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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

I am extremely grateful this issue to Grand Master, Phillip Oddie, Gregory Parkinson, Luke Wood, Peter Shacklady and Ron Patterson for sending in articles for this issue.

Travels are still in the horizon but we have been involved with the local community in Wentworth, NSW and we are working on a project "Saluting the Service of Wentworth's People" that is a mammoth task.

Hope you are all keeping safe and well, don't forget to take a minute to send me something for publication about your Masonic world and adventures. Till next time.

Best wishes to all

Rosemary Bruce-Mullins
 Magazine Editor

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From the Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie ODS

Dear Brethren and Ladies,

The past six months has seen our activities continue with minor limitations due to COVID restrictions. At the time of writing and with our borders opening on the 15th December it is hoped to announce that from the 1st January 2022 that all our ceremonial work will revert to pre COVID rituals. This of course will be subject to any future directions from the State Government and/or the Director of Public Health.

I thank you all again for your assistance over the past months.

Since my last report I have officiated as Installing Master at Lodge Lindisfarne, Roland Lodge, Lodge Esk and Lodge of Peace with Merton and Dorset to come in the New Year.

I would like to thank, for acting as Installing Master on my behalf, R. W. Bro. Rick Goninon at The Huon Esperance; M. W. Bro. John Store at Burnie Masonic; R. W. Bro. Gary Reid at Pembroke; and R. W. Deputy Grand Master Luke Wood at Derwent Valley and St Helens Lodges.

A highlight during this period was the Centenary Celebration and Open Installation at Roland Lodge in Sheffield. It was a great event which was well received and shared with the Sheffield and Kentish Municipality. It also brought us some positive complimentary remarks.

In October I took a small delegation to Perth for the Grand Installation of Western Australia.

In other activities I have attended the Installation Ceremonies at Tamar and Hobart Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star and presented a 40 year Certificate at Emu Lodge to R. W. Bro. Norbert Kirchebner. I have also attended a meeting at St Andrew Lewis Lodge, at the invitation of their Worshipful Master and Christmas Meetings at Darcy Wills Memorial and Tasmanian Union Lodges.

On a sadder note in November I officiated at the final Meeting of Lodge Heather when their Charter was returned to Grand Lodge.

In conclusion I would like to thank all Members of the Ceremonial Teams for their efforts and all Brethren and Ladies throughout the State for their support and friendship.

I again record my appreciation and thanks to my Deputy Grand Master R. Wor. Bro. Luke Wood and his wife Nora

for their friendship and support.

Both Anne and I look forward to your company through 2022.

As a final comment can I say that you would not have wanted to be living anywhere else over the last 18 months. We still have a few challenges to come but I am sure with a continuation of our positive outlook and mutual support we will see our Organisation continue to prosper.

Grand Master *Phillip Oddie ODS*
Grand Master



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Meander Lodge Commemorates Remembrance Day Differently

Most Masonic Lodges recognise the war dead by conducting the Empty Chair Ceremony, a Masonic observance that dates back to the 19th century. Meander Lodge chose to do things a little differently, however, when conducting a Remembrance Day observance by drawing on the strengths of its membership and using the occasion to bring members of the community into the Lodge.

“As our November meeting always falls on or about Remembrance Day, it is appropriate that the Lodge should devote its meeting to an observance of those fell during World War I and on other occasions”, said Greg Parkinson, the Worshipful Master of Meander Lodge. “This year we decided to make the occasion a public one and drew on the expertise of one of our two Fellowcrafts, Bro. Peter Lloyd, a battlefield guide during the Northern Hemisphere summer, to speak about how the fallen had been memorialised on the battlefields of Western Europe”.



Warwick Cuthbertson, Trevor Reynolds, Greg Parkinson, Peter Lloyd, and Max Goodenough

Bro. Lloyd's talk was complemented by the performance by Deloraine piper and RSL Band member, Max Goodenough, of a piece by Pipe Major George McLennan of the Gordon Highlanders, who served in France in World War I, entitled *The Unknown Warrior*. An occasional address was given by Warwick Cuthbertson, a former Naval Chaplain and Vice President of the Northern Midlands RSL, and the Ode was recited by Trevor Reynolds of the Deloraine RSL sub-branch.



V. W. Bro. Ian Green and M. W. Bro. John Slore

Prior to the observance, when the Lodge was working in the First Degree, V. W. Bro. Ian Green was presented with his 40 Year Certificate by M. W. Bro. John Slore. V. W. Bro. Green was Initiated in Lodge Clarence in July 1981. His father, the late Bro. Graham Green, and his father-in-law, the late W. Bro. Ian Bail were both present at his initiation. Ian's father later took part in his raising. Ian has occupied the Chairs of Centenary Lodge, Lodge Launceston, Lodge Phoenix (of which he was Foundation Master), and Launceston Lodge of Research. He is currently Master of Hobart Lodge of Research and Acting Secretary of Meander Lodge.

Greg Parkinson
Worship Master, Meander Masonic Lodge
For further information contact Greg on 0409 700112

Centenary Celebrations - Roland Lodge Installation

On Saturday 16th October an Open Installation ceremony was held in the Sheffield Town Hall to celebrate 100 years of Freemasonry in the Kentish District and the establishment of Roland Lodge. V. W. Bro. Laurie G Appleby was Installed as the Worshipful Master by the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Phillip Oddie ODS and his Grand Lodge of Tasmania Team.

It was a great weekend of celebration and the Open Installation was attended by approximately 80 visiting Lodge Members and 90 members of the general public. It started with a short parade of Members and Masonic visitors in full Regalia headed by two kilted bagpipers progressing from the Sheffield RSL Club and along High Street to the Town Hall. It was quite a spectacle and drew an animated and enthusiastic crowd.

The Ceremony concluded with the Grand Master surprising the newly Installed Worshipful Master with the Order of Distinguished Service (ODS) for his many years of dedicated service to Roland Lodge and his local community.

The day ended with a banquet held at the RSL Club attended by approximately 110 people and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The weekend was wrapped up with breakfast for visitors at the home of V. W. Bro. Alan Braid.

The week has prompted much interest within the local community and many favourable comments. At the time of writing it would appear that the Lodge may also have attracted several new prospective members.

Congratulations must go to all who put in many hours organising the Celebration over the past 12 months particularly V. W. Bro. Laurie Appleby for his leadership, dedication and persistence.

Phillip Oddie



Presentation of ODS to V. W. Bro. L G Appleby by M. W. Bro Phil Oddie



Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team in attendance



Centenary Street March

Cancer Council of Tasmania - Fund Raising Gala Balls



David & Christine Louez

The relationship between Freemasons Tasmania and the Cancer Council of Tasmania continues to flourish. In August, in Launceston and November, in Hobart there were two tables of Freemasons and their partners at both the Launceston Sparkle for Hope Gala and the Hobart Spring Gala.

They were most enjoyable occasions and, together with the North West (Devonport) Unite in Yellow Gala event in June, were supported by 50 Masons and their partners from across the State.

On each occasion Penny Egan, the CEO, of the Cancer Council of Tasmania publicly welcomed and thanked Freemasons Tasmania for their support.

We have also featured in their "Daffodil News" publication on several occasions for our "emergency" assistance through the Board of Benevolence. Lodge Heather has also contributed to the patient transport vehicles (Transport 2 Treatment) for the North of the State.

This publicity in the "public domain" widens our exposure in the Tasmanian community and is the best PR you can

get. I would hope that we can build on this support in the coming years.

I would like to commend and thank Martin Brinkman, Rex Hesline, Kent Mainwaring, Bevan Duncan, Paul Fallon, Craig Deane and all members of the Board of Benevolence for their support of this strategic relationship.

Phillip Oddie



Chris & Lizzie Seville



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Yianni Anagnostis & Rick Goninon



Gary & Joan Reid



Phillip & Anne Oddie



Nathan Clerke & Josie Bray



Craig Deane, Anne Oddie, Phillip Oddie, Gary Reid, Joan Reid

Deloraine Freemasons farewelled at Public Ceremony of Remembrance

Meander Lodge farewelled two of its Past Masters at a public Ceremony of Remembrance held at the Lodge rooms in September – V. W. Bro. Svann Joll-Jensen, a well-known Deloraine identity who had been Master of the Lodge on five occasions, and V. W. Bro. Egon von Pirch, a resident of Elizabeth Town, who was also a Past Master of the Lodge.

The ceremony, written by the Very Reverend Frederick Shade of the Liberal Catholic Church in Victoria, and a Freemason, is a poignant and elegant one according to W. Bro. Greg Parkinson, current Master of the Meander Lodge.

“We were fortunate to able to access this lovely public ceremony as a means of farewelling two of our esteemed brethren”, said Greg. “The ceremony is one in which the families of the deceased can be engaged and, in this case, the widows of both of our brethren were able to come forward and lay a white lily on the masonic regalia of their respective spouses as a token of their passing”, said Greg.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, M. W. Bro. Paul Hodges, Past Grand Master, presented each of the Widows with a Grand Lodge Widow’s Pin as a token of their husbands’ engagement in Freemasonry and the pledge of freemasonry to maintain a continuing association with masonic widows.

“It was fortuitous that Paul could be present at the ceremony to make the presentations”, said Greg Parkinson. “Paul was the Grand Master who introduced the Widows’ pins to Tasmania and, as he knew both men well, he was delighted to be able to make the presentations”.

This is not the first occasion on which the local community has been invited into the Lodge rooms in recent times. The Lodge held a public organ concert in August, featuring R. W. Bro. Des Niel, to show off the very fine Baldwin theatre organ donated to the Lodge by Bro. Malcom Moore of Deloraine; Deloraine piper, Max Goodenough, partnered with Des in playing the well-known piece, *Highland Cathedral*, and R. W. Bro. Malcolm Murray showed off his skills on the Saxophone. The concert was a great success and there is a demand for another one in early 2022.



Paul Hodges (left) and Greg Parkinson (right) with Mrs Judi Joll-Jensen and Mrs Caryl von Pirch.

*Greg Parkinson, Worship Master, Meander Masonic Lodge
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Nugara Lodge Celebrate their 103rd Installation in Style



R. W. Bro. Kevin Grave ODS, and Brethren at his 8th Installation

The “Southern” Grand Lodge Installation Team had the honour of escorting Our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Phillip Oddie ODS, to King Island and assist him in performing the 103rd Installation of a Master for Nugara Lodge 32T.C. on Saturday 15th May 2021. The Grand Master Installed R. W. Bro. K. (Kevin) Grave ODS for the 8th time, although R. W. Bro. Kevin insists it’s only 7, as access from Tasmania to King was banned the year before!

The “Southern” team were very concerned about making the Installation as remarkable as the Master’s commitment to this fine Lodge, so they sent their Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. W. Bro. P. A. (Paul) Fallon ahead of the main contingent to ensure all was well with the “lay of the land”. True to his task, V. W. Bro. Fallon ensured the “lay of the land” was as it should be, unfortunately there must have been a problem in communication, as he only checked Cape Wickham and Ocean Dunes golf courses!

As per usual, the Nugara Brethren, their partners and families were wonderful hosts for the weekend and if a group of Brethren fancy combining an overseas golf trip with a Lodge Meeting to this beautiful island, R. W. Bro. Kevin and the Brethren of Nugara would welcome you with open arms.

R. Wor. Bro. Luke Wood, Deputy Grand Master

St Andrew Lewis Royal Arch Chapter calls it a day



Greg Parkinson being thanked by Most Eminent Companion Peter Davidson, for his service to the Chapter.

Given the age profile of its members and an inability to fill key offices, St Andrew Lewis Royal Arch Chapter No 6 TC has decided to call it a day. The Chapter was founded in 1954 under the Scottish Constitution as an offshoot of St Andrew Royal Arch Chapter.

A number of the foundation members were members of St Andrew Lewis Lodge (then 49 TC), itself an offshoot of St Andrew Lodge No 6 TC, a former Scottish Constitution Craft Lodge. The Chapter continued to draw members from St Andrew Lewis Lodge and, indeed, the last First Principal of the Chapter, Greg Parkinson, is a member of that Lodge.

The Chapter handed its Charter to the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania, Most Eminent Companion Peter Davidson, at its final meeting on 25 October 2021 after having completed the work of the evening.

“At least we went out with a bang”, said First Principal, Greg Parkinson. “It was my privilege to preside at the exaltation of Companion Stephen Andjelkovic on that night”.

At the completion of the short ceremony of handing back the Charter, Greg was thanked for his service to the Chapter, having occupied the office of First Principal since May 2019, and presented by Most Eminent Companion Davidson with a Past First Principal’s jewel.

All Companions of the Chapter have affiliated with St Andrew Chapter No 1 TC – returning to the bosom of the mother!

Prepared by: Greg Parkinson

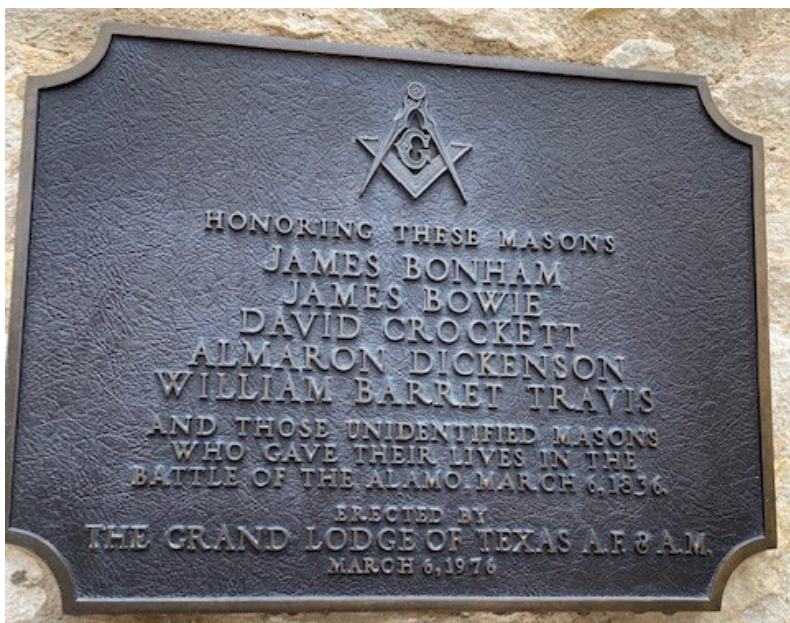
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Lodge Lindisfarne Installation

A very good and well represented Installation at Lodge Lindisfarne of the Master Elect now W. Bro. Eddie Costello, was held on Monday 13th Sept 2021 at the Lindisfarne Masonic Centre. Many thanks to The Most Worshipful Grand Master and his well rehearsed team.

W. Bro. Dave Conner spoke on the Meeting of Lynnhaven Lodge, Virginia, USA Past Masters night when he was in the Chair. The Gavel he holds was presented to him on his visit to Lodge Lindisfarne in 2019, he was proud to announce it worked well. Dave did a solo motor cycle trip from East to West across the USA. The pictured plaque records some interesting Masonic history.

W. Bro. Rob Paterson



70 Year Service Bar to W. Bro. Leslie (Les) Gordon Crowden Roland Lodge



W. Bro. Les Crowden

On the 14th of July, 2021 a Luncheon was held at the Lucas Hotel, Latrobe for past and present Members of Roland Lodge.

This was the first of several functions to celebrate the Centenary of Roland Lodge which was established at Sheffield on the 21st October 1921 as Number 36 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

The Lunch was very well attended and had an equally important function to celebrate and recognise the service and commitment of 70 years by W. Bro. Leslie (Les) Gordon Crowden to Roland Lodge.

V. W. Bro. Alan Braid, in the presence of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania M. W. Bro. Phillip Oddie and Past Grand Master M. W. Bro. Allan Sangwell, presented a 70 year bar recognising this wonderful anniversary. He also recounted that Les came from Mathinna originally before buying a farm in 1948 at Railton Road near Sheffield. Les and his wife, Beulah raised 6 children (5 boys and 1 girl) and ran cattle and a mixed farm. They were very active socially supporting the Lodge and attending local dances. Due to health reasons Les retired from the farm in 1981 and moved to Devonport and later Shearwater.

Les joined Roland Lodge on the 4th July 1951 and became Worshipful Master on the 5th October 1963. He was a stalwart of the Lodge filling Offices whenever required and generally supporting the Lodge in all its activities. He was Treasurer from 1967 to 1972, Director of Ceremonies on 3 occasions in 1975/76, 1981/82 and 1993/94, Grand Steward in 1983/84 and was honoured with Life membership of the Lodge on 20th October 2007. V. W. Bro. Braid noted that Les was a great friend to him

and a wonderful mentor during his journey in Freemasonry.

Also present at the Lunch was V. W. Bro. Ian Muir another stalwart and former Secretary of the Lodge who together with Alan and Les make up numbers 1 to 3 on the Lodge Honour Roll of current Members.

It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all who attended.

M. W. Bro. Phillip Oddie

Editor's Note "Sadly, V. W. Bro. Ian Muir died in his 100th year shortly after these photographs were taken"



W. Bro. Les Crowden and V. W. Bro. Ian Muir



W. Bro. Les Crowden, M. W. Bro. Phillip Oddie, V. W. Bro. Alan Braid, M. W. Bro. Allan Sangwell and V. W. Bro. Ian Muir

What's been happening in the Derwent Valley?

2021 Diary of our Worshipful Master, V. W. Bro. Michael FREEMAN



Worshipful Master of D. V. L.

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April

Worshipful Master presenting a Medal of appreciation to **R. W. Bro. FARLEY** for his awesome work on behalf of Derwent Valley Lodge over the past 36 years or so...



July

INITIATION Ceremony of **Bro Chris FREEMAN**, nephew of our Worshipful Master



August

Bro. Cameron ATKINSON obtaining his Master Masons Certificate of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania



Three wise ENTERED APPRENTICES turn to the 'North' with the Worshipful Master looking for inspiration.

June

PASSING Ceremony of **Bro Ben WINTER** who repeated his obligation (faultlessly) and will be doing his RAISING Ceremony Jan 2022

August

D.V.L. Fraternal visit to BOTHWELL being congratulated by **W. Bro. Brad MENZIE** Worshipful Master of Bothwell



Visiting Worshipful Masters



Fraternal visit by HUTCHINS OLD BOY'S LODGE to D. V. L. for the annual Strawberry Night which goes back many decades of celebration. **Worshipful Master V. W. Bro. Leon KING** with 13 of his Officers

Western Australian Grand Installation

28 - 31 October 2021

A small group had the opportunity to attend the Grand Installation of R. W. Bro. Danny Ganon as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia in late October 2021.

Due to COVID restrictions across the country and New Zealand at the time it was only possible for two delegations to successfully meet the challenge of getting into and out of Western Australia without facing restrictive isolation issues.

Direct flights to and from Tasmania and Perth together with Tasmania's good COVID experience assisted greatly.

South Australia was the only other state to send a delegation.

In the absence of other delegations, the local membership rose to the occasion and overwhelmingly filled the gap in numbers.

It was a great four days with a Service and Meet and Greet at the Temple David Progressive Synagogue complex and Grand Installation, Grand Banquet and Farewell Lunch at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

The Grand Master Phillip Oddie ODS was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master Luke Wood, Senior Grand Warden Leigh Clark and Past Grand Warden Sandy Thomson together with their wives .

More photos can be viewed at <https://celebrationoflifephotography.pic-time.com/-grandinstallation2021wac/gallery>



Phillip ODDIE

Grand Master responding to welcome to the visitors at the Meet & Greet



Back: Luke Wood, Phil Oddie, Leigh Clark, Sandy Thomson
Front: Nora Wood, Anne Oddie, Denise Clark



Phil Oddie, David Booker (GM SA) Peter Kirwan (GM WA outgoing)



Jim Walker (New DGM WA), Danny Ganon (new GM WA), Phil Oddie, Luke Wood



Delegation: Leigh Clark, Luke Wood, Phil Oddie, Sandy Thomson

Lodge Heather Returns their Charter

It was a sad night on Tuesday 10th November 2021 when Lodge Heather No 64TC returned their charter to the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

Lodge Heather was consecrated on 14th June 1949. The sponsor Lodge was St Andrew Lodge No 6TC and the Grand Master of the day M. W. Bro. G E Wall carried out the Ceremony of Consecration and Installation. The Foundation Master was W. Bro. S Tilley.

In 1951 a block of land, on the corner of Penquite Rd and Robin St, was donated by W. Bro. W Robinson; where in 1953 the Lodge Room was built with later extensions added in 1964. The 30th May 1964 saw the dedication of Lodge Heather Temple by the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Bishop Barrett.

In November 1988 a significant meeting was held, with Heather Lodge hosting a demonstration by the Grand Lodge Team led by M. W. Bro. Harold Williams, of the laying and dedication of the Corner Stone.

Over the first 50 years of Lodge Heather a number of Members contributed greatly to it's success, the Founding Master V. W. Bro. Stan Tilley and Foundation Secretary R. W. Bro. Gordon Dell PDGM are noted. W. Bro. Reg Walley ODS, PGSuptWrks was a Member who did an enormous amount of work for the Hall Company and was the main instigator for the kitchen extension, the storage room and the mezzanine storage areas. Another two Members who were invaluable, thanks to their expertise in the electrical field, were W. Bro. Frank Milbourne and W. Bro. Ken Jordan.

Over the years Lodge Heather has contributed greatly to Freemasonry in general and the wider community in the North of the State.

A dinner was held after the Charter was handed back to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, where M. W. Bro. Oddie ODS, observed and noted some of the achievements and contributions made by four of the remaining Brethren of Lodge Heather .

Tributes were made to W. Bro. Maurice Dexter, V. W. Bro. Owen Thorne, V. W. Bro. Paul Tole and W. Bro. Bevan Duncan.

The Grand Master also presented a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. Karl Trost, who, at the age of 91, took the Chair of the Lodge for the first time in November 2019 and remained Master up to the handing back of the Charter.

Lodge Heather has always fulfilled it's charitable obligations to the Community and in one of it's closing acts made a \$15,000 contribution to the Cancer Council of Tasmania for it's Transport2Treatment vehicle. The Launceston Life Saving Club was also given Lodge Heather's defibrillator and \$15,000 for a five year maintenance plan for their life saving equipment which includes three rescue craft.

On a closing positive thought it is great to note that all current active Members of Lodge Heather have affiliated with other Lodges (mainly St Andrew Lewis) to ensure they continue their Masonic membership and keep the work and memories of Lodge Heather alive.

Phillip Oddie, Grand Master



1. Jewel Presentation - Phil Oddie & Karl Trost
2. Final dinner at Launceston Country Club
3. T2T Car - Bevan Duncan, Cancer Council Rep, Paul Tole
4. Launceston Life Saving Club - Paul Tole, Judith & Bevan Duncan



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ACSA's State Provider of the Year Award



We were delighted to be awarded ACSA's Tasmanian Aged Care Provider of the Year 2021.

This award highlights and recognises the hard work and dedication of all MCT team members who provide outstanding care and services to our residents and clients across Tasmania.

To be successful, MCT had to demonstrate notable activities in workplace culture, technology and consumer engagement; this provided MCT the opportunity to showcase initiatives like the introduction of the "Know me, Know my role – have a break, have a Chit Chat" where we check-in with team members for their feedback and listen to ideas to help us improve; the implementation of Pain Check which is an app that allows the Care Staff to complete digital pain assessment through facial recognition/scanning of the pain receptors in the face – and most importantly activities like our Christmas High Teas, Arm Chair travel and the Fluid Art Program for our Residents and Clients.

Peace Haven and Fred French Residential Aged Care Leisure & Lifestyle Coordinator, Michael Glover, was also nominated and awarded as a finalist for ACSA's Employee of the Year - for his work with the Fred French



residents and their submission for the 2021 Tamar Valley Peace Festival. Michael organized an exhibition of the art works created by the residents of Fred French which was then displayed at the Launceston Library from 1 – 8 August 2021.

This work of art which graced the cover of this year's Annual Report

comprises of mainly string work and wood inserts which have been carefully placed to follow the contours of time. Keeping a soft colour palette of earthy tones throughout.

This work promotes a therapeutic approach to life and gives a feeling of calmness.



Exciting new Wellington Street Hub update

Our new office space on Wellington Street, Launceston has had its final touches added and is open for business. This new Wellington Street Hub is a fabulous new space for our Community team and Corporate Services team to

come together and is an essential step forward to enhance the growth and development of our services. With its prominent position we have started to get new clients walking in".

Live Life with us

I would once again like to remind all Freemason that you are warmly welcome to access all our services from Retirement Villages, Community and Home Care Services, Day Respite Centre's, Residential Aged Care facilities at Freemasons Home, Peace Haven and Fred French (including dementia and palliative care). Freemasons will receive favorable consideration as long as there are vacancies and your assessment is in line with admission criteria. For further information, please contact General Manager Operations, Katie Cooley on 0499559168 or email Katie.cooley@mctas.org.au

Thank you

On behalf of the team at Masonic Care Tasmania I would like to thank those who have generously supported MCT over the last 12 months. There is no doubt that it has been a challenging year once again with juggling the pandemic with our business as usual.

We look forward to the year ahead in the hope we can all get back to our new normal.

Jackie Howard

Chief Executive Officer, Masonic Care Tasmania Inc.

From the Chair ...

We at Masonic Care Tasmania (MCT) look forward to 2022 with optimism on many fronts. COVID-19 management is getting clearer every month and whilst Covid is still with us, everyone's understanding, tolerance and compliance are all factors that assist in managing the pandemic and keeping all our residents and staff safe. Of course, vaccinations have played a big part in that.

In late October 2021 we held our Masonic Care Tasmania Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) in Launceston and provided an update to Members on the past year and matters ahead, including:

- An update regarding the financial state of the Association, noting that MCT has significantly improved its bottom line, subject to COVID-19 expenses
- An explanation of the Royal Commission's five (5) pillars in response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care's recommendations handed down this year
- The new funding system to be introduced in October 2022 which will have significant funding impacts on all aged care organisations including MCT (sufficient detail has not as yet been provided by Federal Government to determine the exact implications for MCT)
- Ongoing COVID-19 management at Masonic Care Tasmania's expense
- Higher standards, both quality and clinical which will impose significant additional compliance burdens on the organisation; without recompense
- Delivery of the Masonic Care Tasmania strategic plan; and in particular options for North West Tasmania
- The 5 pillars for the Governments \$17.7 billion investment for reforming aged care (as outlined in the

News from Masonic Care Tasmania Inc

Aug 2021 issue of Freemasonry Tasmania <https://www.freemasonrytasmania.org/main/magazine/August%202021%20Freemasonry%20Tasmania.pdf>

- Extending the Serious Incident Response Scheme (SIRS) from residential care to home and flexible care delivered in both home or community settings
- Requirements that a board has mainly independent non-executive members suitably qualified, with at least one clinical expert member. This poses some challenges for the current MCT Constitution and we are working on a suitable solution that satisfies all stakeholders and complies with the legislative requirements

All these measures are welcome and we look forward to their introduction. More work is needed and we will continue to lobby for the best possible outcomes for our residents, clients and staff.

In 2021 MCT received a \$1.6 million grant from the Commonwealth and we are using those funds to predominately update our computer software and hardware across the organisation. A new clinical software program will also be installed to provide better recording of all clinical issues and support for staff to deliver the best clinical outcomes. We thank the Commonwealth for the funds.

We were delighted to receive the Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA) State Provider of the Year Award for 2021. This award highlights and recognises the hard work and dedication of all our MCT team members providing outstanding care and services to our residents and clients across Tasmania.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of MCT into 2022.



Klaus Zimmermann AM
Chair, Masonic Care Tasmania Inc.

Vale W. Bro. Basil Masters



On 28th Nov 2021, Freemasonry Tasmania lost a true gentleman. From my time doing the catering at Lodge Pembroke I remember him as always ready for a chat and a kind word. My heart was warmed one evening when he thanked me for baking a rice custard, yes, just a plain rice custard, but it was just like his late wife used

to make.

Bro. John Schofield and Lodge Pembroke posted wonderful recollections of Basil's life on FaceBook:

Brethren – Lodge Pembroke, with other Lodge members gathered today as we celebrated the life of Basil Leonard Masters (Bas) who passed to Grand Lodge above on 28th Nov 2021.

Basil, in 1963 moved away from his trade when he was offered S. A. S. [*Special Air Services*] training, which he successfully completed. He served with S.A.S when deployed to Borneo from 1964 to 1968 and on Basil's return with his background & experience, he served several tours in Northern Ireland. After being promoted to Warrant Officer Class 1 he was given the command of the 45th Heavy Regiment Royal Artillery R. E. M. E. [*Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers*] Workshop from where he was discharged.

Basil took up employment for a short time at the Maze Prison, Lisburn, Northern Island where he was told that his route to work was probably being monitored, so with that in mind Basil & his wife Margaret emigrated to Australia.

When in Tasmania Basil took up various employment opportunities in the auto field being employed at Southern Motors, and Lansing Bagnall Forklifts until he joined the Prison Service in March 1978; progressing through the ranks to be Chief Prison Officer when he retired from the Prison Service in 1994.

Basil's other interests were football refereeing (soccer); he was Director of Coaching in Tasmania from 1978 till 1988 and was well known and respected, amongst the Soccer fraternity throughout Tasmania. Basil was awarded the Clarence Municipality "Citizen of Year" in 1988 for his contribution the Community.

Freemasonry was a major part of his life. In June 1993, he was initiated into Lodge Aquatic and later, served as Wor Master at Lodge Beltana, Lodge Aquatic, Glenora Lodge, City of Glenorchy Daytime Lodge, Hobart Lodge of Research and The Huon Esperance Lodge.

Basil affiliated with Lodge Pembroke on 22 Apr 2010, and has been a stalwart of the Lodge; serving in his favourite and requested position of Tyler of the Lodge for the past eleven years. He was a mentor to new Lodge members, showing and assisting them with their masonic ritual. A true Freemason Character and he will be missed

Stand Easy Brother, Your Duty Is Done. Arte et Marte
Rest in Peace Basil

40 year certificate R.W. Bro. Neil Bugg, PDGM

A momentous occasion took place at Wynyard Poulett Masonic Lodge Meeting on the night of 5th August 2021 when R. W. Bro. Neil Bugg, PDGM was presented with his 40 year certificate by M. W. Bro. Paul Hodges PGM.

Members of the North West Coast Lodges came out to support Neil on his special night, which is representative of just how well R.W. Bro Bugg is thought of amongst all brethren in the North West.

Neil has been a very dedicated member of Wynyard Poulett Masonic Lodge from the time he joined Freemasonry and is now held in high esteem as one of the Lodge stalwarts. He is strong supporter and mentor to his Lodge in particular and Freemasonry in general.

Congratulations R. W. Bro. Bugg on achieving this significant milestone.

R. W. Bro. Russell Ker PGW.



M. W. Bro. Paul Hodges PGM presenting R. W. Bro. Neil Bugg PDGM, with his certificate.



Pictured are members of Wynyard Poulett Masonic Lodge.
 Back Row - Bro. Valentino Surjan (Entered Apprentice) W. Bro. Larry Astell.
 Front Row - R. W. Bro. Neil Bugg, PDGM, W. Bro. Roy Margetts (Master), M. W. Bro. Paul Hodges and W. Bro. Mark Easton.

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| I R Green | Meander Lodge |
| W H Hall | Nugara Lodge |
| N J A W Kirchebner | Emu Lodge |
| A T Roberts | Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge |

50 Year Jewels

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| M R Lawson | Devonport Masonic Lodge |
| O R Nation | Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge |

50 Year Certificates

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| M R Lawson | Devonport Masonic Lodge |
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60 Year Bar

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| C R Cleary | St Andrew Lewis Lodge |
| H J Harris | St Andrew Lewis Lodge |
| B R Williams | St Andrew Lewis Lodge |

Visit to St John Sportsman Lodge No 1, Western Australia



During the trip by the Grand Master to Western Australia for their Grand Installation the newly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master Danny Ganon facilitated a visit to the oldest Lodge on the Western Australian Grand Lodge Register for a Third Degree Ceremony. Both our GM and DGM thoroughly enjoyed the evening and were "educated"

with a very well performed ceremony with several differences to our Constitution.

It was also notable for the number of "younger" Members in office and their enthusiasm and pride in their performance.
Phillip Oddie

Masonic Merchandise

The Grand Lodge PR team have a range of Masonic merchandise available for purchase. Please contact David Loone david.loone@bigpond.com for purchase details.

Masonic Pennies

Lapel Pins (Square and Compass)
Lapel Pins (Tassie Square and Compass)
Lapel Pins (Tassie Flag)
Lapel Pins (Forget Me Not) Small or Large
Lapel Pins (Tubal Cain)
Lapel Pins (Ladies Square and Compass)
Lapel Pins (5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 Years)
Stubbie Holders
Playing Cards
Napkins
Coffee Mugs
Rings (Square) Silver Size 13
Rings (Square) Gold Sizes 11, 12, 13
Rings (Square) Black Size 13
Rings (Oval) Gold Sizes 11, 12
Gloves - Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large, Extra Extra Large
Caps Baseball (Blue or White)
Bucket Hat (Med/Large or Large/X Large)
Bowties White or Black
Neck Ties
Cufflinks (White or Black)



The Broken Column

The Symbol of the Passing of a Member of the Craft

Deceased Brethren as at 31st December 2021

V.W. Bro.

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| I M Muir | Devonport Masonic Lodge, Roland Lodge |
| M J Ritch | Burnie Masonic Lodge |

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| H R Brazendale | The Pacific Lodge |
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| A E A Duggan, OAM | Derwent Valley Lodge |
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| H K Skegg | Lodge Macquarie |

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“Lauriston boys” Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. Luke Wood and First Grand Principal M. Em. Comp. Peter Davidson at his Grand Installation (Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tasmania)



Roland Lodge March, Sheffield



W. Bro. Graham Alomes presenting the Lodge Pembroke Master's Community Award to W Bro Graham Hawkins for 2021



Des Niel receiving his 50 year jewel from Paul Hodges



Officers of Roland Lodge, Sheffield, Tas



R. W. Bro. David Loone, Secretary of the Board of Benevolence, meeting with Brendan Glann, the recipient of our FREEMATES scholarship for 2021.

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