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## From the Editor

A big thank you to everyone for all the wonderful articles sent through for the magazine. It is truly inspiring to see such a camaraderie with all the activities undertaken in your Lodges. I have had to hold back a couple of articles, one of the Nugara Lodge Installation and one from Lodge Phoenix's Table meeting - sneak peek photos are on the back cover - the full articles will be in the February 2013 magazine. Best wishes

**Rosemary Bruce-Mullins** 



15 December 2012

### Official Visit - Jodge Roland to Clarence

On Saturday 21 January 2012, Clarence Lodge 46TC held a special meeting to host the official visit of Lodge Roland to Hobart

Following a short Lodge meeting we joined our ladies in the supper room for a great evening of social interaction and music which prompted many of those present to brush up on their dancing skills. Music was provided by V Wor Bro Peter Calvert (accordion) R Wor Bro John Millington (Organ) both of Lodge Clarence and Wor Bro Kevin Chambers (piano) the Wor Master of Lodge Roland. The following morning we all bussed to MONA to view the art exhibition and afterwards returned to the Lodge rooms for a spit roast lunch.

Wor. Bro. Barry Hyland, Master Lodge Clarence



Wor Bro Kevin Chambers in full swing at the piano. Left, Mr Simon Gates (Clarence candidate at the time) R Wor Bro John Millington (obscured) and Bro Eddie Costello

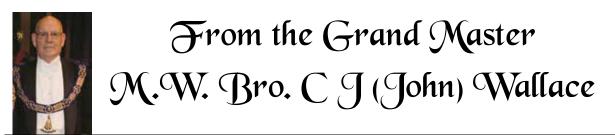
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The production of this edition of our magazine marks the half-way point of what is considered to be the normal term of a Grand Master in Tasmania, and I again take the opportunity to extend my thanks to the brethren for their continued friendship and support. It is also the second edition of our editor, and I believe I can speak on behalf of all of our brethren in offering thanks and congratulations to Rosemary for the professionalism displayed in her efforts.

The goals I expressed at my Installation are still relevant, and continue to be prominent in the activities of all who have embraced them. The upgrade of our centres is progressing well, with significant funds being negotiated and provided by the Board of General Purposes from the building fund.

Membership is always important, and recruitment appears to be progressing with new names coming forward on a regular basis. However, continued effort is needed by all to ensure that these gains are not lost..

Membership retention is more complicated and ties in with our Masonic Education Programme, as introduced by the now Late Most Worshipful Brother Murray Yaxley. Murray was introducing measures which were intended to stimulate interest by all members, but more particularly the more recent inductees. Unfortunately his efforts have had to be put on hold momentarily, until my new appointee, Right Worshipful Brother Zichy-Woinarski establishes himself in his new role.

I'm sure Most Worshipful Brother Yaxley will be sorely missed, and as I said at his funeral, I realised early in my acquaintance with him that I was dealing with an outstanding man, who possessed such a wealth of knowledge, not only with local Freemasonry, but with Freemasonry around the world.

Our Public Relations Committee is pushing ahead, and plans are well in hand for the Tasmania Open Day to be held at one centre in each of the three districts on 21<sup>st</sup> October this year. Only three centres have been chosen by the committee for this year, so that performance and results can be assessed, and plans made for an extension to this number in future years. The centres chosen for this year are:

- 1). Masonic Centre 3 Sandy Bay Road Hobart.
- 2). Masonic Centre Brisbane Street Launceston.
- 3). North-West Masonic Centre Terrylands Street Burnie.

The mid-year Grand Lodge Communications are to be held at Ross this year, and I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of Merton Lodge for their assistance with their equipment which has to be set up in the Ross Town Hall prior to the meeting.

Our ceremonial teams are performing well and I again extend to them my sincere thanks for their generous support. Of course, I can't let the moment pass without acknowledging the invaluable support I receive from our Grand Secretary. He has made my role of Grand Master so much easier with his continued support and advice. I'm sure the same can be said by all who have need to contact him for one reason or another.

As we embark on the second half of my term, I extend best wishes to all and look forward to your company as time permits.

### John Wallace, Grand Master

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Invitation to all Freemasons

The District Commander, Very.·III.·Bro.·Greg Parkinson 33<sup>0</sup>, and the Most Wise Sovereigns of the Tasmania Bass District of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (AASR)

warmly invite all Freemasons to our

Open Night and Exemplification of the First and Second degrees of the AASR at The Launceston Masonic Centre on Saturday 3 November 2012 at 7.30pm.

The exemplification of the First and Second degrees of the Rite will be conducted as they were practised when the Rite came into being in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. This ritual dates from about 1740 and comes from the French Rite of Perfection from which the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite grew.

The Tasman Chapter of Improvement of Region 8 (Tasmania) of the AASR will work the exemplifications, visiting brethren will also be given background information on the Rite and its several degrees.

Very:Ill:Bro::Greg Parkinson advised we normally only work four degrees of the Rite in Tasmania, so many Freemasons are not fully aware of the structure of the Rite and the continuity within it.

On November 3 we hope to not only give all brethren an opportunity to see two early Masonic degrees but also to learn more about the broader world of Freemasonry.

Supper will be served and an evening of enjoyable fraternal engagement can be expected.



# The Australian & New Zealand Masonic Research Council Jecture Jour 2011

The Lecture for 2011 was presented by Rodney Grosskopff from South Africa, in twenty six cities in Australia, New Zealand and South

East Asia. Rodney is a retired architect who lives in Johannesburg and remains a consultant to his old firm where he was a principle partner.

He is a Past Master, held the office of Assistant District Grand Master for the District of South Africa North and a Past Senior Grand Deacon. He has published a book - "Carved in Stone", written plays, travel features, children's stories for TV as well as preparing numerous Masonic research papers.

Rodney has also held exhibitions for his paintings, etchings and sculptures.

Rodney and his wife Eileen arrived in Hobart in early October and were hosted by the Hobart Lodge of Research. They were guests of Worshipful Brother George Sanders who made their stay an enjoyable one.

The lecture was presented at the Glenorchy Daytime

Lodge with in excess of 60 masons, non-masons and ladies in attendance. Members of the Collectors Arms Guild were present in period uniform with a display of militaria and memorabilia from the period. Nineteen lectures were available and the Hobart Lodge of Research chose the most favoured being "The Anglo-Boer War". Rodney gave an excellent talk on some interesting and intriguing anecdotes about Freemasons while telling the story of the war. Some 45 diners enjoyed lunch after the talk where Rodney and Eileen mingled freely with lunch guests.

Very Worshipful Brother A A'church presented a plaque to Rodney to commemorate his visit and Worshipful Brother Philip Nichols presented a pen to Eileen.

Many of Rodney's lectures are recorded in his book "Bushveld Brethren" and many masons and nonmasons are awaiting a second print of the book to secure their copy.

Mike Watson, Secretary - Hobart Lodge of Research

# Pacific Todge - Harry Dale & Jim Askey



16<sup>th</sup> February will remain a significant date for 2 members of Pacific Lodge, Bro Harry Dale was passed to the second degree – Shown here between his proposer Wor Bro Ron McCarthy (WM) and Bro Ben Edwards his seconder.

The Lodge also welcomed Wor Bro Jim Askey back to his Mother Lodge. Jim affiliated with Lodge Loyalty on the closure of Victory

Lodge and has now joined Pacific and we welcome him home. Victory Lodge was formed on 19th of October 1919 at the Masonic Hall then in Murray Street with all subsequent installations taking place on the 11th of November (Armistice Day). The consecration was attended by over two hundred people, including visitors from overseas and from all states of the Commonwealth. The consecration was followed by a banquet at the Town Hall. The Lodge continued to operate until the 16th



of October 1997 when it was incorporated into Pacific Lodge. Other members with an association with Victory Lodge were very pleased to have Wor Bro Askey join them.

Jack Clear



# Mersey Mission

On Saturday January 7th 2012 Wor Bro Max Boyles of Roland Lodge swam from Bells Parade, Latobe to the Mersey Yacht Club, East Devonport to raise money for "Nipples on Ripples", Breast Cancer Appeal.

His time was two hours seven minutes Bro. Scott Whiley went along in his kayak to offer assistance if it was needed.

R W Bro W Bannon PM 36TC

# 2012 Relay for Iife - Square & Compass Jeam

With a new tent provided by V. Wor. Bro. R. McKenna as its headquarters, the N.W. Masonic Benevolence Society's team called the Square & Compass contributed a record \$6,780 to this year's Relay For Life.

The team made up of Freemasons, their wives and friends, ably supported by the Order of the Eastern Star and their family members kept the baton moving around the athletic track for the entire 23 hours.

As well as contributing to this worthy cause, the team promoted Freemasonry in a big way.

V W Bro Ken Knight

Team Captain.



Addison Stewart - granddaughter of and held by Sharyn Deacon; V.W. Bro. Ken Knight (Peace); June Knight; Bev Bugg (OES); Helen Williams (OES); Kylie Stewart (holding daughter Mackenzie) Ruth McKenna (wife of V.W. Bro. R.McKenna).

# Jord Carrington Jodge

At their meeting on June 9th, 2012, which coincidentally was 2 days after the  $120^{th}$  anniversary of inauguration of the Lodge on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1892, brethren of Lord Carrington Lodge were able to fully appreciate the extent of renovations to the Lodge building at Fingal.

Following storm damage to a section of the building nearly two years ago, internal damage was repaired by the insurer, while a loan from the Temples Fund was used to replace the roof cladding. The Masonic Hall was erected in 1925, and extended in 1952 and 1990.

The Master for its first two years was John George Davies, member for Mathinna in the House of Assembly, a co-proprietor of the 'Mercury', who was created a KCMG in 1909 and held the office of Deputy Grand Master from 1896 to 1913. The Past Master's jewel presented to him in 1893 was generously returned to the Lodge by his grandson in 1961.

For many years the Lodge met on the Saturday of the month nearest the full moon, in 1932 this changed to the second Saturday of the month. It now meets on the second Saturday afternoon of even months, commencing February. A lecture at the Lodge's June meeting detailed its early history, events and some personalities.

The Lodge takes its name from Lord Carrington, Governor of the Colony of New South Wales from 1885 to 1890. Carrington was an able and tactful governor,



at a time when the colony was suffering economic recession and political crises, his diplomatic skills paved the way for the first Federation conference in 1890. As an active Freemason he brought about the union of Lodges working under four different constitutions, being installed as first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 1888. Lord Carrington installed the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1890.

To mark its 120<sup>th</sup> year and its derivation from NSW, Lord Carrington Lodge is raffling a royal blue and gold pottery tawny port crock and two goblets produced for the centenary of the United Grand Lodge of NSW in 1988, mounted in a locally made wooden case.

Raffle will be drawn on 8th December at our Christmas meeting, tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 available from V. Wor. Bro. Mervyn Turner, ph. 03 6391 9002, or from the Lodge. Phil Corby



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# Vale : M. W. Bro. Murray Lewis Yaxley GMOH, PProGM

By: Kyle W H Wood , Past Deputy Grand Master

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012 Freemasonry lost one of its most active and involved members in M.W. Bro. Murray Yaxley.

Murray joined the craft on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1957, when initiated into Old Hobartians' Lodge No. 56TC, he completed his third degree on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1958.

Murray disappeared from sight for a few years when he joined the United Nation's Educational System serving in Africa and Asia.

On his return to Tasmania, Murray again took up Masonic activities. He became W.M. of Old Hobartians' in 1967 and 1984; affiliated with the Hobart Lodge of Research in 1968; University Lodge in 1988 becoming W.M. in 1990. He became W.M. of Lodge of Research in 1996, in addition to affiliating with the Hutchins Old Boys' Lodge No. 48TC.

Murray became a member of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes in 1984 becoming it's President in 1987.

Murray was very active in founding the Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation, and was Governor and inaugural President until 2007. M. W. Bro. Yaxley was a member of other orders in Freemasonry and received the following honours during his Masonic career:

- Past Grand Director of Ceremonies 1984
- Past Grand Warden 1990
- Past Deputy Grand Master 1994
- Grand Masters' Order of Honour 1997
- Past Pro Grand Master 2011
- Grand Lodge 50 Year Jewel 2007

M.W. Bro. Yaxley was the Australasian Fraternal Relations Officer and Past President of the ANZMRC and Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Norway and Toga.

Outside his Masonic activities, he was actively engaged with his church and Rotary Club, and had a great interest in geology.

Amusing recollections:

Talking to students on the geology of Tasmania at National Park the local ranger said to Murray "*My word you know your geology. I can recommend an excellent book on the subject which is written by someone by the name of Yaxley*". Murray answered "Yes, I wrote it".

When Murray considered joining Freemasonry he decided to approach the headmaster of Hobart High School to discuss the subject but there was a certain procedure for approaching the headmaster. When the bell rang at the end of school the headmaster retired to his office and shut the door and no one would approach for at least ten minutes until the headmaster had his "full pipe fired up and smoking well". The headmaster was H. V. Biggins, Past Grand Master. Murray could not have had a better mentor.

VALE - Murray Yaxley, one of Nature's gentlemen.

By: Allan J Sangwell, Deputy Grand Master

M. W. Bro. Murray Lewis Yaxley, Past Pro Grand Master, holder of the Grand Master's Order of Honour, passed to the Grand Lodge above on 24th May 2012.

His Masonic history is remarkable.

Murray was initiated into Old Hobartian Lodge on 4th October 1957, Passed on 7th February 1958 and Raised on 30th May 1958.

He was Wor. Master of Old Hobartian Lodge in 1967 and 1984. He also served as Wor. Master of University Lodge in 1990 and The Hobart Lodge of Research in 1996.

He joined The Hobart Lodge of Research in 1968, joined University Lodge in 1988; on its closure in 1994 he joined Hutchins Old Boys' Lodge.

His Masonic knowledge and administrative skills were acknowledged in 1983 when he was appointed to the Board of General Purposes where he served for a number of years as the representative for the North-West Coast brethren. His exceptional skills were recognised when, in 1987, he was elected President of the Board of General Purposes, a position he held until 1996 when he relinquished the position for "new blood". Typical of his unselfish attitude.

His Grand ranking is interesting, being appointed Past Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1984, Past Grand Warden in 1990, Past Deputy Grand Master in 1994 and ultimately Past Pro Grand Master in 2011. In recognition of his service to Freemasonry and the community he was awarded the Grand Master's Order of Honour in 1997.

M. W. Bro. Yaxley was a prolific writer and his subjects on Freemasonry were varied and extensive. He was a great orator and presented numerous talks and lectures at lodges. He not only published abundant articles in our magazine, but provided items for the magazines of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria and the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.

M. W. Bro. Yaxley's Masonic knowledge was unsurpassed and his talent was recognised by the Australasian Grand Lodges when he was unofficially elected as their Fraternal Relations Officer. His chief role was to communicate with all Grand Lodges worldwide.

As an educator he always shared a wider vision of professional service. His interests in society, and especially education, resulted in him (in today's terms) being 'head hunted' for appointment as a Science Consultant and Government advisor to the prestigious United Nations.

M.W. Bro. Yaxley took extended leave from the Education Department in Tasmania from 1969 until 1981 and worked for UNESCO and UNICEF in Thailand, Korea, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and China.

M.W. Bro. Yaxley was the Foundation President of the Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation, a

### Membership.

In more recent times M.W. Bro. Yaxley was appointed Education Officer for our Grand Lodge and provided a wealth of information in an endeavour to assist and retain our younger members. He will be sorely missed in this most important role.

On the 24th May we lost a great Freemason, an educator, mentor and a very dear friend.

I believe the words from our Installation Ritual are appropriate at this sad time:

"... And as we severally experience that great and awful moment when the soul shall take wing to that boundless and unexplored expanse above, may we say, it is well finished; admit *him* to the Grand Lodge above, where the divisions of time shall cease, and the glories of eternity burst upon *his* view."



### Editors note:

Murray Yaxley was a great contributor to *Freemasonry Tasmania*, writing many informative and interesting articles on various aspects of Freemasonry. I have 2 articles he sent me before he passed on which I will use in future issues. His legacy will be with us for a little while longer.

RIP Murray and thank you.

Rosemary Bruce-Mullins, Editor

# MWS Jason Betts zoth Degree of Knight Kadosh

On the 19th of May, the after his 41st day birthday, Jason Betts, the current Most Wise Sovereign (MWS) of the Holy Sepulchure Sovereign Chapter of the 18th Degree Rose Croix, attained his 30th Degree of Knight Kadosh in the Holv Grail Sovereign Chapter in Hobart.

Jason was initiated into the Rose in 2002 and has taken every office up to MWS, and has now been received into the mysteries of the Holy Knights of Heredom.



In welcome attendance were Most Illustrious Regional Commander William Morgan (Tas), Very Illustrious District Commander Robert Clarke (Derwent) (pictured congratulating Jason), and Illustrious Brother Grand Commander Kenneth Milbourne (Chapter).

From Jason, "The ceremony was very moving, spiritually and philosophically, and has made a great impact on my life already. It is now my favourite degree, although the first degree of an Entered Apprentice still comes a close second.

Illustrious Brother Jason would also like to thank Illustrious Brother John the Duke of Avram, for his spiritual mentoring and support over the past decade and a half."



# Stanley Dryden Scholarship to Rachel Cooper

On the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 the Deputy Grand Master, R W Bro. Allan Sangwell, presented Rachel Cooper with her Stanley Dryden Scholarship of \$1,000.

Rachel is the granddaughter of R W Bro. Maurice Lawson, a member of Devonport Masonic Lodge.

Rachel Cooper attended Nixon Street Primary School in Devonport, followed by a brief time at Devonport High School. Rachel completed her high school years in Adelaide and returned to Devonport where she completed Years 11 and 12 at Don College.

She has always had a keen interest in learning and throughout high school and college this interest focussed strongly on science and mathematics, particularly environmental topics. Rachel is currently studying a Bachelor of Antarctic Science and will graduate next year with a double major in Antarctic and Environmental Sciences and a minor in Chemistry.

Rachel is passionate about the environment and her ultimate goal is a profession in climate research or environmental conservation and sustainability. She would love to be able to work mainly in Tasmania and Antarctica.

Her keen interest in the environment has led Rachel to become involved in organisations targeting climate

action and poverty alleviation.

"I believe Hobart is the best place to study Antarctic science and I'm very lucky and highly grateful that there are scholarships such as the Stanley Dryden Scholarship which support me and other students in our studies and make it possible to study our passions", Rachel told R.W. Bro. Sangwell.

Rachel is pictured with the Deputy Grand Master and the Secretary of the Board of Benevolence, V W Bro. Lance Brown.

R.W. Bro. Allan Sangwell, Deputy Grand Master



Photos show the colourful display and a few of the

Worshipful Master, Derwent Valley Lodge, 27TC

Kevin Hayes

willing helpers on the day.

# Freemasonry in the Derwent Valley



Derwent Valley Lodge once again promoted Freemasonry with a booth at the Derwent Valley Autumn Festival on Sunday April 1st 2012.

The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Kevin Hayes thanks all who assisted

on the day and those working up to the event.

Banners, balloons and Masonic Information was arranged making a colourful display and creating some positive interest. As a follow up the Derwent Valley Lodge held a "Friends" night on Wed 16th May 2012.



The work of the evening at the April meeting of Launceston - Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge, No 2TC, was the Raising of Bro. Jonathan Heathcote to the Third Degree.

Of the many visitors who attended the ceremony, none was more notable than Bro. Heathcote's father, Wor. Bro. Michael Heathcote, PPSGD Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, from Leyland, Lancashire, England, who was holidaying in the State.

Wor. Bro. Heathcote is a member of De Bon Cuer Lodge, No 6984 in Leyland. He conveyed Masonic greetings from the Worshipful Master and Brethren of De Bon Cuer Lodge to our Worshipful Master.

The Worshipful Master of Launceston-Lawrie Abra Lodge, Wor. Bro. Wayne Madden, presented Wor. Bro. Heathcote with a Tasmanian Masonic lapel badge and a

# Third Degree Raising - Bro Jonathon Heathcote

copy of the Tasmanian Ritual.

The photo shows Wor. Bro. Heathcote, Wor. Bro. Wayne Madden, WM of Launceston - Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge, and our newly Raised Bro. Jonathan Heathcote.



# Southern Tasmanian Masonic Widows Association



The Southern Tasmanian Masonic Widows Association was formed in 1996 for the purpose of bringing together of women whose late husbands had built up friendships through their membership of the masonic lodges. Over the years the widows have enjoyed the companionship with other

women who have suffered the loss of their marriage partner.

We meet tat the Marquis of Hastings Hotel (West Hobart) on the fourth Friday in each month from February to November, holding very brief and informal meeting, followed by lunch. Laughter and companionship are on our menu. Several tines during the year we arrange a bus tour for the day and always gather for a Christmas Lunch at the end of November.

We're not a fundraising organisation charging an annual membership fee of \$5. We consider that we have already given past years of fun raising for various charities and now need to relax and enjoy the few years we have left.

We welcome all masonic widows to join us. We would appreciate help from the Masonic Lodges to let widows know that they would be welcome. If we could be given names and addresses of widows by Masonic Lodges in Southern Tasmania, we would send a message of condolence and invite them to join us if and when they wished. If Masonic Lodges in other regions of Tasmania decided to establish branches of our association we would greatly help.

Kath Venn OAM, JP President Southern Tasmanian Masonic Widows Assn



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# Jodge Clarence Fraternity Meeting

Lodge Clarence No 46 TC hosted an Eastern Shore Fraternity meeting on 11 June 2012 which was well attended.

The worshipful master Wor. Bro. Barry Hyland welcomed all brethren including the official visiting worshipful masters, Wor. Bro. Peter Butterfield, Lodge Bowen; Wor. Bro. Graham Alomes, Lodge Pembroke and Most Wor. Bro. Alan Swinton, Lodge Beltana.

A photograph was taken to record the presentation of a 50 year jewel to Wor. Bro. Richard Howell by Most Wor. Bro. Norm Cooper (Wor. Bro Adrian Loring seated at left).

On the closure of the lodge, the brethren were requested to remain seated while the guest speaker (Mr John Sargeant) was escorted in the lodge room and was welcomed by the Worshipful Master. V. Wor. Bro. Peter Calvert presented a talk on the history of Lodge Clarence with particular reference to the first 50 years of its operation and that in September this year the Lodge will celebrate its 88th birthday.

Mr John Sargeant (well know historian and President of the Bellerive Historical Society) gave an interesting talk on the early days of the eastern shore and recollections of his late father going off to Lodge with his little black bag.

Proceedings in the South included cutting a large cake to celebrate the 88th year of Lodge Clarence. The Worshipful Master invited masters of the official visiting lodges to assist in cutting the cake. (photo back cover)



Presentation of a 50 year jewel to Wor. Bro. Richard Howell by Most Wor. Bro. Norm Cooper (Wor. Bro Adrian Loring seated at left).

# Brother Lewis Hawthorne 50th Jewel

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. John Wallace, presented Bro. Lew Hawthorne with his 50 year jewel. Lew's health does not allow him to attend Lodge meetings, so the presentation was made at his home. Very Wor. Brothers David Cheshire and Dick McKenna of Emu Lodge accompanied the Grand Master on the visit.

Lew was initiated into Emu Lodge on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1961, with his Second and Third Degrees taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1961 and 14<sup>th</sup> April 1962 respectively.

Working as a bricklayer, he was introduced to Freemasonry by his employer, Wor. Bro. Reg Stammers.

Lew joined the army in 1942 and served in New Guinea. He saw active service at Ramu Valley, Markam Valley, and Shaggy Ridge.

After 6 months service in New Guinea, he undertook training on the Atherton Tablelands in Northern Queensland prior to deployment to Borneo.

However, on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1944 during a mock battle, Lew suffered permanent and serious hand and arm injuries when a live grenade exploded. Live ammunition was not meant to be used. As a result, he spent 12 months at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital in Melbourne.

Lew returned home to Somerset and worked at the plywood mill for 38 years.

He married Bev, and they had two daughters, Sharon and Denise, both of whom were at Lew's home for the

presentation of the jewel. Bev died on New Year's Day in 1992.

Lew is now 87. He lives at home alone, and still cooks his own meals. Sharon and Denise call in every day to check on him, and his sons-in-law look after house and garden maintenance. He is fiercely independent.

He has been a loyal Richmond Football Club supporter since 1937 and is a mine of information so far as AFL football is concerned. Two other sports of great interest to him are cricket and horse racing, and his knowledge of both is vast.

Lew enjoys a beer, although his doctor has restricted him to 3 stubbies of light beer a week.

Dick McKenna Emu Lodge No 23 TC



Grand Master, Lew, and VW Bro David Cheshire.

# Wallace Family History at Burnie Masonic Lodge



A large assembly of Freemasons from all over the state and from the mainland, congregated in Burnie on what was a unique occasion in the over 100 year history of the organisation in Tasmania. It is reasonably common to find a father and son in Freemasonry but much less common to find three generations as was the case in Burnie Masonic Hall, when, for what was to be the first time ever, the reigning head of Tasmanian Freemasonry Most Worshipful Brother John Wallace partook in the Initiation of his grandson Allan Wallace in a ceremony chaired by his son Very Worshipful Brother Ken Wallace.

While the senior members of the family made their entry into freemasonry in Queensland, prior to relocating to Tasmania, Allan decided to carry on the family tradition by enlisting in Burnie Masonic Lodge becoming the first of a number of new members to join in the next few months.

Seen in the picture. All smiles from Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro C. J. (John) Wallace, his grandson Bro. Allan Wallace and his son Very Worshipful Bro. Ken Wallace. With deacons Rt. Wor. Bro. John Windram and Bro. Malcolm Whyte.

Gerry Gunton, Secretary Burnie Masonic Lodge.

# Initiation Damian Stowe - Pembroke Jodge

Initiation of Damian John Stowe took place at Pembroke Lodge on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2012.

Damian Stowe's initiation at Pembroke Lodge on 28th June was a very unique experience. Bro Stowe is the nephew of Pembroke's Senior Warden, Rt. Wor. Bro. Barry Curtain and cousin of Bro. Joseph Curtain, the Junior Warden and Bro. Nick Curtain.

Wor. Bro. Leon Hurd, the Past Master of Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge, has known Damian's family for many years and was delighted to take part in the Ceremony of Initiation.

The attendance of numerous brethren, from various suburban Lodges, added to the Ceremony; especially the attendance of Bro. Dale Dwyer, recently initiated into St. Paul's Lodge, who was accompanied by Wor. Bro. Round and their Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Donald Ronald.

The occasion was also special occasion for Pembroke



Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Graham Alomes, who taught Damian as a Grade 9 student at Rosetta High School, in the late 1990's. Graeme vividly recalled Damian's assiduous manner and technical proficiency in Materials, Design & Technology subjects which saw him awarded the highest Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) results, along with the school's Metalwork Prize. Damian achieved consistent and outstanding results in his theoretical studies and an excellent standard of workmanship in design and completion of his practical projects.

On leaving school, Damian was employed as an apprentice Boilermaker Welder, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Curtain, who related that he continued to produce excellent results in his TAFE studies, which were continually reflected throughout his work on the job.

The Lodge looks forward to supporting and sharing in Damian's progression in the Craft.

W. M. Bro. Graham Alomes, Pembroke Lodge



# Jodge Jauriston - 50 & 60 year Jewel Recognitions

Lodge Lauriston No. 72TC in George Town, Tasmania is some 56 years old having been consecrated in 1956.

This year we had the pleasure of presenting Grand Lodge jewels to three long serving members. In January, Most Wor Bro P G Hodges presented a 60 year Jewel bar to Wor Bro E J (Jack) Windsor, and a 50 year Jewel to Bro D J (Doug) Parish, both well known personalities in the district and long term participants in Lodge activities.

More recently, Most Wor Bro Hodges presented a 50 year Jewel to Wor Bro J R (John) Warhurst, another long standing and very active member of this Lodge. Most Wor Bro Hodges spoke of how Wor Bro Warhurst joined Lodge Lauriston on 20th April, 1971 when he was 42 years old, well known George Town resident Keith Malone, a local Headmaster, was Worshipful Master; Max Gray was Senior Warden and the late Wor Bro. Lance Barnard, later to become Deputy Prime Minister of , was Junior Warden. He also acknowledged Wor Bro Warhurst's remarkable service as an active participating member as he approaches 93 years of age, a truly remarkable effort.

Lyell J Knowles, Secretary





# Fifty Years to the Day - Geoff Denby

On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 V. Wor. Bro. Geoff Denby P. G. Chaplain; celebrated 50 years as a member of Lodge Esk. A Grand Lodge 50 Year Jewel was presented to him by his long time Esk friend and golf partner Rt. Wor. Bro. Ron Whittle PGW. Rt. Wor. Bro. Ron proposed Geoff into Lodge Esk in 1962 and at the jewel presentation both men reflected on their long association in the Craft.

V. Wor. Bro. Denby is a member and Past First Principal of Ellesmere Royal Arch Chapter at Scottsdale, a Past Grand Commander of the Northern Tasmania Sovereign Council, and holds the Thirty Second Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (Rose Croix).

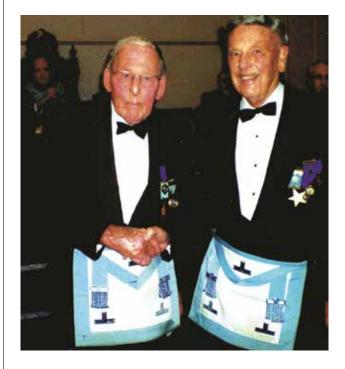
Lodge Esk has a strong fraternal relationship with Lodge Dorset, and every year since 1947 both Lodges have held Official Visits between each other. Rt.Wor.Bro. Whittle recalled that in June 1962 over 30 Dorset members attended Esk for their annual visit and they conducted the ceremony of Initiation for Bro. Denby.

On this recent occasion Lodge Dorset members once again visited Esk officially and took the respective Offices to conduct a Third Degree ceremony with Esk member Bro. Kevin Quigley being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

There were approximately 55 in attendance and at the conclusion of the evening they enjoyed a wonderful

supper in the South, with many noisy recollections of Past Official Visits.

Ray Chell & Don Simpson



# Transmission of Law by Myth and Narrative



By **Rabbi Dr. Gary Lilienthal** LL.B., Grad. Dip. Legal Pract., M. Psych., Ph. D.

Myth includes bundles of believability. Transmission of the ancient law is in

the form of mythical narrative based

on bundles of parts of myths.

Masonic degrees resemble forms of

transmission of ancient and wise law.

Gary Lilienthal

### Building blocks of transmitting ancient law

Claude Levi-Strauss noted that myths contained what he called bundles of believable truths. Consider the myth of Narcissus. Narcissus was a handsome young man, and a lovely girl called Echo was very attracted to him. She followed him everywhere, hoping to catch his attention, however he ignored her. Ignoring the girl reduced her to a mere repetition of what he said, hence the echo. Narcissus was so in love with himself, that when he came upon a pool of mirror-smooth water, he reached out to hug his image unable to distinguish it from himself. We are captured by the story, relating it to aspects of our own lives, as bundles of believability.

Plutarch was able to find parallels between sets of two very famous lives, based on commonalities in their early childhood memories, their educational exploits, and their wins and losses in the drama and war of life. His works were believable because he interwove maxims in them. Arguably, this shows part of the central and most important work of priestcraft. For example, the official finding of the fifth book of Moses in the Ark of the Covenant was arguably a work of priestcraft designed to deify the source of the book. The Talmudic Tractate *"Ethics of the Fathers"* lists the primary required characteristics of a priest, and of a king. Those of the priest are a proper subset of those of the king.

### Priestcraft and transmission of the law

A discussion of the legends of Proteus suggests a certain implication of underlying old laws into modern laws by ancient customary royal and priestly techniques. It suggests an underlying very old customary image of law will re-emerge to each seeker of the truth, and that this underlying personal truth will be amenable to clarification by findings of fact. The argument is sustained by referring to the writings of O'Nolan and Beloe.

O'Nolan suggested that Proteus was a god of human extraction with no background. He seemed to be a late arrival among the gods, whose credentials had not been very carefully checked. The first account of Proteus was Homer's. He described 'an old man of the sea' who was a keeper of seals, who sought a daily siesta on the island of Pharos with his ungainly flock. He was a prophet who, if seized, would change his shape, becoming a tree, or a river, or fire, or assuming various beastly shapes in his efforts to escape his captor. If he was held, he would eventually resume his own shape and divulge his prophetic knowledge. This was reminiscent of how the various animal head-pieces worn ceremonially by ancient Egyptian kings gave rise to the shape-changing legend of Proteus. [K. O'Nolan, The Proteus Legend, Hermes, Vol. 88, No. 2 (May, 1960), pp. 129-138, 129,132,134,137.]

Beloe's view was of a king taking on the guise of a deity. Beloe recorded that the successor of King Pheron of Egypt was a citizen of Memphis, whose name the in Greek tongue was Proteus. Proteus was an Egyptian



Gary Lilienthal, Robert Dick & John the Duke of Avram at the presentation of the Volume of the Sacred Law

title of the deity, under which he was worshipped, both in the Pharos and at Memphis. He was the same as Osiris and Canobus, and particularly the god of mariners, who confined his department to the sea. [William Beloe (transl.) *The History of Herodotus*, Leigh and Sotheby, London, 1741, 344, fn 197.] This view suggests a governing official adopting an ancient form for purposes of government.

At this point we might conjecture that laws are built from narratives that are generally and expressly acceptable to the public. During times when few people could read, these new laws were transmitted in a play constructed by the priests. The king commissioned such plays when he wanted to enact a new law. These kinds of law were therefore of the most ancient kind, because they were enacted at a time when people's mode of thought was more predominantly mythical than analytical. **Conclusion** 

From this discussion it can be argued that masonic



degrees maintain their timeless authority because they remain the transmission of humankind's oldest and wisest laws.

Rabbi Gary Lilienthal, Mr David Clark & Mr Stephen Graetzer, with the Torah containing the Scroll of the Law.

Editors Note:

I attended the Ceremonial service organised by the Companions of the Tasmanian Union Royal Arch Chapter at the Hobart Synagogue on 19th June 2012. This article, prepared by Rabbi Lilienthal, is taken from his lecture. It was a wonderful evening with all being made very welcome and allowed us to glimpse some of the Jewish traditions and visit the Hobart Synagogue.

Rosemary



# Masonic Motor Cycle Association of Australia Tasmania Chapter – June Ride

On a Sunday that promised no rain, and it didn't, six riders and one pillion turned up at Montrose for the ride however, Shakas (Peter Shacklady) – crook leg 'n' all, turned up only to say that he wasn't riding with us due to his leg 'playing up'.

With our Northern counterparts, newly installed Deputy President John Slore (PDGM), and his obvious better half Dot, in attendance we took off for an appointment at the Possum Shed at Westerway, for hot coffees, fresh scones, jam and cream – settle Deano, settle - with the exception of David Macrow, who had raisin toast.

We took the back road from Montrose to New Norfolk via Molesworth which in parts, yours truly found to be a tad slippery. As we know the road to Westerway is a good one and today proved no exception although arriving at the Possum Shed, we all said we felt the cold. Refreshed and with hot food warming us through slightly, we headed off for our next appointment, the Bothwell Pub for a counter meal, via what is one of our favourite pieces of road, the road between and Hamilton and Bothwell across Dunrobin.

A good pace was had, well and ably led by Paul Goninon, it is hoped that Craig Deane riding as sweep, took some good footage with his camera mounted on the handle bars of his bike. In addition, John Slore had a similar video camera attached to his helmet so again, we may get some footage in the near future. No pressure Deano/John, but we are looking forward to seeing the results of your exploits with your new toys.

Big meals/lunches consumed except for Dot & I who were more refined and had a bowl of soup each. No we didn't share and slurp together!!!!

With goodbyes to John & Dot, it was off through the township of Bothwell and on to Melton Mowbray where John & Dot turned North for home with the rest of us heading South. Ride verdict: A good/enjoyable ride was had by all.



Until next time and as always, Ride safe, stay safe...... Alan 'AB' BURTON, President

The MMAA National AGM is happening in Tasmania over the Australia Day weekend 26-28 January 2013 . Contact Alan Burton (0418 506 183), Craig Deane (0408 129 643) or John Slore (0467 559 697) for more details or check the chapter webpage <u>www.lodgepembroke.org/MMAATas/index.htm</u> for information and updates.

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# Burnie Masonic Scholarship Presentations

The June meeting of the Burnie Lodge featured the Annual Burnie Masonic Scholarships Certificate presentations; which this year were presented by the head of Freemasonry in Tasmania Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. C J (John) Wallace from Wynyard.

The Wor. Master of Burnie Lodge V Wor. Bro. R. M. (Mark) Stillman welcomed the students, their families and educators as well as visiting Masons and Lodge ladies.

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

Winner of the Hilton Sharpe Scholarship and ex Marist College student Alexandra Noyman is now studying in the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology at the University of Tasmania's Hobart Campus and outlined her progress to date.

The winners of the D. I. Bartley Scholarships are both grade nine pupils, Adriana Byrne Batchelor from Burnie High and Estelle Armstrong from Parklands High. They thanked the members for the financial support they received.

Cheques of \$2000 for the Hilton Sharpe Scholarship and \$300 for each of D. I. Bartley were presented at an earlier date from monies raised by the lodge Members and bequests from the estates of the late Bros Ernest West and Roy Conroy.

A very successful evening concluded with a Buffet Supper.



Most Wor Bro C. J. (John) Wallace; Estelle Armstrong, Alexandra Noyman and Adriana Byrne Batchelor

Gerry Gunton Secretary Burnie Masonic Lodge.

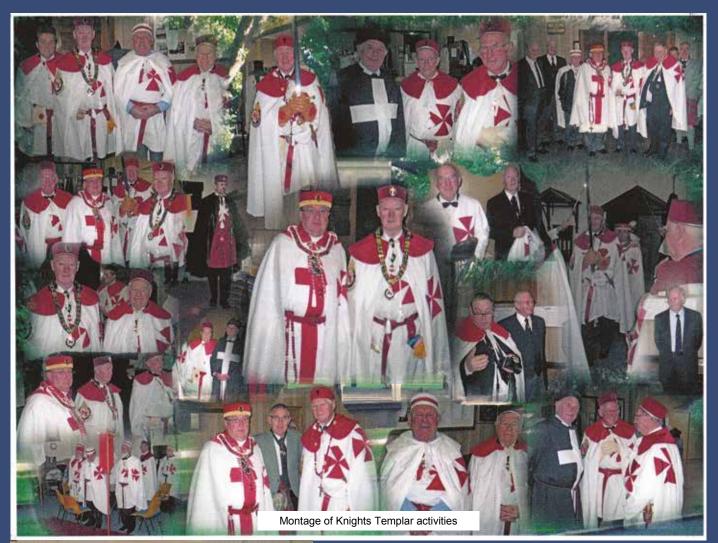


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W Bro. Peter Butterfield, Lodge Bowen; MW Bro Alan Swinton, Lodge Beltana; W Bro. Barry Hyland, Lodge Clarence; and W Bro. Graham Alomes, Lodge Pembroke (see story page 10)

Lew Hawthorne proudly sitting with his daughters, Sharon and Denise after receiving his 50 year Jewel - see page 10)



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