peace meeting welcoming official visits by Poulett Lodge from Wynyard and Burnie Masonic Lodge as well as individuals from other local and northern lodges. More than 70 brethren attended.

After a short meeting, the lodge was closed and brethren were addressed by the committee chairman, VW Bro Alan A'church. The gathering then broke up into several smaller workshops hosted by individual members of the committee, to discuss local issues. A range of initiatives were suggested and the committee is working on them.

- Jack Clear



Members of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee (from left): W Bro Jack Clear, RW Bro Phil Spinks, W Bro David Baldwin, VW Bro Alan A'church, VW Bro Joe Carroll, RW Bro Robert Dick and W Bro John Windram.

Picture - John Webster

UK soujourn a great experience

Lodge Scotch College member Kevin Kiel wrote to Deputy Grand Master Allan Sangwell in January 2011 about attending a meeting of The Sheringham Lodge in Norfolk, England, No 6621 English Constitution.

It was the Installation of Bro Christopher Wright, and RW Bro Sangwell suggested VW Bro Kiel pass on his experiences for the information of Tasmanian brethren.

Before leaving for a five-weeks holiday, mostly in England, VW Bro Kiel took with him a Grand Lodge passport, and because of luggage limitations only his Master's apron, a Masonic tie, a recent edition of Freemasonry Tasmania and the reports of the previous Grand Lodge Communication.

In the last two days of the trip he was able to visit a lodge meeting, at Sheringham, which is a coastal village with a population of around 7000.

VW Bro Kiel's hosts put him in touch with a local mason who took him to the meeting, which was within walking distance of his accommodation.

He was expected, and his "mentor" saw to it that he was seated at the 'top' table at the banquet after the meeting, which was attended by 82 brethren.

VW Bro Kiel writes:

"I was introduced to the Director and showed him the passport; he declined to test me and then introduced two fine. imposing men who were equivalent to the Grand Master and Deputy of Norfolk.

"There were no other Grand Lodge officers on the team as the Lodge members, mainly the present Master and the brother to the Installed Master did all the work, which was excellent.

"I was directed to wait while the 100 plus members were seated and then marched in with the two Grand Lodge officers, the Director, the current Worshipful Master and my mentor, to the dais where I received five salutes, separately from the two GL officers, who were given five and three.

"It was a great honour which I cannot ever forget.

"I did tell the Director beforehand that I would be happy to be in the body of the Lodge to appreciate the ceremony, but the alternative had been arranged.

There were some interesting differences in the ceremony and also in the South, but the ritual was the same.

"I gave the Lodge Secretary the Freemasonry Tasmania magazine and the Communication notices to show his members.

'In their notice paper there was no mention of toasts, but my mentor remarked there would be at least 20

"All visiting brethren, in groups or individually groups would be called on to stand and, with his glass, toast and sing the same short chorus to the incoming Master, who would stand.

"The Director asked me, but I declined as it would have been a solo and not too tuneful after sharing a bottle of Australian wine with my mentor.

When announcing the toasts, the Director gave Lodge numbers ranging from No. 4 to 700s and 6000s.

"Many brethren, who had visited Australia, did come and talk before leaving and it was a great experience," VW Bro Kiel concludes.

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Counting the years



Honorary membership for Bill

Bro Bill McMorran. A senior member of Burnie Masonic, has been created an Honorary Member of his lodge for his long and loyal service.

He joined from Davies Lodge at the time of its amalgamation, having started his Masonic career with Lodge Royal Thistle No 1335 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on January 14, 1953.

A serious decline in his health has seen a regular figure in our ranks disappear from lodge activities. His long and loyal service has seen him created an Honorary Member of his lodge.

Bill is pictured receiving his framed certificate at his home on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 from W Bro Peter Radel, Worshipful Master of Burnie Masonic.

- Gerry Gunton

The wages of a Mason

I met a dear old man today who wore a Masonic pin.

It was old and faded like the man, its edges were worn quite thin,

I approached the park bench where he sat to give the old brother his due.

I said "I see you've travelled east", he said "I have, have you?"

I said "I have, and in my day before the all-seeing sun,

I played in the rubble, with Jubala,
Jubalo and Jubalum".

He shouted "Don't laugh at the work,

it's good and sweet and true, and if you've travelled as you said you should give these things their due. The word, the sign, the token, the sweet Masonic prayer, the vow that all have taken who've climbed the inner stair. The wages of a Mason are never paid in gold, but the gain comes from contentment when you're weak and growing old. You see, I've carried my obligations for almost fifty years. It has helped me through the hardships and the failures full of tears. Now I'm losing my mind and body, death is near but I don't despair, I've lived my life on the level and I'm dying upon the square". Sometimes the greatest lessons are those that are learned anew, and the old man in the park today has changed my point of view. To all Masonic brothers the only secret is to care. May you live your life on the level. May you part upon the square.

St Andrew presentation

Sixty years of financial membership of St Andrew Lodge No. 6 TC, now amalgamated with St Andrew Lewis Lodge is the proud record of Bro Gordon White.

Now living in Victoria, he was presented with his Sixty Year membership pin at the Prahran Masonic Centre on April 6, 2010, at a meeting attended by 12 Worshipful Masters. Bro White has been in Victoria since 1992, residing near his daughter in Melbourne with the thought of eventually returning to Tasmania.

The presentation was arranged with the assistance of his cousin, W Bro Bruce Barlow-Baker, now deceased, who was a member of three Victorian lodges -Duke of Clarence, Devotion and Old Melbournians.

A retired RAN officer, Bro White served on HMAS Sydney from 1938 to 1941 and HMAS Adelaide from 1941 to 1944. After World War Two he was a chartered accountant in Launceston, also serving on the city council in the treasurer's department.

He then went into administration with the Metropolitan Transport Trust before retiring in 1986.





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A friendship highlight

Fifty year's service by Bro Gerald Knight of The Pacific Lodge was recognised with the presentation of a jewel by RW Bro Bill Hawkes, a member of the same lodge.

The pair have been friends since their childhood. Bill said the presentation was one of the highlights of his masonic career and Gerald was equally chuffed at the presentation by Bill.

- Jack Clear



Joe's special night

A special evening was celebrated at Lodge Bowen in May when VW Bro Joe Carroll was formally presented with the Grand Lodge Order of Merit by the Grand Inspector of Lodges (South), VW Bro Alan Achurch. The list of VW Bro Carroll's was so extensive that even he could not recall some of the events in his distinguished career. The honour was conferred at the August 2010 Communication by MW Bro Norm Cooper.

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