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Rt Wor Bro Maurice Lawson congratulating Rt Wor Bro William (Bill) Bannon for his 60 year Bar

From the Editor

Thank you once again for the wonderful selection of interesting articles for this issue.

It's wonderful to see so many names in the Welcome Aboard list - want a great way to introduce new members to Freemasonry - send in a photo and an article to introduce them to other lodge members.

Installations are another great event to share, this night is a great achievement for the new Master of your Lodge and I am sure members from other Lodges would look forward to sharing your evening.

If you have a photo to go with your article it gives readers so much more information. To make sure your photos come up nicely in print, please scan them at 300 dpi as a minimum, and send to me as a high quality jpg image.

Next issue needs to be out before the Grand Installation and I will be working on the magazine during Christmas - please send your articles at any time before the closing date to editor@freemasonrytasmania.org.

Best wishes

Rosemary Bruce-Mullins

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From the Grand Master MW Bro C J (John) Wallace

As we pass into the final six months of my term as Grand Master, I take the time to pause and reflect. So many things have happened; so many friends and so many acquaintances have been made.

Our Lodge numbers and membership have declined, but I am confident we are nearing a point of stabilisation. Many Lodges are attracting good quality and keen applicants. And through this avenue I am sure our future is secure.

I again express my thanks for the support and assistance forwarded me by so many Brethren. Without it, one could never experience the enjoyable and rewarding journey a Grand Master undertakes.

One of the more substantial projects we have undertaken in recent times has been the establishment of the Grand Master's Bushfire Appeal, which is now nearing completion. After the devastating fires which ravaged a number of Tasmanian Communities, an appeal for their relief was circulated through-out the

Tasmanian and Mainland Jurisdictions. I am pleased to say that a figure in excess of \$90,000 was achieved, but particular thanks must be extended to the Newcastle Region Natural Disaster Trust for their generous donation from part of a surplus from the Newcastle Earthquakes Appeals. The President of the Board of Benevolence, assisted by a small task-force had identified needy projects in the affected communities and has announced the recipient of the funds.

I am pleased that we have been able to contribute to the relief of some of those who have been so tragically affected, and my sincere gratitude is extended to those who have been able to contribute.

I look forward to these last 6 months, which will culminate in the installation of my successor and ask for the same support for him as has been so generously given to me.

John Wallace

Chairman, Keith Graver Steps Down



After more than fourteen years of service as a Board member of the Freemason's Homes of Southern Tasmania, the Chairman, Mr. Keith Graver, tendered his resignation from the Board effective from 27th March 2013.

Mr Graver was first appointed to the Board in November 1998 and was elected as Chairman in September 2008, he was also Chair of the Home's Clinical Governance Committee and an active member of the Home's Strategic Planning Committee.

The Board wishes to formally acknowledge the valuable contribution Mr. Graver has made to the Home. The former Deputy Chairman, Mr. Terry Dann, was unanimously elected to replace Mr. Graver as Chairman.

Mr. Michael O'Farrell has taken on the position of Deputy Chairman. At the June 2013 meeting of the Board, Mr. Peter Aiken was officially appointed to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Graver's resignation.

Greg Burgess, Chief Executive Officer

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The Supreme Council of the AASR Appoints New District Commander for Bass

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia has appointed V. III. Bro Ray Chell as District Commander for Bass.

"Ray is an excellent choice for the position" said M. III. Bro Bill Morgan, Regional Commander for Tasmania. "He is a well-respected Freemason in Tasmania and has served the Rite with distinction as District Recorder for the last fourteen years and as a former Sovereign of Ernest Clark Sovereign Chapter and Grand Commander of the Northern Tasmania Sovereign Council".

V. III. Bro Chell assumed his new position on 1 July 2013 following the retirement of V. III. Bro. Greg Parkinson. V. III. Bro Parkinson, who was previously District Commander for Tasmania, and later District Commander for Bass (Northern Tasmania) when Tasmania was created a Region of the AASR in its own right, completed his five-year term of office on 30 June.

V. III. Bro Chell was elevated to the 33rd degree in Sydney on 20 June during Supreme Council Week when all Sovereign Grand Inspectors' General are summoned to an annual convocation. He will be formally installed as District Commander at a ceremony to be held at the Masonic Centre in Launceston on Saturday 17 August in conjunction with a meeting of the Ernest Clark Sovereign Chapter.

V. III. Bro Greg Parkinson



The Tasmanian Contingent at the 33rd Degree Convocation – left to right: Bill Morgan, Ray Chell, Greg Parkinson, Rob Clarke

Masonic Education

During the past few months, your Masonic Education Team has been putting in place our plans for the future direction of Masonic Education in Tasmania.

This has been greatly assisted and enhanced by members of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Masonic Education team, led by V W Bro Dr Ruary Bucknell, who have discussed their programme and demonstrated the educational material they deliver to their new members. Interestingly, older members of the Craft in Victoria are now undertaking this education programme with great enjoyment.

As a result, your Masonic Education Team has developed a proposed Programme for Tasmania. It will consist of a mixture of the current Tasmanian Degree material and the Victorian Masonic Advancement Programme. The outline of this Programme has been considered by the Board of General Purposes and will be implemented in September. Three intrastate meetings will be arranged in the South, North and North West with Lodge Mentors to outline the Programme, their role and the long term future direction of the Tasmanian Masonic Education Programme.

While this development work was undertaken, parts of the proposed Programme have been trialled at well attended meetings at Lodge Scotch College and Poulett Lodge. Both meetings created considerable interest and discussion from all masons present.

Your Masonic District Education officers are:

- W Bro Gary Reid [South]
- V W Bro Reg Frost [North]
- Rt W Bro Neil Bugg [North West].

We look forward to implementing our Programme and raising the awareness and interest of all members in Tasmania.

*R.W. Bro. S.R. Zichy-Woinarski PDGM,
Grand Superintendent Masonic Education - Tasmania*



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The Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania Inc.

Redevelopment of the Lindisfarne Motor Inn Property
Freemasons Homes has closed the Lindisfarne Motor Inn and the property is now available for redevelopment for the nursing home. Planning for extensions and modifications are now well advanced by the architects. The first application for overall planning approval to proceed was lodged with the Clarence City Council at the end of June 2013

The proposed work will consist of 3 parts: a new 38 bed wing of the nursing home, a new administration area directly off East Derwent Highway, and expansion of the community hub or gathering area where larger functions and activities can be held.

The Board intends to re-house residents from Bowditch Hostel in the new wing of 38 rooms to enable them to join their fellow residents at the Ballawinne Road facility. This relocation will see all the Bowditch Hostel residents move at the same time. There will be separate lounge and dining facilities as there are at Bowditch Hostel now, and all rooms will have garden views and be on the one level.

Plans for the proposed redevelopment are on display at both the Bowditch Hostel and the Ballawinne Road facility. It is hoped that work on the proposed redevelopment will commence around March/April 2014.

Re-accommodation of Bowditch Hostel residents will not happen before mid-2015 at the earliest. There are a number of options for the future of Bowditch Hostel which will be considered by the Board over the coming 12 months. However, first priority is being given to planning and completion of the new facility at the moment.

This is an exciting change in the life of Freemasons Homes, and has come about largely because of the opportunity to acquire the former Motor Inn. Additional information will continue to flow over the coming months as planning progresses.

Greg Burgess, Chief Executive Officer



Zhou Fen & Guo Xinyu

Another Version of The Masons Apron at Lodge Phoenix Installation Banquet!



Greg Parkinson, John Wallace, Pam Sangwell & Alan Sangwell

When Worshipful Brother Greg Parkinson was arranging his installation banquet he knew exactly what he wanted by way of entertainment. He phoned a friend and expert violin player, Guo Xinyu, and said, "If I twist your arm could you play a Scottish reel for me called *The Mason's Apron*".

It was a big ask of Xinyu who is a classically trained violinist and had no experience of playing Celtic music.

Fortunately, Xinyu embraced the project with enthusiasm, got on YouTube to listen to other players and wrote her own version. Xinyu's performance was warmly applauded by all present and her teachers at the Conservatorium of Music in Hobart, particularly Jun Yi Mah, Concert Master of the TSO, would have been proud of her.

Xinyu also played a traditional Chinese work, *The Jasmine Flower*, together with talented pipa (Chinese lute) player Zhou Fen. "Zhou Fen is like a second daughter to us, we have known her since she was a student at the University of Tasmania", said Greg. "I heard Fen and Xinyu play together at the New Year celebrations hosted by the Chinese Buddhist community in Hobart. They played together exquisitely after just one rehearsal and I knew I had to have them both play that piece at my installation banquet", he said.

Xinyu is a Master of Music graduate of the Conservatorium of Music. Fen is a Bachelor Education Honours graduate of UTAS and is also a graduate of the Conservatorium of Music in Tienjin, China. Xinyu subsequently played at the installation banquet of Worship Brother Douglas Deringer, Master of Lodge Scotch College.

Greg was installed in the Chair of King Solomon by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Both John Wallace and the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Alan Sangwell, accompanied by his wife Pam, attended the installation banquet which was held at the Launceston Club.

Wor Bro Greg Parkinson

50 Year Jewel V W Bro Bill Robinson



At the March meeting of Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge, Rt W Bro Cec Duncombe presented V W Bro Bill Robinson with his 50 Year Jewel.

V Wor Bro Robinson was initiated on the 16th February 1963 into Empire Lodge No. 37TC, which was also his father's Lodge. He rose through the various offices becoming Worshipful Master in 1971/72. Bill took an active part in the Lodge taking on various offices including secretary for 6 years and becoming Worshipful Master again in 1999/2000.

He was elevated to Grand Lodge in 1982 serving in different offices and becoming Grand Director in 1986 and Grand Chaplain in 1988.

Bill resigned from Empire Lodge in 2001 and joined Daytime Lodge, playing an active part in that Lodge until its closure on 30th June 2012. He then joined Launceston-Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge.

Bill also extended his Masonic career joining Ernest Clark Rose Croix in 1984 and rose to Most Wise Sovereign in 1995/96 and 1996/97. He was promoted to the 30th Degree in 1997 and became Grand Commander in 2006, elevated to the 31st degree in 2006 and the 32nd in 2010. He was awarded the Order of Merit in 2007 for services rendered.

Bill also extended his masonry outside the lodge room becoming Empire Lodge's representative in 1992 for the Masonic Homes and become a Director in 1994 and Treasurer in 1996. Only resigning from this office when he became a resident in 2004.

He had the honour of being made a "Member for Life" on the 17th October 2012. Bill has also been involved in the Peace Haven Chapel since 2001 and is currently the Chairman.

Rt W Bro C P Edwards

60 year Pin - W Bro G A Horsburgh

At our Lodge meeting on 19th February 2013 following the Initiate lectures by Rt W Bro Zichy-Woinarski, Wor Bro Glen Horsburgh was invested with a 60 year pin, and I thank our Lodge members for forwarding my name and Grand Lodge for giving me the "job" of doing the presentation.

Highlights of Wor Bro Horsburgh's Masonic career

- He passed all degrees at Lodge Thistle (Vic 291) in 1951 - 1952.
- Joined Lodge Scotch College after being transferred by his employer Gordon & Gotch as Manager in 1969.
- A very good worker over all the years at Scotch.
- Organised social evenings and dinners for Brethren and Ladies
- Solely annually bought six books for the Lodge for presentation at the School Speech night to students 9, 10, 11 & 12 for "Character and Effort"
- Organised the book stall at the annual Peace Haven fair which raised thousands of dollars
- Is a long serving member of a Rotary Club and received a Paul Harris Fellowship

V Wor Bro Kevin G Kiel



V W Bro K G Kiel, ODS (Past Grand Secretary) presenting a 60 year Bar to W Bro G A Horsburgh at Lodge Scotch College

60 Year Bar - Rt W Bro William (Bill) Bannon

On March 21st, 2013 I had the great pleasure, on behalf of The Grand Master, to present a 60 year Bar to Rt W Bro Bill Bannon at his Mother Lodge, Roland.

The night was one of the wildest that we had experienced for a long time, electrical storms, extremely heavy rain and strong winds, but by the number who attended the meeting from across the North West Coast, Northern Area and West Coast, the Lodge was full, it showed the high esteem in which R W Bro Bannon was held, otherwise it was one of those nights you would have stayed at home.

Bill was initiated into Roland Lodge on January 10th, 1953; was passed on the 13th of March in the same year and raised on the 11th April, again in the same year, which in those times was very unusual, but behind the scene, the Lodge had an ulterior motive, they needed an Organist.

In October of the same year he took over the role as Organist, and apart from the years he was Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master, he continued in the role, and is still, thank goodness, as these specialists are few and far between.

In 1962 he started his move to Master by assuming the Junior Warden's Chair, and in 1963 Senior Warden and in 1964, Master, then back to his role as Organist.

In 1958 he was approached by the then W Bro Elliston of Concord Lodge to play the organ at Concord, which he readily accepted, so he was now Organist at both lodges.

In 1976 Roland conferred Life Membership on Bill for his outstanding service. He affiliated finally with Concord in 1979, having been organist since 1958, and in 1980 Concord also conferred Life Membership on him, and in 1992 he became Master of Concord Lodge.

So, apart from 4 years whilst in Office, he has been Organist for both lodges as well as assisting in many other lodges and Grand Lodge, but still played at one when in office at the other.

In 1976 he had conferred on him the rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer, and in 1990 the rank of Past Deputy Grand Director, in 2009 he was raised to the position of Past Grand Warden.

In 1968 he joined Coronation Sovereign Chapter of the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia, where he

received the 18th degree; worked through the various offices, and now holds the 31st degree; and unusual as it may seem, has also assisted with the organ in that order.

In 2003 Bill was presented with his 50 year Jewel, by Most Worshipful Bro Kearon, and I had the greatest of pleasure tonight, on behalf of Grand Lodge and all those in attendance to present the jewel to him with the 60 year bar attached.

Maurice R Lawson, PDGM



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The Freemasons Homes of Southern Tasmania Inc.

At the Freemasons' Homes in Lindisfarne, residents in the Independent Living Units are getting ready to learn about the joys of accessing the internet using the latest technology.

A project with MacKillop College in Mornington will see students teach residents how to use iPads connected to the internet via Wi-Fi. A pair of students will visit each resident in their homes, every fortnight until the end of the year. A users' group will be formed and it is hoped the residents will support each other as they learn these new skills. The students will also compile a simple manual for the residents to use. The Aged Care Foundation of Freemasons' Homes will finance the infrastructure for this project and residents will buy the computers from Freemasons' Homes with a monthly or six monthly payment plan.

Because each student at MacKillop has an iPad, their skills are impressive and their willingness to share their knowledge with older members of the community is heart-warming. Initial visits, from MacKillop College computer staff, will include a group session with Independent Living Unit residents and subsequent visits will provide individual tuition for each resident or couple. The potential for friendships to develop is seen as a major benefit.

MacKillop College believes the benefits for their students will include a greater understanding of the ageing process, development of patience, improved communication, the ability to work as part of a team and enhanced writing and planning skills.

Some of the Independent Living Unit residents have never used a computer, while others are proficient users so there will be challenges for students and residents alike. Using Skype to chat to family and friends overseas, using a search engine to access the latest news or to find a recipe or just undertaking online banking are some of the delights in store for residents of Freemasons' Homes.

To learn more about this project, or for more information about the Aged Care Foundation, please contact its Executive Officer, Christine Howard by email choward@fmhtas.com.au or call 0408 101 449.

Lodge Phoenix Demonstrates Table Lodge

At its last meeting the brethren of Lodge Phoenix re-enacted a traditional European-style table lodge, for brethren and guests, at the Masonic Centre in Launceston.

The toasts were done in traditional style with a triangular movement at chest height accompanied by the acclamation 'Vivat, vivat, vivat', or 'Vivant, vivant, vivant' depending on whom or what was being toasted. The glasses were then 'fired' on the table in traditional fashion.

"Some of those not used to the tradition were startled by the loud banging when glasses were 'fired' on the table", said Worshipful Master, Greg Parkinson. "Indeed, as the night progressed, and we had a lot of toasts, the firing became more exuberant but good fun was had by all", he said.



W. Bro. Greg Parkinson and V. Bro. Ian Green of Lodge Phoenix practising their toasting technique with Masonic charging glasses'

The table lodge was preceded by a presentation on Freemasonry in the Lodge Room by the Worshipful Master for non-Masonic guests, and viewing of the video on Freemasonry produced by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The 52 brethren and guests attending were treated to a five course meal.

W M Greg Parkinson



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Lodge Lauriston - Charity

Lodge Lauriston 72 T.C. held Charity fund raising nights throughout 2012 to allow it to donate towards George Town Community needs and have continued this charitable work within the community during 2013.

The Lodge has been supported in raising charity funds not only by its members, wives, visiting Brethren and friends in attending the actual fund raising nights but also through the generosity of local businesses.

W Bro Chris Hogan presented a cheque for \$500 to the Principal of Star of the Sea College, Mrs Tricia Phillips, while Pre-Primary and Kinder students looked-on. Mrs Phillips said "As our generous donors envisaged that the funds would be used to enrich the learning programme for our youngest students, we are excited to gain two key pieces of equipment: an Art storage file and a wardrobe/trolley for the dress-up corner of the "Little Stars" Early Learning Centre".

W Bro Tim Parish presented the George Town Hospital Auxiliary with a cheque for \$500, which will enable the purchase of a secure medication trolley to be used within the George Town District Hospital wards.

*Rt. Wor. Bro. Lyle Knowles
Secretary of Lodge Lauriston*



W. Bro Chris Hogan presenting the cheque for \$500 to Principal of Star of the Sea College, Mrs Tricia Phillips

Freemates Scholarship

On 22 May 2013 in company with V W Bro Lance Brown, V W Bro Peter Calvert and his wife Linda, the Deputy Grand Master, Rt W Bro Allan Sangwell, presented Miss Olivia Kaczorek with her Freemates Scholarship. Olivia is studying for her Bachelor of Pharmacy at the University of Tasmania, Hobart Campus.

More than 500 applications were received for this year's scholarship and, after an exhausting examination by both the University of Tasmania and a panel selected by the Board of Benevolence, it was agreed to award the Scholarship to Olivia.

Olivia, who lives with her parents and younger brother at Glenorchy was educated at Dominic College and completed Years 11 and 12 at Guilford Young College.

Mr Eoin Breen of the University of Tasmania arranged an afternoon tea for the presentation, where fellowship was enjoyed by all and Olivia shared her expectations for the future.

The Freemates Scholarship is jointly administered by the University and Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

The picture shows the Deputy Grand Master presenting Olivia with her Scholarship in the presence of the Secretary of the Board of Benevolence, V W Bro Lance Brown.



V W Bro Lance Brown, R W Bro Allan Sangwell and Miss Olivia Kaczorek

Lodge Scotch College Masonic Prizes

The *Scotch Oakburn College Celebration publication 2012* gives Origins of Awards and Prizes that are presented to College students each years.

The Lodge entry reads "Lodge Scotch College was founded in 1963 by Masons who were either Old Boys or who had a connection with the College. This society, which is non-sectarian, enables men from all walks of life to meet in fellowship."

The 2012 awards were made to:

The Year 11 Lodge Scotch College Masonic Prize for Character and Academic effort:

- Chantal de Sousa
- Maxwell Davey

The Year 10 Lodge Scotch College Masonic Prize for Character and Academic effort:

- Claire McLenaghan
- Chester James-Smith

Burnie Masonic Scholarships

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

The Worshipful Master of Burnie Lodge, V W Bro K J Wallace welcomed the students, their families and educators, together with the Burnie Lodge Ladies and the Ladies of visiting masons.

The meeting was addressed by Medical Student and former Scholarship Recipient Bradley Williams on his first visit to the Lodge since his award in 2011. He highlighted the benefits he had received and his progress in his university studies.



VW Bro K. J. Wallace, Jasper Quilliam; Nicholas Wilson; Karan Boseley; Most Wor Bro C. J. Wallace G. M.

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

Winner of the Hilton Sharpe Scholarship and ex Marist College student Nicholas Wilson is now studying at the University of Tasmania undertaking a Bachelor of Art and Business Management course.

The winners of the DI Bartley Scholarships were Grade Nine pupils Karan Boseley from Parklands High School and Jasper Quilliam from Burnie High School, both thanked the members for the financial support they had received.

Cheques of \$2000 for the Hilton Sharpe Scholarship and \$300 for each of DI Bartley winners had been presented at an earlier date from monies raised by the Lodge Members and bequests from the estates of the late Bros Ernest West and Roy Conroy.

The presentations were followed by the Grand Master, Educators, Students and Guests joining the Lodge members for a buffet supper, making it a very successful and enjoyable evening.

*Gerry Gunton
Secretary Burnie Masonic Lodge.
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Masonic and Social Club of Tasmania

The Masonic and Social Club of Tasmania (MASCOT) grew out of the demise of the Masonic Club of Tasmania. We meet for lunch on the last Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday bi-monthly starting with a cray bake in January and ending with our Christmas Luncheon at the end of November. We meet at different venues and endeavor to keep meal costs down to \$35 per head including the first drink. Membership is not restricted to Freemasons and their families, so bring extended family or guests to our luncheons.

The 2013 Cray Bake!



George Sanders & Peter Calvert

The weather was fine, the crayfish were wonderful and the company excellent, with 26 in attendance and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Voluntary donations from those in attendance, together with a

“Dutch Auction” for the two remaining crayfish, raised a total of \$371 toward the Grand Masters Bushfire Appeal. This was a particularly fine and generous effort considering the number of



Jan Webberley & David Ferguson

Members in attendance – well done! The auction winners were Peter Calvert and Jan Webberley.

The next two luncheons are:

- Monday 30th Sept 2013 - Motor Yacht Club of Tas
- Tuesday 26th Nov 2013 - Balmoral Motor Inn

If you would like to join the group please contact Secretary, Phillip Oddie, Ph: 03 6227 9309 Email: pfnda@iinet.net.au or President, Paul Howard paul@gvm.net.au.

*Paul Howard
President*

News from other Jurisdictions

Anniversaries Galore

2012 and 2013 have seen, or are about to see, a whole raft of Masonic anniversaries, including:

- **The celebration of 275 years since Freemasonry was introduced into Germany from England.** The first lodge established in Germany, *Absalom to the Three Nettles*, was consecrated in Hamburg on 6 December 1737. The celebrations, held in Hamburg in Sept and Oct 2012, included the world premiere of an orchestral piece written especially for the occasion: *Masonic Symphony for Large Orchestra, Choir, and Soloists*, by Gloria Bruni. On this occasion the 'large orchestra' was the Hamburg Symphony Orchestra.
- **The centenary, in 2012, of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.** Although lodges working under other jurisdictions had been established in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Grand Lodge of the Philippines was not established until 1912. The event was marked by celebrations held in Manila in November 2012.
- **The celebration, this year, of the 175th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.** The anniversary is being recognized by an exhibition in the Historic Arkansas Museum entitled *Treasures of Arkansas Freemasonry 1838 – 2013*, that also features George Washington's family bible. By the way, did you know that Washington took his oath as President of the United States on a bible hastily brought from the nearby St John's Lodge No 1 when it was found that no bible had been provided for his inauguration.
- **The celebration in 2013 by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of 275 years of Freemasonry in Canada.** It is remarkable to find the Freemasonry was introduced into Canada in the same year that it was introduced into Germany.
- **The centenary, in May 2013, of The Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers, and Bricklayers** (The Operatives).
- **The centenary, in November 2013, of the Honorable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons.** Believe it or not, this is a women's Masonic fraternity founded in November 1913 at a ceremony held in Freemasons Hall, London. The Fraternity had its roots in Co-Freemasonry and was established by English Co-Masons who felt that the organisation was departing from traditional Masonic forms. The first Grand Master was Mrs. Elizabeth Boswell-Reid who held office from 1913 to 1933.
- **The bicentenary, in December 2013, of the United Grand Lodge of England** brought about by the union of the 'Ancients' and the 'Moderns' with HRH the Duke of Sussex (a son of King George III) as the first Grand Master.
- **The centenary, in December 2013 of the establishment of the Grande Loge Nationale Française.** Understandably, the French National Grand Lodge hopes to be back in amity before that date with those Grand Lodges that have temporarily withdrawn recognition, so that the centenary celebrations can be held in a true spirit of Masonic collegiality.

Did you know

The following are snippets from the *Masonic Times*.

- That **Freemasonry will be re-established in Egypt in 2013** with the consecration of Lodge Imhotep. The Lodge will work under a foreign constitution until a Grand Lodge of Egypt is established. Although Egyptian Freemasonry has a long history, Freemasons have not been able to practice their craft in recent decades because of the political climate.

- That Brother Radu Viasile 33°, Premier of Romania from April 1998 to December 1999, died on 3 July 2013 aged 71. He was formerly a Professor at the Academy of Economic Studies.
- That Freemasonry became legal in the United Arab Emirates on 28 February 2013.
- That Michael Baigent, co-author of *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*, died of a stroke on 22 June 2013. Michael was, from 1991, editor of *Freemasonry Today* and was a Past Grand Officer of the United Grand Lodge of England. He will be sadly missed.

From the blog of Robert Cooper, Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Scotland:

- Adolph Eichmann's first job at the Gestapo was not to 'deal' with the Jews but rather to 'deal' with the Freemasons of Germany. That job was to create a card index system of all Freemasons in Germany. At that time the Gestapo section devoted to Freemasonry was larger than that for Jews. Many thousands of Freemasons were sent to the gas chamber. The figure of 80,000 is generally accepted as a conservative estimate for Europe.

What's Happening in France?

Brethren will know that the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, following the lead of the United Grand Lodge of England and the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, has temporarily withdrawn recognition of the Grande Loge Nationale Française (GLNF). This action followed irregularity in the administration of the Grande Loge by the then Grand Master, Bro Francois Stifani, and his irregular action in gaining reappointment as Grand Master. The subsequent turmoil within the GLNF, leading to the formation of break-away groups, caused a number of Grand Lodges throughout the world to withdraw recognition until the situation in France had been regularised.

The French Government subsequently appointed a court official to administer the Grande Loge and conduct an election for a new Grand Master. As of 1 December 2012 the GLNF recovered self-government with a new Grand Master, Bro Jean-Pierre Serval, at the helm. Bro Serval was elected Grand Master after having gained an overwhelming majority of the votes in the election conducted by the court official.

On 24 June 2013, Bro. Serval wrote to all Grand Lodges advising that *"the return to a state of calm and Masonic reality within the GLF is now a tangible reality"* and emphasising that the brethren of the GLNF have *"expressed their allegiance to the basic standards of traditional Freemasonry and more particularly their eagerness to apply scrupulously and unambiguously the basic principles of regularity prescribed by the GLNF's Mother Lodge, The United Grand Lodge of England"*.

Several of the Masonic jurisdictions that had withdrawn recognition, including the Grand Lodge of Washington and the Grand Orient of Brazil, have now re-established fraternal relations with the GLNF. The Grand Lodge of Tasmania will do so when the GLNF's Mother Lodge, The United Grand Lodge of England, is truly happy that the situation has stabilised and that the work of the GLNF is, indeed, regular. Let us all hope this can be achieved in time for the centennial celebrations.

W Bro Greg Parkinson

Grand Lodge Fraternal Relations Officer

Relay for Life Record NW Benevolence Society

The North West, West Coast and King Island Lodges who together comprise the N.W. Masonic Benevolence Society raised a record \$6,905 for this years Relay for Life.

Whilst the participating numbers were down to only 17, from 30 last year, those who contributed and helped can be proud of the part they played.

The weather varied from rather average to absolutely shocking, with the Relay itself being officially called off at about 8.45 am, by which time we had already decided to cease operations. Pulling a tent down in gale force winds and pouring rain proved to be a rather unpleasant task.

Lodge members, their wives and families and members of the Order of the Eastern Star kept the Square and Compasses baton moving around the circuit for the full time. There were only 4 members who participated in the horror shift (11.00 pm to 7.45 am); it is hoped we can attract more relayers for next year.

Freemasonry is receiving plenty of exposure, and the amount of money we raise towards this worthy cause is becoming acknowledged and praised.

V. Wor. Bro. Ken Knight (team captain)



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Lodge Clarence Camp Quality Donation

Lodge Clarence No. 46 TC recently conducted a raffle with \$700.00 being raised and donated to Camp Quality in recognition of the great work they carry out in their support of children living with cancer, and their families.

The main person behind this fundraiser was one of our young members Bro. Eddie Costello, who is an up and coming officer of the Lodge, and hope for the future of the Craft and our Lodge in particular.

Eddie came up with the idea of a fundraiser in support of a charity and backed this up by crafting a very fine TV cabinet as the main prize, this was then added to, with other Brethren of the Lodge chipping in with prizes.

We are very grateful to Eddie for his motivation and enthusiasm for putting in the time and effort to this project and congratulate him on its success and very pleased that the proceeds went to a very worthy cause.

The photo below shows Eddie Costello (centre) with V W Bro Peter Calvert (whose wife Lynda won the prize) and our Worshipful Master, W Bro Barry Hyland.

*John Wedd, Secretary
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Latest News from Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania

Peace Haven

Masonic Peace Haven is a hive of activity as building works proceed on the redevelopment of stage 1 of our dementia-specific care area, the Balfour Unit, which is expected to be completed in November this year.

The second and third stages, comprising 32 places will be funded by a capital grant awarded in the 2012/2013 Aged Care Approvals Round just announced. This work will restore Peace Haven's 48 approved places for high care, and in particular dementia care which have been reduced significantly over the past 2 years due to a lack of demand for shared facilities, internal environmental considerations and competition. The grant will also allow the refurbishment of the Community Centre, Day Care areas and Administration as well as constructing a further 12 Low Care places.

An additional bonus from the grant is the approval of a further 16 High Care places, which will be funded by a Zero Real Interest Loan of \$2,903,000.

This most exciting news is a real fillip for our organisation as the current buildings have served the community well since 1986 but are now well and truly due for replacement in order to meet contemporary care needs and community expectations. The Board views these redevelopments as crucial to the future of Peace Haven as it means we will have modern facilities to help us compete in an increasingly consumer-driven and competitive aged care market and meet the challenges of the Living Longer: Living Better model for aged care now legislated for Australia. Financial modelling shows that income will improve through a more realistic mix of residents and appropriate staffing levels.

When all stages are complete, Peace Haven will have 104 places on site with no distinction between High and Low Care. The proposal to update the traditional Low Care area to introduce more flexible models of care and accommodation is still in the planning stages.

Fred French

Fred French Home is also gearing up for a major building redevelopment following resolution of the energy source and signing of a Deed of Agreement with the Australian Government.

The plans include building three new wings, as well as a total rebuild of the existing Robinson and Wilkinson Wings which are the main areas in need of a complete replacement, as well as the laundry, catering service and car parking.

In a spirit of brotherhood and co-operation, the Peace Haven Board willingly donated a small parcel of its own land on the southern boundary to the Fred French Home in order to allow the Home to rebuild the Robinson and Wilkinson Wings as planned. If this boundary adjustment had not been granted, it would have meant deletion of several new rooms from the development and a reduction in the numbers of available places with financial consequences.

Retirement Villages

The refurbishment and resale of independent living units in all Peace Haven's retirement villages continues to be a very real challenge due to the continuing depressed real estate market, the age of the dwellings, the increasing practice in the general community for persons to stay longer in their own homes, and the greater expectations of persons coming into retirement villages. Over the past three years, there has been a 45% turnover rate within the 4 villages operated by Peace Haven. The Board is currently reviewing its policies and strategies in relation to the units in order to meet the changing trends in this sector.

On Friday 14th June the newly built Community Centre for the residents of Docking Court and Flowers Court Retirement Villages was officially opened, with about 60 in attendance. This attractive, well-designed building has proved to be a huge success with the residents already and of great benefit to the social and communal life within the villages. A photo of Edna Fryer cutting the celebratory cake is on page 14.

Masonic Care Alliance

We are pleased to report that Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania is now a member of the newly established alliance of care providers that operate not-for-profit organisations across all States and Territories of Australia, with tenets based in Freemasonry.

The Masonic Care Alliance was formed to address barriers being experienced in providing services and acknowledging that the system desperately needs reform. Following two years of planning, there was a unanimous decision in November 2012 to formally establish *Masonic Care Alliance Ltd*. The Board of MCAL comprises the Chief Executive Officers from the following organisations:

The Whiddon Group - NSW
Royal Freemasons - VIC
Star Gardens Residential - QLD
Masonic Care - WA
Masonic Homes Ltd – SA
Masonic Care – QLD, and
Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania - Tas

Already, the Board has been represented in Senate debates on the Living Longer: Living Better legislation and meeting key players at Departmental and Government levels.

The next six months will be extremely busy ones for both Peace Haven and Fred French but the Boards, Administration and Staff are looking forward to being a part of this exciting redevelopment of our Homes which will help us meet the changing face of aged care into the future.

*Maz Guy
for Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania*

Pacific Lodge - Grand Lodge Certificate Presentations

The Pacific Lodge was very proud of the latest three candidates to receive their Grand Lodge Certificates at a recent ceremony of the Lodge.

A PowerPoint presentation was displayed in the Lodge Room, created with the technical expertise and displayed by Rt W Bro Terry Dann PDGM accompanied by the explanation of the Certificate by Rt W Bro Paul Howard PGW.



The picture shows from left to right the recipients, Bro Chris Archer, Bro Colin Chamberlain and Bro Kurt Fuller.

The evening was further enhanced by an official visit of members of Poulett Lodge on their biennial visit.

Brethren and guests were also provided with an explanation of the welcome boards and appurtenances of Pacific Lodge incorporating Victory Lodge, Pacific Lewis Lodge and Rechab Lodge in the South by R W Bro Paul Howard.

Jack Clear

Picture: Wor Bro A Sproule

Lodge Scotch College Initiate Education

The first part of our Lodge meeting on 19th February 2013 was a continuation of explanation, to our first Initiate for many years, of the first degree by Rt W Bro Zichy-Woinarski.

We commend him for the talks to the Candidate at our last two regular meetings, which our Initiate and his friend, now a Fellowcraft, gained knowledge of the Craft. Zichy is an excellent teacher and I hope Grand Lodge encourage him to give these talks to all Northern candidates.

V Wor Bro Kevin G Kiel

Derwent Valley Autumn

Wor Bro Peter Shacklady conducted an Information Booth at the Derwent Valley Autumn fair on 14th April 2013, which was well received by the local patrons.

Many good connections with potential masons were made and have been passed on to relevant Lodges. Peter met some old Masons, some new masons and made contact with some parties interested in Masonry.

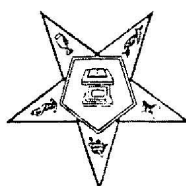
Worshipful Master Peter Shacklady, who is a member of the Masonic Motorcycle Association of Australia, had his bike on display. Many members of the public showed interest and lots of kiddies had their photos taken on the bike, a great public relations opportunity for the kids and adults alike...

The day was very successful and photos of the event are on the back cover.

Wor Bro Peter Shacklady



Celebrating the opening of the community centre at Newstead is Edna Fryer, the longest resident in the village, cutting the celebratory cake. Looking on, is V. W. Bro. Henry Harris P.G.I.L. a Life Member of both Peace Haven and Fred French.



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The Masonic Motorcycle Association of Australia (MMAA)'s National 2013 AGM was held in Tasmania over the Australia Day weekend.

Interstate visitors arriving with their bikes on the Spirit of Tasmania, were met by local chapter members who had ridden to Devonport on Thursday 24 January, 2013 and stayed overnight to ensure they were at the Spirit early on Friday morning to meet our visitors.

Leaving Devonport the group rode down the West Coast via Poatina, Great Lakes and Bothwell arriving at their accommodation at Risdon Big 4 Cabins where a welcome BBQ was held.

On Saturday 26 January riders made their way to Salamanca where they enjoyed breakfast and spent time enjoying the Salamanca market while their bikes were safely looked after by Shannon's Insurance. In the afternoon the group rode to take in the sights in the Huon Valley and the treetop walk at the Tahune Air Walk.

The Masonic Lodge at Lindisfarne was the venue for the National Annual General Meeting on Saturday afternoon. We congratulate Craig Deane on being elected National President, John Slore as National Secretary; Paul Goninon as National Treasurer and Peter Shacklady as a National Committee Member. An enjoyable evening of camaraderie and friendship followed where the catering provided by Chinooks Mobile Catering was greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

Sunday 27 January the riders travelled the East Coast and across to Campbell Town via Lake Leake to escort mainland members travelling on the evening sailing.

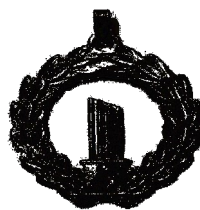
Alan Burton, Tasmania Chapter President, thanked all members for their efforts and commitment in making this year's MMAA National AGM a huge success for the Hobart Chapter as hosts, especially those who committed to the full 5 days (or the best part thereof) being Thursday through Monday. He congratulated those taking on National Association duties and wished them every success and pledged our continued support.

Alan also noted he was very pleased to receive positive, enthusiastic and constructive votes of thanks and appreciation from all involved. National Vice President, Terry Gardner posted on the Sydney Chapter Facebook webpage:

Alan, Many thanks to you and your team, our time in Tassie couldn't have been any better. We had a fantastic time. Gary and I escorted Paul home to Lithgow and continued on to our homes I arrived just after 8 pm and I expect Gary got in around 9 pm and safe and sound.

Next years MMAA National AGM will be held in Tamworth, NSW on Saturday 8th February, 2014.

Alan Burton, MMAA Tasmania President



The Broken Column

The Symbol of the Passing of a Member of the Craft

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R.W. Bro.	
W J Speddy	St Paul's Lodge
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W. Bro.	
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Southern Tasmanian Masonic Widow's Association

The Southern Tasmanian Masonic Widow's Assn brings together women, whose late husbands were Lodge members, enabling them to maintain the friendships they have made with other Lodge ladies.

The group meets at the Marquis of Hastings Hotel on the 4th Friday in each month (Feb to Nov) and arranges bus tour outings during the year.

Annual membership is only \$5.

If you would like further information on the association or to join, please contact the Secretary, Mrs Y House, on 03 6225 356 or President, Mrs Kath Venn OAM, JP, on 03 6231 1949.



Tasmanian Grand Master C J Wallace with the Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Pamela Sangwell (Tas) and the Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Sydney Down (NSW & ACT), at the Order of the Eastern Star United Grand Chapter of Australia Installation held in your fantastic and friendly state of Tasmania on 8th June 2013 in Hobart at Wrest Point.

Photo by: Bro Ian Dunkley , NSW



Initiation of Masonic Motorcycles Association of Australia, Tasmania Chapter member, Dave Olden into Devonport Masonic Lodge



Attendees at the Masonic Motorcycles Association of Australia, 2013 Annual General Meeting held in Tasmania.

Derwent Valley Autumn Festival
Photos by Peter Shacklady



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