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Outgoing Grand Master, MWBro John Wallace and Incoming Grand Master MWBro Allan Sangwell
at the Grand Installation at Wrest Point Casino, Hobart, 28 Feb 2014

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From the Editor

Thank you everyone for all the wonderful articles sent in for this issue.

Closing date for Feb 2015 is **1 Jan 2015** (the printer needs 6 weeks). I will be working on the magazine while I am on leave from my day job so please send all your contributions - editor@freemasonrytasmania.org as soon as they are available.

Best wishes - Rosemary Bruce-Mullins

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50 Year Jewel - Bro S Edwards



RWBro J Gerrard presented a 50 year jewel to Bro S Edwards of Lodge Heather on 18th March 2014.

It was a rare occasion where the presenter of the jewel, proposed the recipient into a Lodge 50 years ago.

RWBro Gerrard proposed Bro Edwards into Tamar Valley Lodge, where he was initiated on 15 Sept 1962, passed in 1963 and raised in April 1963. He affiliated with Lodge

Heather on 16 July 1985.

*VW Bro A Kusnezow, Secretary
Lodge Heather 64 TC*



Welcome Aboard

To our new brothers

M. R. Bennett	Esperance Lodge
K. D. Casalegno	Devonport
L. E. Clark	Lodge Esk
P. K. Johnston	Lodge Esk
T. S. King	Lodge Merton
S. C. J. Merlo	Lodge Pembroke
V. Merlo	Lodge Pembroke
W. M. Stuart	Lodge Pembroke
Q. Von Stieglitz	St Helens Lodge
A. Smith	Lodge Phoenix

From the Grand Master

MW Bro Allan Sangwell

It is my pleasure to report to you, on this my first occasion as your Most Worshipful Grand Master.

On Friday 28th February 2014 we witnessed a most spectacular and memorable Grand Installation at which time I was installed as the 37th Grand Master. The ceremony was conducted in the Wrest Point Convention Centre attended by many of our members, partners and friends.

Delegations were received from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania, Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland for the District of Tasmania, all interstate Sister Grand Lodges and also from New Zealand. The leaders of all delegations were greeted and welcomed by the Installing Grand Master, MWBro C. John Wallace.

During the Grand Installation we were entertained by the Tasmanian Song Company. Following my investiture as Grand Master I was delighted and ever so proud when my son, Darren sang *Bring Him Home* and *This is the Moment*.

Naturally, a well executed Grand Installation does not occur without a lot of planning. I am indebted to the members of the Grand Installation Planning Committee, ably chaired by MWBro Norm Cooper, who met regularly to ensure the smooth running of all events.

I thank the members of the Grand Installation Team and the Grand Master's Escort Team, representatives from all parts of the State, for their dedication in travelling to Campbell Town on many Sundays to attend rehearsals. The time spent at rehearsals proved very beneficial on the night.

My first Official Craft Visit was to my own Lodge, Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge, on the Wednesday following the Grand Installation. The work for the evening was a simulated third degree performed under the Western Australian Constitution by some of the members of the Western Australian delegation who attended the Grand Installation.

Towards the end of March I represented this Grand Lodge

at the Grand Installation of MWBro Hillel Benedykt of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. I was accompanied by a number of Grand Lodge brethren and their ladies. In May I attended the Grand Installation of the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria, again accompanied by a number of Grand Lodge officers, Worshipful Masters and ladies. I sincerely thank those members and ladies who accompanied Pam and I on these visits.

I take this opportunity to advise that the Grand Installations in the mainland States and New Zealand are open to all members of the Craft and their ladies, irrespective of rank. Pam and I would welcome your company on future visits.

Since my installation I have had the pleasure of conducting a number of Lodge installations, attending and participating in Anzac services and social events.

I thank you for your many good wishes and look forward to meeting with you during my term of office.

Allan Sangwell, Grand Master



The Sangwell Family at the Grand Installation
Nerissa Shelverton, Allan, Pam and Darren Sangwell

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St Helen's 2014 Installation

On Saturday January 25, 2014 RWBro J B Porter PGW, assisted by the North West Grand Lodge Team installed WBro Roger McKenzie as the 8th Worshipful Master of St Helens Masonic Lodge and invested the 2014 team of officers.

The ceremony was held at the Tidal Waters Motel. Following the ceremony the room was reconfigured, and ladies and guests were admitted for a most enjoyable banquet with musical items provided by a St Helens band which includes a number of members of the Lodge.

Since the consecration of the Lodge in 2006 the St Helens brethren have been aware of the travel involved for visitors to attend the Installation and sought ways to provide hospitality for those who have travelled. This has usually been a lunchtime barbecue and has met with only limited success.

This year, following the suggestions of some of the newer members, over 100 members, wives and friends gathered at the Billie Tea restaurant for breakfast. The venue was provided by Kelli and Bro Kerry Bilston and proved a resounding success. Everyone was well fed from the barbecue and participated in a couple of hours of fellowship before leaving to travel to various parts of the state. Even the stragglers were on the road by 10.00am.

None of the brethren in attendance could recall attending a breakfast following an installation, but based on the success of the event it will become a regular part of the St Helens calendar.

David Kay



MURRAY YAXLEY

On Australia Day 2014 Murray Yaxley was posthumously appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his 'significant service to community health through support for medical research, and to education'. See www.murrayaxley.com

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Burnie Masonic Lodge Scholarships Awarded

WBro Ted Stevens 40 Year Jewel

Isabella Patton, a former pupil of Marist Regional College, was the successful candidate in her selection as the winner of the 2014 Burnie Masonic Lodge **Hilton Sharpe Masonic Memorial Scholarship**.



Teegan Street & Isabella Patton

The \$2,000 award is presented annually to a student who is resident in Burnie and attends either Marist or Hellyer Colleges prior to gaining entry to university.

Isabella is enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts degree at the Launceston Campus of the University of Tasmania, and intends to become a social worker after graduation.

The cheque was presented to her at the Marist College awards night.

The Burnie Masonic **D. I. Bartley Memorial Scholarships** were awarded this year to Grade 9 students from both Burnie High School and Parklands High School. The students were selected by their respective schools, each receiving a cheque for \$300 as a financial aid towards their ongoing education.

Teegan Street of Parklands High School received her cheque from lodge member John Horton and Riley Fletcher of Burnie High was presented with his award by Richard Kern.

*Gerry Gunton Secretary
Burnie Masonic Lodge NO 89T.C.*



Teegan Street receiving her award from RWBro John Windram & VVBro David Greisbach

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WBro Donald Edward (Ted) Stevens, one of the few remaining active members of the former Burnie Rechab Lodge No 47 T.C.; now part of Burnie Masonic Lodge No 89 T.C., was presented with his 40 year certificate on behalf of Grand Lodge by RWBro Brian Poulter.

Ted, as he is popularly known, was initiated into Freemasonry on 22nd December 1973 and progressed from the rank of Junior Steward under the mentorship of his proposer and seconder WBros John Grooves and Charles Boon, to be elected to the Master's Chair in 1981 and again in 1984.

A founding member of Burnie Masonic Lodge he played a vital role as Assistant Director of Ceremonies during the inaugural year of the Lodge and has stood in frequently as Lodge Director at Annual Installation Meetings.

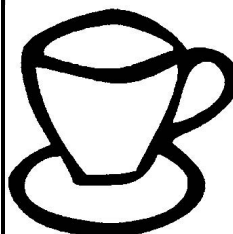
In 1997 he teamed up with his good friend and fellow ex-Burnie Rechab Veteran Bro Brian Chamley as a Lodge Steward, ensuring that the catering both at Burnie Masonic and at other Lodge Installations, to which they administer their skills, is of a very high standard.

Ted formerly ran a Cartage Contracting business from his Burnie home and is a talented Bushman and an Engineer. Amongst other things he finds time to restore a fleet of ancient cars and often can be seen at Car Club Rally's.

*Gerry Gunton, Secretary
Burnie Masonic Lodge NO 89T.C.*

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Tasmanian Stonemason wins Award for Excellence - Simon Bryant

In 1993, in an effort to bring a more operative flavour to the Grand Communications of the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria, contact was made with the Holmesglen College of TAFE to invite their best stonemason to come to the Grand Lodge and cut a keystone from a square block using only the mallet and chisel. Mr Jim Petrie, Head of Department at the time, attended and gave a brief talk on his experiences as a stonemason in England and then provided the commentary as Mr Peter Taylor cut the keystone.

As a result of the success of the event, in October 1994 the Board of General Purposes instituted an award, "The Grand Master's Award for Excellence" which is presented annually to the best third year Stonemasonry apprentice at Holmesglen TAFE.

The award consists of a hand turned ceremonial maul, the granting and registration of the winner's Mark, personally selected by the Grand Master, and a cash prize of \$1100.

The Stonemasons College has created a most beautiful marble Honour Board to record the names of all recipients of The Grand Master's Award for Excellence.

During the banquet following the Grand Installation of the Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of Victoria last May, the Tasmanian delegation was delighted to witness the presentation of the award to 23 year old Tasmanian, Mr Simon Bryant, of Melton Mowbray.

Simon is the second Tasmanian to win the award. Mr Warrick Evan Young of New Town won the award in 2011.

Simon was raised in the southern Midlands, and educated at Oatlands District High School. The Oatlands township is recognised as a town which contains the most number of Georgian designed sandstone buildings in the Southern Hemisphere.

As a youngster Simon didn't really notice or appreciate this built heritage. Upon completion of High School in 2006 he was initially employed in the farming industry and non-building trade positions over the next three years. It was during this time that Simon developed a keen interest in building and, in particular, working with sandstone.

Simon left Tasmania in 2010 and worked in Melbourne as a building labourer. A significant amount of this work involved landscaping and working with stone.

Simon found this work enjoyable and fulfilling and stated "at the end of the day you can see what you have achieved, not just the amount but what it looks like – something different and unique each time".

In 2011 Simon became aware of the position of Apprentice Stonemason at the Centre for Heritage at Oatlands, and was successful with his application.

During his apprenticeship Simon had the opportunity to work on a great number of important heritage buildings. Examples include the Port Arthur Historic Site, Callington Mill restoration, Oatlands Gaol Precinct and numerous other heritage buildings, including those within Tasmania's National Parks.

Being based in Tasmania, Simon's apprenticeship required him to travel to the Holmesglen TAFE in Melbourne eight times per year.

In each of his three years at Holmesglen, Simon was Stonemason Apprentice of the Year for his training year.

Overall, Simon's commitment to travel to Melbourne for apprenticeship training and the results that were achieved during his apprenticeship, demonstrate his skill and commitment to the stonemasonry trade.

Several of the Tasmanian delegation spoke to Simon, his employer and supervisor following the presentation of the award. Simon is a quiet and unassuming young man, and it is hoped that he will continue to enjoy and gain fulfilment from his chosen profession.

Allan Sangwell, Grand Master

Pictured following the presentation:



The Grand Master, MWBro Allan Sangwell, congratulating fellow Tasmanian Simon Bryant on his success.

News from Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania

STAFF OF PEACE HAVEN AND FRED FRENCH GET ANGRY!



There were smiles all around for 30 of the staff of Peace Haven and Fred French Home, and partners, when they attended a Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser at Archers Manor, Launceston, on 19th June 2014.

One of the staff set the challenge for Jayne Williams, Community Care Co-ordinator (Clinical), to get a photo with rock star entertainer, Angry Anderson, and Jayne is never one to back down from a challenge.

After getting the Stage Manager on side, Jayne gathered the troupes together for the photo shoot with Angry.

No wonder Jayne is getting results in the community services program, with persuasive negotiating skills like that!

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## NATIONAL AGED CARE OPEN DAY 2014

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 the doors of the Peace Haven and Fred French aged care facilities were opened wide to the public from 10am to 3pm as part of the inaugural National Aged Care Open Day, in association with Aged Care Services Australia.

Guided tours of the premises were undertaken throughout the day, with many taking particular advantage of the opportunity to look through the new Wellington Apartment at Peace Haven.

Mini-Expos were held as well; where guests could speak directly with expert staff on such issues as residential and respite care, community care services, day centre activities and independent living units, as well as enjoying a restorative cup of coffee after all the talking.

The response was extremely encouraging and produced numerous enquiries for future services. Plans are definitely in place to hold another Open Day in 2015.

### Model Lodge – Traditional Observance

For any Brethren interested in being involved in a Model Lodge, based on the Traditional Observance system, there will be an initial meeting on Saturday, 11th October 2014 at 3 Sandy Bay Rd, Hobart, beginning at 3pm. For further information please contact Jarrah Wilson (wilsonjarrah@gmail.com).

## WE SAY WELCOME TO 'CHARLES'

A new 8-bed unit, with a spacious dining/lounge/kitchen area, has just been opened at Peace Haven. Known as the 'Charles Apartment', it is the second stage of a multi-stage redevelopment of the Peace Haven complex which began with the building of the 16-bed 'Wellington Apartment' in February this year.



Residents began being admitted to the Charles from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014, and are settling well into their new home.

'It is very exciting to see the unfolding of the new building work', said Marlene Johnston, CEO, 'and the positive effect it is having on everyone, residents and staff alike.'

'We look forward to the next stage which will continue the upgrading of the low care and administration areas to give us a further 25 new beds.'

In the meantime, the Charles is having the final décor touches put to it to make sure it is as home-like as possible for our residents.

*Marilyne Guy, Administration Secretary  
Masonic Homes of Northern Tasmania Inc*

## Diary Dates

**23 October 2014 - Lodge Pembroke Installation - 3** Forcett Street, Sorell. For more information secretary@lodgepembroke.org

**9th November, 2014:** Mt Lyell Lodge, Freemasonry Promotion / Open Day. An open invitation for wives, partners, family, friends. MMAA members will be in attendance.

**February, 2015:** The MMAA National AGM is confirmed for Saturday 8 February, 2015 in Canberra.

For information as it becomes available please contact Craig Deane (cdeane@bigpond.com.au) or Alan Burton (hobtas@hotmail.com)

## Shirley Grave Recognised Yet Again

Shirley Grave, one of the greatest supporters of Masonry, has been recognised again. Shirley is the wife of RWBro Kevin Grave, both of whom hold Nugara Lodge, and Bass Strait Royal Arch Chapter, King Island together.

It is a well known fact that without all the work, behind the scenes, that Shirley does supporting Kevin, Nugara Lodge and Bass Strait Chapter, there would be no Masonic Lodge or Royal Arch Chapter on King Island.

In May 2001 Shirley was presented with a Certificate in recognition of the outstanding work done for Freemasonry in general and Nugara Lodge in particular. The presentation was conducted on behalf of the Grand Master, who was then MWBro Alan Swinton, by RWBro's John Windram and Maurice Lawson, Past Deputy Grand Masters.

In February 2014 the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania, presented Shirley with The Grand Principal's Award of Merit Certificate, again for outstanding service to Grand Chapter in general and the Bass Strait Chapter in particular, the presentation was made by Grand Principal Ian Blair.

*Maurice Lawson*



Mrs Shirley Grave proudly holding both Certificates.



**Grand Lodge Installation Team**

VWBro Mark Stillman, RWBro Mick Roche, RWBro Brian Waters, VWBro David Cheshire, Bro George Cunningham, RWBro John Horton, RWBro Neil Bugg, RWBro Ross Elphinstone, WBro Chris Grave, RWBro Maurice Lawson, VWBro Max Rich, WBro David Loone, WBro Gerry McGlone, RWBro Barrie Squibb, VWBro David Griesbach, RWBro Peter Calvert, WBro Lee Clarke, RWBro Kevin Grave, WBro Kevin Chambers, RWBro Brad Emmerton

## Nugara Lodge 32TC Installation 2014

Nugara Lodge 32TC survives yet another year, thanks to the dedication, sincerity and numerous other adjectives, of RWBro Kevin Grave and his extremely supportive wife Shirley.

On Saturday 17th May 2014, the NW Grand Lodge Team, supported by the 2 State Wardens, RWBro Brad Emmerton and VWBro Peter Calvert travelled to King Island for installation functions, which, once again was a very unique occasion.

RWBro Kevin Grave installed into the chair of Worshipful Master his son, Christopher Grave, only 2 years ago; he now had the great pleasure of installing his son-in-law Phillip Hoffman into the chair.

The installation of your son-in-law as Worshipful Master as well as your first ritual as the Installing Master is an emotional time; this story was published in Freemasonry Tasmania at that time. This year the installation was another emotional time for Kevin with his son being installed into the chair, the emotions were even higher this time with both he and Chris almost being brought undone on several occasions.

The Installation went off extremely well under the guidance of VWBro Greisbach, Grand Director, with all offices being filled and invested with the exception of Tyler.

At the Banquet, which was held at the King Island Club, 45 members, partners, family and friends attended. The Grave family was well supported, Kevin (the installing master) and his wife Shirley, Chris, the new Master and his wife Sue and their daughter Sophie; Kevin's daughters Julie with son-in law Phillip, their children Bailey and Bella, and Lorraine and brother Brian.

A fantastic time was had by all, including two new members of Grand Lodge team who had not been to King Island before, WBro David Loone and RWBro Brad Emmerton.

On Sunday the Team explored the Island and enjoyed a wonderful BBQ lunch, and I think all were carrying King Island Cheese bags back to Tasmania to gain some brownie points from wives and partners.

*Maurice Lawson*



Kevin Grave installing his son Christopher into the Master's Chair at Nugara Lodge



# Grand Installation - 28 February 2014

## M.W. Bro. Allan Sangwell ODS



WBro Donald Ronald, VWBro Mal Smith, RWBro Brad Emmerton



RWBro Peter Calvert, VWBro Rick Goninon, RWBro Brian Waters



VWBro Reg Frost, WBro Jack Clear



WBro Michael Freeman, RWBro Brad Emmerton, RWBro Peter Calvert, VWBro Rick Goninon



RWBro Brad Emmerton, WBro Michael Freeman, MWBro Allan Sangwell, VWBro Rick Goninon



Grand Installation Scrapbook - Photos by Mr Geoff Harrison (J Barry Laurence Studios) and Rosemary Bruce-Mullins



Grand Pursuivants - WBro Ian Crawford, RWBro Wilf Johnston and WBro David Loone



WBro Greg Parkinson, Grand Lodge Fraternal Relations Officer; VWBro David Macrow, Grand Secretary

# Grand Installation - 28 February 2014

## M.W. Bro. Allan Sangwell ODS



Representatives from Visiting Delegations



RWBro John Store, WBro Michael Freeman, RWBro Brad Emmerton,  
RWBro Peter Calvert



Grand Inspectors' of Lodges - RWBro John Windram, PDGM, VWBro  
Alan Burton, VWBro Kevin Tunks, VWBro David Cheshire



WBro Geoff Reynolds, RWBro Cec Duncombe



# Grand Installation - 28 February 2014



Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania -  
MWBro Julius Kearon, MWBro Rob Clarke, MWBro Alan Swinton, MWBro  
Keith Graver, MWBro Paul Hodges and PDGM RWBro John Caulfield



Installation of Deputy Grand Master - RWBro John Slore



# Grand Installation Cocktail Party- 27 February 2014

## MWBro. Allan Sangwell ODS

The evening before the Grand Installation, Wrest Point Casino Convention Centre was the venue for a Meet and Greet Cocktail Party where Freemasons and their partners from around the world met in a social atmosphere.



MWBro Allan Sangwell, MWBro Rob Clarke, MWBro Alan Swinton and Mrs Alma Swinton, Tasmania



Guests enjoying the speeches



Dave Sherritt GDC, Mike Muirhead PSGW, Graham Brandon PJGW and Bill Tupou PSGW, all from Queensland



Evening view from the Convention Centre



MWBro Dr Gary Bacon Grand Master UGLQld, MWBro John Wallace, Retiring Grand Master, GL of Tasmania and WBro Jack Clear, Tasmania



Selwyn Cooper, PGM; Mrs Jan Cooper; Mrs Gill Knox and Keith Knox, Grand Chaplain, all from New Zealand



Peter Zeilic, PJGW NSW; Steve Jancec, Grand Master WA; and Peter Drushkovich, PM WA



MWBro Derek Robson AM, Grand Master NSW & ACT; Gael Knox; Ernie Lewis PJGW; Peter Zeilic PJGW; MWBro Noel Dunn OAM PGM NSW and Faye Dunn, all of New South Wales.



MWBro John Cartwright PGM Mark Master Masons, Victoria; MWBro Robert Parsons Grand Master, South Australia; VWBro Mick Farley, Grand Chaplain, Tasmania

# Freemasons' Homes of Southern Tasmania

## Work commences on the \$6.5 million Re-Development of the Freemasons' Nursing Home - Lindisfarne

Residents and staff at the Freemasons' Nursing Home, Lindisfarne can expect to be settled into their new accommodation and administration area by June 2015 now that the redevelopment work is underway.

The expansion onto the former Lindisfarne Motor Inn site, which the Home purchased in February 2012, includes a 40 room residential aged care wing, a remodelled and expanded community hub activities area (library, CHATS cafe, chapel, activities area, hairdresser, gym/rehab room) and a modern administration, reception, training and Board room area fronting on to East Derwent Highway.

Work commenced late April 2014 with the demolition and removal of all the former motor inn buildings.

Vos Construction & Joinery Pty Ltd are the building contractors and BPSM Architects are the architects and contract administrators.

When completed, Freemasons' Homes smaller facility, Bowditch Hostel at Wellington Road Lindisfarne, will close and its 34 low care residents will be transferred to the new wing.

The organisation's existing administration, board room and training room are being redeveloped and incorporated into the 40 room wing.

The administration and management group are temporarily operating from two adjoining residences owned by Freemasons' Homes at 113 and 117 East Derwent Highway.

The Home's Chief Executive Officer, Greg Burgess, said the completed project would deliver operational

efficiencies along with the capacity to provide accommodation and care for six additional residents.

Mr Burgess went on to say "Freemasons' Homes is committed to remaining a key aged care provider in the Lindisfarne and Eastern Shore area, and it sees one of the ways to do this is by offering residents a modern, safe and inviting environment in which to live and by providing quality care and services in a dignified and respectful manner.

"The current residents at the Bowditch Hostel are looking forward to the prospect of moving into their new rooms and receive monthly updates on the progress of the redevelopment.

"We continually strive to improve both the living environment and services provided to our residents and we will certainly incorporate into the redevelopment improvements, that will enhance the living experience of our residents.

"We look forward to completion of the redevelopment and to helping residents settle in, and enjoy their new home."

## Board Changes

Recently, the Home welcomed two new Directors to the Board.

Mr Paul Chatterton, a financial planner, has filled the vacancy created when long serving Board member, Robert Clarke, retired in November 2013.

Jill Morgan has a background in education and management and currently operates her own consultancy business. Mrs Morgan is also a member of the Freemasons' Homes Aged Care Foundation Board and replaces Regina Vietz who retired from the Board in April 2014.

Greg Burgess, CEO



## ERRATUM

*In the article reporting Bro Keith Hansen's Charity Jewel presentation I made mistakes in the heading and caption of Bro Hansen's name. I sincerely apologise to Bro Hansen for these errors and thank Colin A Webb for pointing them out.*

Rosemary Bruce-Mullins, Editor





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# Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation

The Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation has reached another milestone and received some excellent support from the wider Masonic fraternity in the last 12 months.

The Foundation's total assets now stand at just over \$2,100,000 while the total amount disbursed for research projects is \$974,000.

The total of donations received since 1985 is approx \$1,075,000 while the balance has been accumulated from our investment portfolio.

In recent times the donation total has been boosted by receipts from:

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  - Southern Masters Association
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- all now Fellows of the Foundation.

There are a number of other donors who make regular and significant contributions to the Foundation.

The Foundation is now half way through a 3 year commitment of \$100,000 per year to the Menzies Research Institute to fund Associate Professor Tracey Dickson's Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Program.

## Condolences

Sincere condolences to Pam Sangwell and family on the passing of her father in the early hours of the morning on 8th July 2014.

Our thoughts are with Pam and Allan at this sad time.

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## **Life Membership Presentation**

At the Annual General meeting in October 2013 the Foundation was pleased to confer Life Membership on **RWBro Kerry Bowerman OAM PDGM**.

In summary the associated citation read:

Kerry was appointed Treasurer from day one in 1985. He did not become a Director until 2004 when he offered himself for election. Subsequently at the AGM in 2005 he was elected Senior Vice President.

The Board has two primary functions; to manage its assets and allocate research grants. Both responsibilities require the deliberation and judgment of all directors. Kerry has facilitated the decisions of the Board by well researched and reasoned arguments for not only investment matters but also in advising of the availability of adequate funds to meet the requests for grants received by the Foundation.

During the 28 year life of the Foundation he has judiciously managed the Foundation's investments and financial activities to the extent that the accumulated assets now stand at slightly in excess of \$2,073,000, notwithstanding that some \$932,000 has been allocated in research study grants.

Until July 2008, when a Finance sub-committee was established to share the burden and responsibility, he was solely responsible for making financial recommendations to the Board. In doing this he devoted an inordinate amount of time to studying investment strategies, stock market trends and industry recommendations in order to not only safeguard the donor contributions but also to maximize the capital growth of the fund.

Kerry is only the second person to be awarded Life membership of the Foundation.

*Greg Jackson, Secretary  
Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation*

# Masonic Motorcycle Assn of Australia - Tasmania Chapter

Each year the Masonic Motorcycle Association of Australia hold their National Rally. On 3rd Feb 2014 the Tasmanian contingent (Craig Deane, John Slore, Dot Foley, Rick Goninon, Paul Goninon, Phillip Goninon, David Olden, Tanya Trost and Alan Burton) started their journey - they share those experiences with you.

**Day One (Tasmania):** Craig, Rick and Alan, rode to Campbell Town to attend Grand Lodge Installation Rehearsals while Paul & Phillip rode up later in the morning. The group then rode to John and Dot's home in Launceston for a BBQ lunch (thanks Dot). John and Dot joined the group, and it was off to Devonport collecting Dave and Tanya, and a counter meal, before boarding the Spirit of Tasmania (SPOT) for the first leg of our journey.

**Day Two (on the big island)** Departing SPOT at 6 am we met up with Terry Webster, Mick Barry and Kirk Barry from the Victorian Chapter.

We headed out along the freeway through Melbourne towards East Gippsland & Sale for the first leg of our journey, the tunnels were an interesting experience with travel thick and not too fast.

With just over 500 kms and 11 hours on the road and the temperature peaking at 43 degrees, we were all pleased to reach Eden, NSW for our first stop.

**Day Three:** We headed up the east coast to Wollongong with stops at Batemans Bay and Kiama, a slightly cooler day, with the wet weather gear making an appearance. A scheduled 400k day - unless you managed to leave your keys on the ground at a servo and have to backtrack for a couple of hundred extra kms Dave.

**Day Four:** Three members of the Central Coast Chapter, National Road Captain Gary Duff, Terry Gardner and Andrew Duffy, met us at 8.15 am so we left Wollongong riding along the beautiful coastline heading towards Sydney.

We rode through the City of Sydney and had a stop at the Botanical Gardens overlooking the Sydney Opera House – magnificent views – Gary and Andrew were treated and photographed like film stars by Japanese tourists.

Over the Sydney Harbour Bridge where a group of 10 became 9 with Phillip taking an unscheduled detour towards Crows Nest. With Phillip located and another Central Coast Chapter member joining us, we headed for our next destination, Taree, arriving mid afternoon, having ridden 450 ks in 7 hours.

**Day Five:** Today we headed North for Casino, another beautiful scenic ride up the East Coast travelling through Port Macquarie, Kempsey and Nambucca Heads. Peter Rawson joined us and led us to the Big Banana. Chocolate coated bananas and souvenir shopping completed, we farewelled Peter and arrived at Casino,

today's destination. On arriving at our hotel we found 3 more MMAA Members checked in.

**Day Six:** Only 427 ks to Tamworth (AGM destination), we were all ready for a couple of days R&R. Another steaming hot day saw us leave Casino at the crack of dawn, travelling through Tenterfield and Glen Innes, Armadale and on into Tamworth to the beautifully refreshing pool at the Paradise Tourist Park.

A steady stream of bikes arrived at the park throughout the day with many new and old acquaintances made and renewed.

**Day Seven:** Saturday morning the Park was full to capacity, some riders rode to Werris Creek to tour the Railway Museum (a true story world war 2 film with Angeline Jolie was recently filmed there called "Unbroken" due for release December 2014) with others checking out the local country music scene.

The local Tamworth Lodge Brethren treated us all to a fabulous BBQ before the National AGM and election of Office Bearers for 2014.

**Day Eight:** Up early and ready for the ride to Dubbo, via Coonabarabran attempting to beat the forecast high 30° temperature and arrive before the zoo closed.

**Day Nine:** Today we headed for Canberra, 400ks southwest. Riding the inland roads, we had a straight run to Cowra with a slight delay for some minor mechanical issues. Tonight we spoilt our birthday girl Tanya, with an impromptu birthday apple cake and a fabulous surprise pressie (lamb's wool seat cover).

**Day Ten:** This, the second last day of our journey, saw us having to consider the effect of bushfires and possibility of road closures. We were able to stick to the original route and made our way to Bombala, then Cann River, on our way to Lakes Entrance.

**Day Eleven:** The last day of the trip found us in temperatures we were more accustomed to, a lovely mid to late 20s. Arriving in Melbourne time was spent 'window shopping' on the bike strip in Elizabeth Street, including Dave looking at a Honda Gold Wing.

Shopping done, it was time to head to the ferry terminal for fish and chips before boarding the Spirit of Tasmania for the journey home.

**Day Twelve:** We arrived home in Tassie bright and early to the normal conditions of mid-teen temperatures and a chance of rain.

With just under 5000kms on the clock and around 80 hours in the saddle over the 10 days, a great trip was had by all. A fabulous time was had with everyone looking forward to coming rides and activities, with next year's AGM seeing us invited to Canberra.

*Alan Burton & Tanya Trost*

*See photo montage on back page*



# News from Other Jurisdictions

## 13<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges



WBro Greg Parkinson at the 13th World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges

It was my privilege to represent the Grand Lodge of Tasmania at the 13<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges held in Bucharest, Romania, from 14 to 17 May, 2014. This conference was attended by more than 270 Freemasons drawn for all parts of the

globe; 106 Grand Lodges were represented and 73 Grand Masters were present. This was the largest of the conferences held to date and was superbly organised by the host Grand Lodge, The National Grand Lodge of Romania.

The World Conference provides a forum for Freemasons from all jurisdictions to come together in peace and harmony to affirm Masonic values, to enjoy the fellowship of their brothers, and to explore ways in which we, as Freemasons, can better contribute to our world.

The World Conference does not purport, in any sense, to be a super Grand Lodge overseeing Freemasonry generally, but affirms the sovereign independence of all Grand Lodges. The Conference, consequently, is hosted by any regular Grand Lodge that cares to volunteer for the task. The focus of the 13<sup>th</sup> World Conference was the relationship of regular Freemasonry to civil society.

The Conference has no office holders other than an Executive Secretary who coordinates all arrangements for the upcoming conference. RWBro Thomas W Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held this office up until the 13<sup>th</sup> World Conference when he passed the baton RWBro Radu Balanescu, Grand Master of The National Grand Lodge of Romania who was elected by the delegates present from a field of three. Henceforth, the period of office will be four and a half years, with the possibility of re-election.

RWBro Jackson is extremely well-respected in Masonic circles and was given a standing ovation by those present for the enormous contribution he has made to Freemasonry both in his own country and elsewhere. He suggested to us that the greatest challenges to Freemasonry, in the past, came from outside the Craft but that today, it came from within – a lack of knowledge of who we are and of the principles we stand for, and an inclination to allow inflated egos to gain sway in our organisations and debates. To have significant influence in civil society we must, he believes, be true to our principles and act with humility and with a proper commitment to the tenets of our order. Only then, he suggests, will we command the respect that our Order deserves.

In this regard, I was impressed by the value that is

obviously placed on Freemasonry by the civil administration in Romania. The Conference was opened by the President of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies, and the Government had even commissioned a special issue of stamps to mark the occasion. In his opening remarks the President indicated that the Romanian Government saw Freemasonry as a



valuable partner in its endeavour to promote values that are important for Romanian society and in the promotion of education, culture, and health. His comments were, no doubt, a tribute to the important work that the Grand Lodge of Romania is doing in these fields through the provision of scholarships, grants, and mentoring.

A number of break-out workshops were held on topics related to the Conference theme and I was fortunate to attend workshops chaired by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge 'Alpina' Switzerland (on Freemasonry and the challenges of the media) and by the Grand Master of California and the Grand Master of Israel (on the applicability of the principles of Freemasonry to the modern world). Both were valuable learning experiences. The latter workshop stressed the importance of properly preparing initiates and providing continuing Masonic Education so that brethren understand and accept what it actually means to be a Freemason – an issue that we have recognised in our own jurisdiction. The Conference proceedings generally, and the workshops were translated concurrently into five languages – English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese (given the presence of a large contingent from Brazil).

The 14<sup>th</sup> World Conference will be hosted by the Grand Lodge of California and will be held in San Francisco in November 2015.

### An interesting historical snippet

Having an interest in European history, I had always wondered why Romania had felt it necessary to invite a representative of a foreign dynasty (Prince Karl of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen) to become the country's first ruler. I now find that the country's first ruler was, indeed, a native prince, Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Prince of Moldavia and later elected Prince of Wallachia thus bringing the two principalities together to form the new state of Romania.

Cuza was deposed by a coalition of Conservatives and Liberals in 1866. Why? Guess what? He happened to be a Freemason and instituted land reform (more than one quarter of Romania's land was then owned by the Church), freed the peasants from their ties to their landlords, introduced universal suffrage and compulsory tuition-free primary education, and founded the Universities of Iasi and Bucharest. Needless to say, this was enough to pit him against vested interests in the country and, together with his scandalous behaviour in living openly with his mistress, brought about his downfall.

Cuza was a member of *Steaua Dunării* Lodge in Bucharest.



# News from Other Jurisdictions

## France welcomed back into the Masonic Fold

Following the period of disarray in the affairs of the Grande Loge Nationale Française, many regular Grand Lodges, including the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, withdrew recognition until order had been restored and all could be assured that the Grande Loge was again stable and regular. For a time the affairs of the Grande Loge were placed in the hands of a court appointed administrator, Mlle Monique Legrand. This was no doubt the first time the affairs of any Grand Lodge, purportedly regular, had been placed in the hands of a woman!

Under the guidance of a new Grand Master, Jean-Pierre Serval, stability has been restored, albeit at the cost of many members, and the Grande Loge is now looking forward to working in amity with other regular Grand Lodges around the world. Following the lead of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Tasmania recently restored recognition of the Grande Loge Nationale Française and brethren are now free to work with Masonic colleagues in lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grande Loge.

The Grande Loge Nationale Française celebrated its centenary in December 2013 and it is to be regretted that the celebrations marking the centenary had to occur at a time when many regular Grand Lodges had withdrawn recognition.

## Regular Grand Lodge of Tahiti and the Archipelagos

The Masonic brethren based in Papeete, French Polynesia, founded a regular Grand Lodge independent of their parent body the Grande Loge Nationale Française, while the latter was in disarray, to preserve regular freemasonry in French Polynesia.



WBro Greg Parkinson pictured with MWBro Philippe Gestas, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tahiti and the Archipelagos

French Polynesia is classified as a Country Overseas (Pays d'Outre-Mer) by French authorities and its citizens have more autonomy than those living in territories that are regarded as departments of metropolitan France. From the point of view of French law there was no impediment to the citizens of French Polynesia establishing their own Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania is satisfied that the Regular Grand Lodge of Tahiti and the Archipelagos is working on regular principles and has therefore recognised that Grand Lodge.

Understandably, the Grand Master, RWBro Philippe Gestas, is keen to establish relationships with Grand Lodges in Australasia given that his Grand Lodge is

located in the Pacific.

## Summer 2014 International Masonic Workshop in Greece

For those who want to lie in the sun with an ouzo in hand and talk Freemasonry, this could be just the event for you. The First Summer International Masonic Workshop will be held in Athens, Greece, between Wednesday 27 August and Sunday 31 August 2014.

The event is billed as being 'a unique opportunity for Freemasons around the world, as well as for anyone interested in Freemasonry, and their families to meet, get acquainted and discuss options and opinions on Freemasonry, while they enjoy a summer break next to an idyllic beach in Athens Riviera'.

The aim of this Workshop is to provide an overview of the most recent topics concerning the Fraternity, such as the role of Freemasonry in the 21st century, regularity, recognition and fraternal relations, and Masonic research. Keynote speakers include Dr Mike Kearsley, Secretary of Quator Coronati Lodge and other esteemed Masonic scholars.

Further information on the event can be found at [www.masonic-events.org](http://www.masonic-events.org)

## International Symposium in Cuba

A Second International Symposium, *Masonry and its Integration in Current Society*, will be held in Havana from 11th to 14th September 2014. The Symposium is sponsored jointly by the Grand Lodge of Cuba and The Supreme Council 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree for the Republic of Cuba.

Details are available from the Grand Secretary or the Fraternal Relations Officer.

Gregory Parkinson  
Grand Lodge Fraternal Relations Officer



WBro Greg Parkinson pictured with the other Australian delegates, RWBro Joe Haffner of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales (right) and other conference delegates

# Reflections of a Retiree

On 1 July 1996, after 40½ years with the Public Works Department and all its iterations. My wife, who has had several back operations, and I wished to see some of the world while we were still fit enough to withstand the rigours of long distance travel.



We have successfully accomplished many trips around Australia and overseas including visits to New Zealand, Noumea, Singapore, Britain, Ireland, Europe, Norway, Beijing, Canada, the United States of America including Alaska and Hawaii and Norfolk Island.

Prior to retiring two work mates and I formed Global Value Management Pty Ltd ([www.gvm.net.au](http://www.gvm.net.au)) so we would have an active interest after retiring. We wanted to put something of value back into Tasmania, to continue to meet interesting people and to keep our brains active. Our philosophy was to do enough interesting and enjoyable jobs for the Company to be viable; to break even would be good.

Over the last eighteen years we have done several free of charge jobs for charities, churches and community organisations, as well.

As Company Directors we attended and presented papers at International Value Management Conferences in Perth, Sydney, Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Hanoi.



After retiring, I continued my involvement with cricket as a Director of the Tasmanian Cricket Association Board until

2005 and another three years as a member of the Judiciary Panel. In that time I was fortunate enough to travel with the Tasmanian Squad, captained by David Boon, for a preseason tour to Zimbabwe, which was an enlightening experience. It was something of a culture shock to observe homes surrounded by two metre high, brick, walls, topped with razor wire and armed guards on the front gates.

During our one free day we flew to Victoria Falls. Air Zimbabwe own only one second hand plane and due to the altitude, Harare Airport has a six kilometre runway, with the terminal located at one end. As we were taxiing to the far end for take off, one of the squad, Dean Hills, observed that the plane was an Ansett reject and that we appeared to be going by road!



Freemasonry continues to be an important part of my life, after 43 years membership. I enjoy the friendships, the pageantry, respect for family, and lessons in life that it teaches. I have attained the rank of Past Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of Tasmania i.e. Freemasonry's Parliament, and am a member of the Installation Ceremonial Team.

I retired as President of the CPSU at the 1996 Annual General Meeting. During my time the State body evolved from a "service" organisation to an "empowering" one. At the Federal level the States were far from agreement in most things. How far we have come, today! I was honoured to receive Life Membership in 2002.

*Paul Howard, June 2014*

## 30th Degree - Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia.



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 All are Illustrious Brethren.



Illustrious Bro Donald Schumaker, Illustrious Grand Commander of the Northern Council 35 A.C. and John the Duke of Avram, Illustrious Grand Commander for Holy Grail Sovereign Council 28 A.C.

# St Paul's Lodge 88TC

On June 10th at St Paul's Lodge 88TC we held the ceremony of the raising to a master mason of Bro Henry Kadisha.

Henry migrated to Tasmania about 3 years ago, having migrated from the Congo. He is currently studying a degree in Information technology at the University of Tasmania.

In February his wife Ruby and their little daughter were able to join him. This was a very joyous occasion as his daughter was born after he left the Congo. Securing the required visas was very time consuming and expensive. In this he was assisted by a generous donation from an anonymous Tasmanian Freemason.

Henry was motivated to join Masonry in Tasmania because of the help the African Freemasons gave him after his father had died in the Congo.

At the South afterwards I was able to present him with a regalia case which had been left with me by my cousin Ian Madsen, whose father Colin was Worshipful Master of Lord Carrington Lodge at Fingal in 1967. Sadly that lodge closed in 2013.

*Ross Mitchelmore, St Pauls Lodge*



Bro Henry Kadisha & W Bro Ross Mitchelmore

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*The Symbol of the Passing of a Member of the Craft*

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| J C Hardy              | Devonport Masonic Lodge                          |
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