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Grand Secretary V. W. Bro. James Seville, and his son Bro. Chris Seville, at Chris' initiation into Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge 85TC conducted by his father.

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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

I would like to pay tribute this issue to the retiring Grand Secretary David Macrow for all his support over the time I have been editing your magazine. His support and guidance is very much appreciated. A warm welcome also to the new Grand Secretary James Seville.

Another advertiser ceased their advertisement this issue, if you use a Freemasonry Tasmania Advertiser please let them know where you saw their ad, and if you operate a business and you want to share your products and services with your Lodge colleagues please talk to Grand Secretary about placing an ad.

Weather seems to be the topic of conversation at the moment, so variable. Wentworth, NSW is quite a bit cooler this year than previous and lots of rain.

Keep sending your articles, always lovely to see what is happening in Tas.

Best wishes to all

Rosemary Bruce-Mullins
 Magazine Editor

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 Burnie Masonic Lodge

From the Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie ODS

Dear Brethren and Ladies,



It is pleasing to report that, as hoped in my last message, all our Ceremonial work has now returned to the pre COVID rituals and all Lodges have resumed meetings.

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

Since my last report I have officiated as Installing Master at Lodge Phoenix, Hobart Lodge of Research, Wynyard Poulett Lodge, Pacific Lodge, Lodge Lauriston, Lake Lodge, Emu Lodge, Tasmanian Union

Lodge (an open Installation), St Andrew Lewis Lodge, the Hutchins Old Boys Lodge and Army and Navy Lodge.

I also had the pleasure of attending the ANZAC Meeting of Army and Navy Lodge.

I would like to thank, for acting as Installing Master on my behalf R. W. Bro. David Griesbach PGW at Mount Lyell Lodge, M. W. Bro. Allan Sangwell PGM at Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge, R. W. Bro. Maurice Lawson PDGM at Devonport Lodge, R. W. Bro. Neil Bugg PDGM at Nugara Lodge, R. W. Bro. Michael Farley PGW at Bothwell Lodge and the Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. Luke Wood at Meander Lodge, Launceston Laurie-Abra Memorial Lodge and Launceston Lodge of Research.

In July I took a delegation to Brisbane for the Grand Installation of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland and in June I presented a 50 year Jewel to W. Bro. Geoff Jenkins at Lodge Lindisfarne.

It has been a busy and enjoyable six months.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Grand Directors of each District and all Members of the Ceremonial Teams for their support and friendship.

I again record my appreciation of the continued support and friendship of my Deputy Grand Master Luke Wood and his wife Nora.

Both Anne & I look forward to continuing our association

with Members and their partners throughout the State over the coming six months.

*M.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie ODS
Grand Master*

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*Grand Master M. W. Bro Phillip Oddie ODS receiving Freemates cheque from Wor. Bro. Graeme Evans ODS, Senior Grand Deacon*

At our annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in the Launceston Masonic Centre on Saturday 26th February a presentation was made by the Archibald Park Royal Arch Chapter Scottish Constitution to Freemates.

The presentation of \$2000 was made by Wor Bro Graeme Evans ODS Senior Grand Deacon to the Grand Master M W Bro Phillip Oddie ODS. Wor Bro Evans is currently also the First Principal of the Chapter.

*M.W. Bro. Phillip Oddie ODS*

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# Vale — R. Wor. Robert Vaughan Edwards PDGM

My name is Rex Hesline, and like you, I am one of those many whose lives were touched – and changed – through knowing Robert Vaughan Edwards. We come together today to celebrate our joy in having known Bob, not to focus on his death, for we all have only a limited time on earth, and even the best of things must come to pass. But please feel free to shed a tear, as I am sure I will soon do, only in that sorrow of knowing we will not meet with Bob again, on this earthly plain.

Bob affectionately teased me, and privately delighted in referring to me at times as “Bob’s Boy”. He was my mentor and like you all, he was a dear friend. If I asked Bob – “Bob, how do you sum up man’s life in only ten minutes – I can hear Bob say – ‘Just do your best – now spit it out and get on with it. We don’t have all day’”. So here we go.

Firstly, there can be no words more fitting to honour Bob – than those penned by his Beloved wife Ann and posted on Facebook the day after his passing. As such I would like to be Ann’s voice now – and recall those words, wherein she wrote . . .

As most of you know, I haven’t been on Facebook for a while. Last year Robert Vaughan Edwards was diagnosed with leukemia, lung cancer and lymphoma. We had a hard time while he fought for his life and we saw miracles happen. His leukemia went into remission, his lung cancer disappeared and he had just finished treatment for his lymphoma. He gained back the weight he had lost and was getting stronger every week. We had a good six months together.

About three weeks ago, he began to feel unwell and was hospitalised for pneumonia. His immune system was low but we had hopes he would pull through. Then there was an outbreak of Covid on his ward and he caught it. His poor body was unable to withstand the onslaught of so many things at once and he passed on, his last fight fought to the end.

The hospital was kind to us and allowed his children and grandchildren to come to see him one last time and he spent his last day on earth giving what comfort he could to those he loved as he slipped in and out of consciousness - a smile, a squeeze of the hand, a name. His son and daughter kept vigil over him on his last night and in the morning he died in my arms. His loss is unutterable - a man of faith and courage, a warrior man who cared passionately for those who were despised and downtrodden by the world, a man who had no tolerance for hypocrisy, cruelty and discrimination of any kind, a man who loved animals and spoke to plants, a father to scores of children - his own and other people’s. We will not see his like again. He has been my best friend since he was thirteen. My heart is broken. I can’t imagine this world without him in it. He has gone on before and I have told him to wait for me on the other side. It has been an honour to have been loved with unswerving devotion by a man like this.

Thank you Ann - for those heartfelt words.

Bob departed this earth on Thursday morning, the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2022. Robert and Ann’s legacy is their beloved children – Stephen, Sarah-Jane (Sal), Grace, Lucy-Ann, Cariad. Their Grandchildren; William, Rhiannon, Cerig, Rosanna, Siani-May, Eliza, Alex, Chelsea, Caleb, Robert, Georgina, Hannah, Naomi, Rebecca, Rhydian and Owain. And their great Grandchildren; Tomas, Charlotte, Audrey, Agatha, Eli, Eden, Sunny, Abel, Rueben and Harlan.

We, Bob’s friends, join with the family – in knowing that we will all miss him.

Bob was born in Wales in the year 1947, and he was born into a life of adversity. Life in Wales as elsewhere in Britain was in a large part defined by one’s position within the British class system. Bob’s life began at the bottom. To complicate this - Bob never knew his father. He once approached a man rumoured to be him, but Bob said the gentlemen unfortunately informed he was not the one. As we know – many fatherless young boys – grow up into angry young men – and then –as now – prisons house many angry and savage men who direct that internal pain and sense of loss against the wider society. Not so Bob.

Bob said Ann was that light that guided his heart out from the darkness. Bob revelled in being the good father, loving and caring for each and every one of their beautiful children. But if that was not enough, Bob cast the net out wider. During their years, Bob and Ann fostered over one hundred children. Only two would find their way into the prison system. For many decades the courts and the police called on Bob to advocate on behalf of troubled juveniles who had been detained – who without an adult present – could not be interviewed. No matter what hour of the day or night – Bob would answer the call. Bob never told me exactly, but I believe in reading between the lines – Bob acted in each case as the absent father – defending each and every one – as if the child was his own. He told me he and the police and court officers often clashed – because of his manner in staunchly and vigorously defending those kids – but that was never personal – and how the police respected him for his caring so much. What Bob never told me – which I only learned from Ann this week – was that Bob was recognised and personally decorated by the Police Commissioner in Queensland, for his tireless work in that area. Bob never did like to pump up his own tyres.

All of us here who knew Bob have our own personal stories and memories of this generous man. I would like to share just a few of mine. As you all know, Bob was also a passionate Freemason. For those of you not in the fraternity – you don’t know of the positions he held – or about that world – so let me shine a small light into his other world. Freemasonry was a perfect fit for Bob, where men practice morality – and assist the poor and distressed when possible. Bob believed the greatest secret in Freemasonry was about doing good, and not bragging about it.

When I first met Bob, he was the Grand Director of Ceremonies. My first impression was that he was not a man – but a Superman. Each year, each Lodge was visited by the Grand Master or his representative and at the head of that Grand Lodge delegation – was the Grand Director. That was Bob. Picture a lodge room with its members sitting quietly, all dressed in dinner suits and wearing light blue aprons – when suddenly a crash at the door. This was to announce the arrival of the Grand Lodge team. Resplendent in white tie and tails – festooned in dark blue and gold, in would stride Bob Edwards. Shoulders back, head high, firmly holding his gold and dark blue baton, showing that he was the one in charge – he would lead and direct them into their positions. To me that first time I saw him, he appeared ten feet tall, and I truly expected with one narrow eyed look – he could melt a candle at 30 paces. Centre stage, Bob would make announcements and proclamations. In the otherwise silent room he commanded every one’s attention – and appeared



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more intimidating than any Sergeant Major on parade. He was a sight to behold. Once the two and a half hour ceremony was ended – outside in the Banquet room - Bob transformed back into the Bob we all knew in normal life.

While Bob attained the rarefied air and rank of past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, it was his times as Grand Director he regarded as his most rewarding. As the preceptor of future Grand Lodge teams, he was again like a father to them and some years later invited me to join his team. We met religiously every Friday morning, to rehearse various roles over the years, before he eventually proposed me as a Grand Director. I doubted I could ever measure up to him, but with his unshakably faith, and his generosity in freely giving his time and training, we realised his vision. Not long after my debut – in Hobart at a meeting, the Grand Master and some other heavyweights stopped me, and lavished praise on my previous performance. Bob, amongst them, took a step back. I replied I could not accept the praise, as that squarely belonged with Robert Edwards – the man who made me. As I turned to leave I caught a glimpse of Bob out of the corner of my eye, and with a hint of that cheeky grin on his face, he betrayed his own sense of pride.

Following our rehearsals we always retired to a nearby coffee lounge where we would discuss religion, philosophy, life in general and the troubles of the world. At one café session I informed Bob that a former Grand Master, I felt, had privately tried to belittle me as Grand Director, by telling me that behind my back some members referred to me just as Bob's Boy. Instead of biting, I looked him in the eye and thanked him for sharing that, and told him I took great pride in that name. Bob laughed at my reply – and privately between us – we both jokingly referred to me as 'Bob's Boy'. Sometime later that same former Grand Master asked me to stop embarrassing him, because of introducing myself in his company as Bob's Boy. When next we met, I shared that with Bob and we both had a giggle.

Every Freemason in Tasmania who came within Bob's orbit has warm stories about Bob, and knows the huge light he cast over Freemasonry – from Grand Masters to the new initiates. His influence has been great, and he will be sorely missed. As a product of Bob Edwards, he guided me and taught me self confidence and self belief through hard work, dedication and rigorous practice. When Bob once asked me if I would do him a favour – through respect for the man - how could I refuse. I told him if it was in my power he had it. He then asked me to perform at a charity event as the Auctioneer. I am no auctioneer and the idea terrified me. Do you know what the event was for? It was to raise money for an orphanage in Africa that Ann was supporting, to make it self sufficient and end its reliance on hand-outs. The orphans' parents had died of Aids – and their likely futures – if they survived on the street – would be as criminals or prostitutes. Through Bob and Ann's efforts they got that orphanage chicken farm built, where income from eggs and chickens today continue to provide school uniforms and the money necessary to assist in the children's future education. In a little part of Africa they are also mourning Bob's passing.

Before concluding I would like share two stories Bob enjoyed telling. Bob's sense of humour and compassion was legendary. I don't want to embarrass Lyle Lonergan, but as I am sure Bob would, in his honour I will do it one last time. Within Bob's inner circle at Lodge, he and his cohort had a reputation of good hearted teasing – what Bob liked to refer to as friendly Banter. A Grand Master once overheard Bob and others, teasing Lyle. He took Bob aside and said this was unacceptable behaviour and it must end. Bob, a loyal officer, explained to the others individuals that they were to stop including Lyle as a brunt of their Jokes. Bob would roar with laughter when recounting how this story played out. Some months later a quietly sombre and sad Lyle took Bob aside, and according to Bob, Lyle said – “Bobby- what is it that I have done wrong”. Lyle was hurt and perplexed as to why he was no longer being “picked on” as Lyle called it. Bob said he would fix it, and told the boys – forget what the Grand Master wanted – Lyle is more important than that – and the gloves came off, and Lyle was happily picked on again ever after.

Ann touched on Bob's humanity and compassion. I finish with a last story which joins his sense of humour alongside his sense of love and compassion. When one of Bob's daughters took Ann aside in the kitchen one day, to announce that she was gay, Ann listened and then said she must tell her father. Bob would recount how he was sitting in his chair in the lounge room, when his daughter summoned up the courage to confront him – and how she stood before him ready to say something. Bob, in his manner, said “Spit it out then, I don't have all day – what do you want?” She then announced she was gay. Bob, said he looked up at her, and said sternly – “Thank goodness for that – that is one less silly Son-in-law I will have to put up with.”

Now when Bob told that story in front of his son in law Geoff, Geoff would just roll his eyes and let it go over his head. He knew Bob too well. And just for clarification – when checking this story earlier with Ann, she said actually at the time Bob said something more along the lines of – “Well and good, I will never have to worry about you being mistreated by a man.”

Bob – you had a way with words and we will miss your good hearted banter – and how you touched most every heart you came in contact. The world is a better place for you having been in it – and until we meet again – thank you for being you.



*Many thanks to Ann Edwards for allowing Bob's Eulogy to be published.*

# King Island Installation May 21<sup>st</sup> 2022

It was with great enthusiasm that a small number of the Northwest Grand Lodge Officers headed off to King Island to conduct the annual Installation ceremony.

Both Neil and myself, accompanied by our wives were greeted at the King Island airport by Bro. Mick Lumsden and his wife Katrina on the Friday afternoon. Mick is a recent member of Wynyard Poulett Lodge, he originally hails from King Island and on learning that an old friend and work colleague was being installed in the chair, decided to return after twenty plus years to support the Worshipful Master Elect and to catch up with family and friends.

The ceremony this year was a first for King Island in many years, when Bro. Dennis Vincent Nolan was encouraged to advance to the office of Worshipful Master. Bro. Nolan had occupied the chair of Senior Warden, for quite a few years, but under the strong mentorship of R. Wor. Bro. Kevin Graves ODS, finally conquered his fear and has now been installed in the chair of King Solomon in Nugara Lodge No 32TC. Congratulations to Wor. Bro. Nolan.

The Grand Lodge team was led by R. Wor. Bro. Neil Bugg PDGM, who also claimed a first, by having the occasion to install a Master Mason in the chair for the first time.

As a small team, most Grand Lodge Officers had to double their workload, which basically gives each member a real challenge to undertake several charges and or investitures.

At the conclusion of the Installation ceremony, brethren and guests enjoyed the evening with the usual banquet celebrations at Parer's Hotel, where approximately, 40 patrons enjoyed the King Island cuisine, and refreshments.

As the flights home to Tassie were all scheduled to depart King Island at 1335 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022 the usual hospitality BBQ was replaced with a tour of the King Island Brewhouse, which is a new business venture for Bro. Corey Brazendale. Thanks to Corey for the sample of his refreshments. I can recommend that it is a must visit place when you next head to King Island.

As is usual, the route to the airport, must of course, detour to the Cheese factory and the brethren contributed to the King Island economy. I am sure the plane weighed more on the flight home.

All in all, it was another great weekend, and we kindly thank the members of Nugara Lodge for their hospitality and friendship with a special thanks to Kevin and Shirley Graves.

*Rt. Wor. Bro Russell Ker (PGW).*



*Pictured below are the Grand Lodge Officers  
(Front) V. Wor. Bro. S. C. **Freeman** Grand Director, R. Wor. Bro. R. B. **Ker** Grand Chaplain, R. Wor. Bro. N. E. **Bugg** PDGM Installing Master, Worshipful Master Wor. Bro. D. V. **Nolan** and R. Wor. Bro. Kevin **Graves** ODS, V. Wor. Bro. G. S. **McGlone** Grand Pursuivant,  
(Back) R. Wor. Bro. P. J. **Kline** Grand Senior Warden, R. Wor. Bro. K. G. **Chambers** Grand Director of Music, Wor. Bro. G. R. **Mee**, Junior Grand Deacon, V. Wor. Bro. B. D. **Chamley** Grand Inspector of Lodges, R. Wor. Bro. D. G. **Greisbach** Past Junior Grand Warden, Wor. Bro. D. T. **Olden** Senior Grand Deacon.*

*R. Wor. Bro. N. E. **Bugg** PDGM Installing Master, Worshipful Master Wor. Bro. D. V. **Nolan** and R. Wor. Bro. Kevin **Graves** ODS*





# Launceston Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge Installation 2022

Brisbane Street Masonic Centre was the venue for the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Luke Wood, to re-install W. Bro. Alan Bland as Master of Launceston Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

W. Bro. Bland's Masonic history makes interesting reading.

Initiated in The Ruapehu Lodge No. 128, New Zealand in Ohakune, New Zealand, in 1991, Alan became a member of the Tasmanian Constitution in Burnie, Tasmania, between 1995 and 1999; then between 2003-2004, Alan was a member of Shalom No. 7541 English Constitution in Southport, West Lancashire, England; then between 2007-2008 he was Worshipful Master of Western Districts Lodge No. 39 Western Australian Constitution in Perth, Western Australia.

Alan joined Launceston Lawrie Abra Memorial Lodge in 2016 and was installed as Worshipful Master in May 2021.

W. Bro. Bland, M.W. Bro. Slore and Bro. Adam worked together at the Launceston General Hospital for a number of years. Bro. Adam returned from a couple of years' employment in Gippsland, Victoria just in time to take office as Junior Warden.



M.W. Bro. John **Slore**, R.W. Bro. Luke **Wood**, W. Bro. Alan **Bland**, R.W. Bro. Leigh **Clark** (Senior Warden) and Bro. Andrew **Adam** (Junior Warden)

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W. Bro. Jim Mawer's last working night—Devonport Lodge

It definitely pays to visit and represent your Lodge, which was reflected by the number of visitors that attended W. Bro. Jim Mawer's last working night as Master of Devonport Masonic Lodge. Eight visiting Worshipful Masters and Brethren from St Helens Masonic Lodge through to Wynyard-Poulett Lodge attended, along with Lodge Phoenix from Launceston making an official visit which packed the Lodge room out to Covid capacity. What topped off W. Bro. Mawer's last working night was the raising of Bro. Jon Bishton as our newest Master Mason.

R. W. Bro. Malcolm Murray



Visiting Worshipful Masters with W. Bro. Mawer.

- L-R - R. W. Bro N **Bugg**, Wynyard-Poulett Lodge,
- R. W. Bro. D **Griesbach**, Burnie Masonic Lodge,
- V. W. Bro. G **McGlone**, Lodge of Peace,
- V. W. Bro. L. **Appleby** ODS, Roland Lodge,
- W. Bro. T. (Jim) **Mawer**, Devonport Masonic Lodge,
- V. W. Bro. C. **Hogan**, Lodge Lauriston,
- W. Bro. C. **Trost**, St Helens Masonic Lodge,
- W. Bro. I. **Reid**, Lodge Phoenix,
- W. Bro. R. **Winkler**, Emu Lodge.

Music headsets for Peace Haven

Thanks to the wonderful support of the Rotary Club of West Launceston, music headsets will soon be made available to Peace Haven residents who are living with dementia.

Research shows that music is a powerful tool that can calm the mind and bring joy to people living with the condition. It can even prompt memories and spark conversations about past events.

The headsets are pre-loaded with music selected by family or friends, and can be updated or changed at any time. We thank Rotary for making this program possible at no cost to our residents, and we look forward to seeing the positive impacts it has on our residents and their families.

Migrant Resource Student Placements

Masonic Care Tasmania is now in its fifth year of a partnership with the Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) to provide training to Catering and Domestic Student through work placements at our facilities. Twelve students undertook 40 hours of workplace training during June as part of their four-month program. The training included a New Foods New Words session (pictured), during which students learned about dietary requirements, identification of foods, and how to prepare a food tray, along with learning some common words and their meanings.



ACCPA Board membership

I was honoured to be appointed recently to the inaugural board of the newly formed aged care national peak body, the Aged and Community Care Providers Association (ACCPA).

The organisation represents aged care providers from

across the industry, with the aim of providing a unified voice and purpose to lead and influence the sector's future. At the first Board meeting in May, we certainly hit the ground running to ensure we are an organisation that represents our members, enhances the delivery of care to older Australians, and leads transformation in the sector.

Through my involvement on the Board, I look forward to contributing to positive change in the aged care sector in the post-Royal Commission era, and bringing new learnings and ideas back to the Masonic Care Executive and Board that will directly and positively impact on the care of our clients.

Focus on client experience

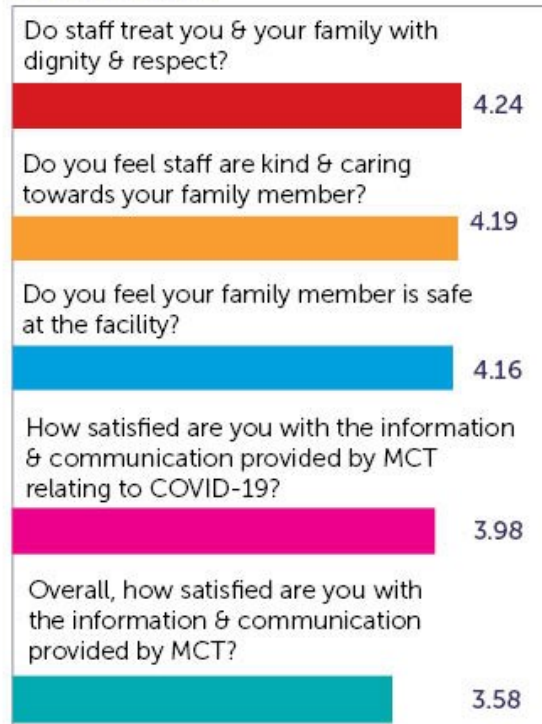
In the first half of 2022, we've welcomed a number of new faces to our management team, including Alice Holeywell-Jones into the newly created role of Chief Experience Officer. This role is designed to provide strategic leadership around all aspects of client experience and enhance the way we engage and build relationships with our residents, clients, and their families.

During May, we conducted our annual Resident, Relative and Advocate Experience Survey. The results of this survey help us to better understand how we can best meet the needs of our clients and their families. The survey looked at a range of topics, including COVID-19 management, how well we communicate with residents and their families, what we're doing well, and what can be improved.

We'd like to thank everyone who participated in the survey for providing us with the valuable feedback. All comments and contributions will be taken on board as we embark on a journey of continuous improvement. We appreciate the detailed comments that were provided by many respondents.

We're still working through the full analysis, but here are a few of the early results:

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News from Masonic Care Tasmania Inc

Thank you

As always, once again I would like to sincerely thank those who have supported MCT. I had hoped that by this time COVID-19 would be having less of an impact but, unfortunately, across the aged care sector – including MCT – we are still experiencing significant impacts from this pandemic. Our team here at MCT have and continue to do an amazing job in supporting our residents, clients and their families, and each other during this challenging time.



*Jackie Howard
Chief Executive Officer, Masonic Care Tasmania Inc.*



Masonic Care Tasmania on Facebook

Masonic Care Tasmania have a Facebook page and share lots of interesting posts about the residents activities and the happenings at the homes. During the past six months many activities have been shared including gardening, picnics, outings and afternoon teas. Have a look at www.facebook.com/MasonicCare to see more pictures and access the MCT News and Life Newsletter.



If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity, why not consider joining their team.

Volunteer with Masonic Care Tas



Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity that helps to enrich the lives of our residents?
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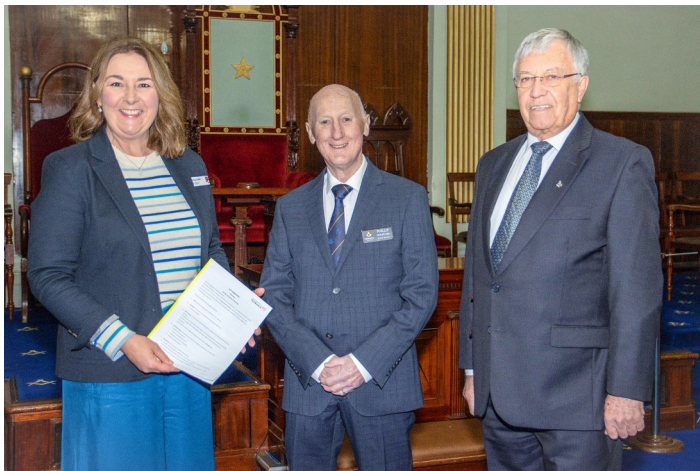
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Freemasons Assisting Tertiary Education Students Foundation – Freemates

Freemasons Assisting Tertiary Education Students Foundation – Freemates - was an initiative of M. W. Bro. Robert Clarke during his term as Grand Master. He felt that there was a perception in the wider community that Masons only looked after themselves and the aged. He wished to reinforce the message to the community in general that we were in fact capable of dispensing charity across the board and not just within our own ranks or only to the aged.

The scholarship fund subsequently established with the assistance of the University of Tasmania (UTAS) is open to a Tasmanian who is commencing any undergraduate course at UTAS. The annual scholarship is currently valued at \$5,000 for one year and selection of the successful candidate is made by UTAS. This year's scholarship holder is **Vela Leeson** from Lenah Valley who is studying a Bachelor of Social Work with Honours.

Recently our Grand Master M. W. Bro. Phillip Oddie ODS signed a new "Giving Agreement" with UTAS and the Board of Benevolence on behalf of the Freemates Foundation donated \$40,000 to the University of Tasmania to add to our existing scholarship fund. The balance of our scholarship fund is now slightly in excess of \$220,000. These recently transferred funds had been accumulated by the Board from generous donations from Brethren, Lodges and Orders made specifically to Freemates.



Rebecca Cuthill, M. W. Bro. Phillip Oddie ODS,
M. W. Bro. Robert Clarke

It is hoped that with continued support from the Craft, a second annual scholarship may be possible in the future. In their communications with the Board of Benevolence, UTAS tell us that the need for scholarships as educational enablers remains high in Tasmania. They say that provision of scholarships such as ours facilitates increased participation by students and has an immediate and beneficial impact on the lives of the recipients, their families and the broader community. They are deeply appreciative of our generous support.

*Kent Mainwaring
Treasurer - Board of Benevolence.*

Initiation of Bro. Alistair Bradley

Bro. Alistair Bradley was initiated into Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge by his father, R. W. Bro. Peter Bradley on the 6th July 2022.



L-R W. Bro. Paul Shane, WM of DWML, Bro. Alistair Bradley and R.W. Bro. Peter Bradley.

50 Year Jewel - W. Bro. G Taylor

M. W. Bro. Alan Sangwell presented a 50 Year Service Jewel to W. Bro. G Taylor of Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge on 6th July 2022.



Certificate of Service to R. Wor. Bro. Ross Elphinstone P. G. Warden



L-R: W. Bro. Roy Margetts; R. W. Bro. Ross Elphinstone PGW,
and R. W. Bro. Neil Bugg PDGM.

On the 29th of March R. Wor. Bro. Neil Bugg accompanied by Wor. Bro. Wally Elphinstone (nephew) and Wor. Bro. Roy Margetts, Wor. Master presented a Certificate of Service to R. Wor. Bro. Ross Elphinstone P.G. Warden. R. Wor. Bro. Elphinstone has been a member of Wynyard/Poulett Masonic Lodge for 69 ½ years. During that time he has held most offices more than once, held office in Grand Lodge and has served as Master of Burnie Masonic Lodge.

He has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 16 years, and has always been one of the first to put his hand up to assist at working bees and fundraising activities.

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Vale

Ross Lyon Elphinstone was initiated into Poulett Lodge at Wynyard, Tas on November 6th 1952. He passed to the second degree on 4th June 1953 and was raised September 26th 1953.

Ross rose through the offices of the Lodge and was installed as Master on the 6th April 1968 and again on the 20th April 2013. He became Worshipful Master of the Burnie Masonic Lodge on 25th Oct 2008; Ross was a Foundation member of that Lodge. He was also a member of Ramsay Royal Arch and Rose Croix.

Ross joined Grand Lodge as a Standard Bearer in 1994, was Senior Grand Deacon in 1995 and Grand Chaplain in 1999. The rank of Past Grand Warden was conferred on him in Feb 2013.

Five weeks before his death Grand Lodge arranged the presentation of a Certificate of Merit for Services to Freemasonry for his over 69½ years of service.

R. Wor. Bro Elphinstone, along with his wife Lyn, joined Tasman Chapter No. 156 Order of the Eastern Star in 2006. He was a loyal supporter to Lyn while she was progressing through the offices of the Chapter on the way to becoming Worthy Matron. He held the offices of Warden and Sentinel.

Ross was always a very strong member of his Lodge, generous with labour and donations, instrumental in concreting the driveway and the laying of the first carpet in the Lodge Room, and was always front and centre at any working bees or fundraisers.

Ross was an excellent ritualist and was hard on himself if he had a mental block. He liked everyone to speak up and out so all could hear, unfortunately he didn't realise his hearing was getting worse. His handshake was his word.

He will be sadly missed by all members.

Roy Margetts, Poulett Lodge, Wynyard

Tasmanian Union Lodge 3TC Open Installation



M.W. Bro. PF Oddie, Grand Master and
W. Bro. Yianni Anagnostis

The recent Installation of Worshipful Master Yianni Anagnostis into the chair of Tasmanian Union Lodge 3TC was an Open Installation. It was open to the public both in person and streamed online, there were over 100 in attendance at the Lodge Rooms, with another 147 watching the ceremony live on YouTube from other Australian states, the United Kingdom, United States of America, South America and even Russia. It has since been downloaded by another 144 people. Followers on the Lodge's Facebook Page increased 51% and audience now total 757. There has been a 60% increase in traffic visiting the Lodge's website since the live streaming on the 25th June 2022.

V. W. Bro. James Seville

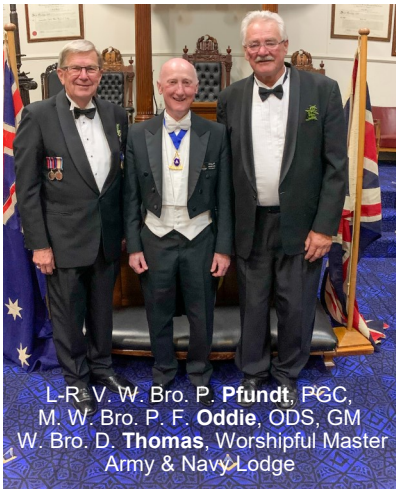
If you would like to view the recording you can find it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnQnCB8hJW4>

Army and Navy Lodge 2022 Anzac Day Meeting

For Army and Navy Lodge Anzac Day 2022 commenced with a visit to the Launceston Australian War Graves Garden of Remembrance at 9am, where the traditional memorial service was conducted in front of many lodge members, their ladies and members of the Gilmore family, who have been attending the service for many years. At the 11am public commemorative service at the Launceston Cenotaph Master Wor. Bro. D. Thomas placed a floral tribute on behalf of the Lodge.

That evening at 1700 hours the Lodge opened and conducted the relevant business. Visiting brethren were admitted, then at 1730 hours the Grand Master Most Worshipful Bro P. F. Oddie, ODS and Grand Lodge Officers were received. The Lodge was then closed to receive visitors including ladies and other family members and guests. Prior to the commencement of the commemorative

service the Grand Master was invited to present a 50 Year Service Grand Lodge Jewel to V. W. Bro Peter Pfundt, PGC. The Grand Master invited R. W. Bro. Dr. S. R. Zichy-Woinarski, PDGM to make the presentation. During the presentation address reference was made of his many Masonic achievements.



L-R V. W. Bro. P. Pfundt, PGC,
M. W. Bro. P. F. Oddie, ODS, GM
W. Bro. D. Thomas, Worshipful Master
Army & Navy Lodge

Craft Lodge membership information

Initiated into Army and Navy Lodge No 50 TC, 8th April 1972, raised to the third degree 14th April 1973. Grand Lodge Certificate No 16010. Having been proposed by his Uncle the late Wor. Bro. Robert Alfred Pierce (Bob) and seconded by the late Wor. Bro. Ernest Keith Pullen (Keith).

Installed as Master of Army and Navy Lodge, 14th August 1982. Grand Lodge Certificate No 1349. In 1984 when receiving his Past Masters Jewel his Uncle W. Bro. R. A. Pierce made the presentation, taking his own PMs Jewell from his breast pocket and placing it in the breast pocket of his nephew, W. Bro. Pfundt.

W. Bro. Pfundt was appointed Grand Tyler, Grand Lodge of Tasmania in 1985, Grand Pursuivant, 1986, Grand Deacon, 1987, Grand Inspector of Lodges, 1990, and Grand Chaplain in 1991.

Member of the Board of General Purposes and Board of Benevolence 1986 to 1995.

Chaplain of Army and Navy Lodge, 1997 to 2014, Lodge Almoner 2015/2016, Senior Deacon 2021/2022.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia membership information

Perfected into the Ernest Clark Chapter Rose Croix of H. R. D. M. No 359, 5th May 1984.

Enthroned as Most Wise Sovereign, Ernest Clark Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix No 32, 6th May 1995.

Appointed Prelate, Ernest Clark Sovereign Chapter, May 2003 to 2018.

Advanced to the 30° Northern Tasmania Sovereign Council No 35, 2nd November 1996.

Installed as Grand Commander, NTSC, 5th April 2008.

Appointed Grand Secretary NTSC, 4th April 2009 to 2018.

Advanced to the 31°, 1st November 2008.

Advanced to the 32°, 5th November 2011.

Appointed District Recorder, District of Tasmania Bass, June 2013 to 2018.

Created Member of the Order of Merit, (OoM) 18th June 2013.

Created Companion of the Order of Merit, (CoM) 14th June 2016.

Advanced to the 33°, 21st June 2018.

Appointed District Commander District of Tasmania Bass, Region 8, July 1st 2018, ongoing.

Royal Arch Masonry

Admitted a member of the St. Andrew Lewis Royal Arch Chapter No 770, 28th February 1986, and various other orders associated with Royal Arch Masonry, until drawing a clearance in approx. 1991.

Community activities included:

Scouting

Joined The 6th Launceston St Johns Scout Group 1957, awarded The Queen's Scout 1964.

Citizen's Military Forces/Army Reserve

Enlisted 1964 - 10th Field Ambulance Unit as a member of the Royal Australian Army Service Corp. Discharged - 1973 at the rank of Corporal.

Rotary

Past member of the North Launceston Rotary Club.

Legacy

Following the death of his father Des, who died tragically as a result of a motorbike accident at the bottom of Muddy Creek Hill, West Tamar on 22nd November 1946 – Peter being only 4 weeks old, his mother, and brother Graeme were taken into the care of Launceston Legacy in June 1947.

Father Des' service

Service – Royal Australian Airforce, date of enlistment 29th May 1941.

Posting - Darwin.

Rank - Leading Aircraftman, Aircraft Engineer and Armourer.

Date of Discharge – 20th December 1945.

Posting at discharge – A Defence HQ Darwin.

Legacy Board

V. W. Bro. Pfundt was invited to join Launceston Legacy as a Legatee in April 2001 and has served as a member of the Board of Management since 2002.

President – 2004 to 2006 and again 2012 to 2014.

Secretary and Public Officer – ongoing.

Legatee Pfundt states "I am what I am because of the influence of Legatees, the late Bernard Gordon and the late John Steer, who guided me through my youth and early adulthood."

When placing the 50 Year Service jewel in the breast pocket of V. W. Bro Pfundt, R. W. Bro.



Past Masters Jewel and
50 Year Jewel

Army and Navy Lodge 2022 Anzac Day Meeting

Zichy-Woinarski PDGM, read the following inscription 'Presented to W. Bro. R. A. Pierce, Army & Navy Lodge No 50 T.C. Initiated 8 Jun 1929'.

Once again history has repeated itself.

During the presentation R. W. Bro Zichy-Woinarski PDGM acknowledged the unwavering support and encouragement of V.W. Bro. Pfundt's wife Jan towards his Masonic involvement, and indeed her support to Legacy.



Mrs Jan Pfundt and V. W. Bro. Peter Pfundt, PGC

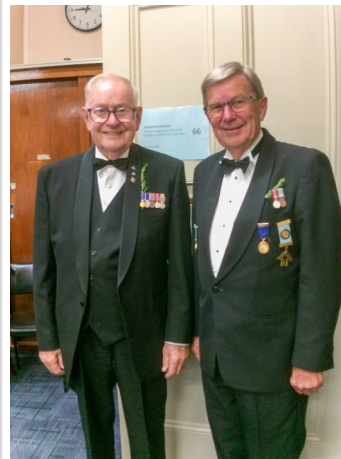
Anzac Day Commemorative Service

Following the presentation of the jewel the W. M. Bro Thomas requested that the chair party retire in preparation for the ceremony of the vacant chair. The vacant chair entered the lodge room to the lament piped by W. Bro. G. L. Parkinson. V. W. Bro. M. Smith PGC, ODS recited the unknown warrior which is an important and emotional part of the ceremony. This was then followed by an Anzac Day address delivered by V. W. Bro. N. Warburton, AO, PGC; a very interesting and thought-provoking address.

Following the consecration of Army and Navy Lodge on the 8th of August 1928 our 'founding fathers' held the first Anzac Meeting on the 25th April 1929, and so well did those 'founding fathers' perform their task of planning that meeting, that 93 years later the program still basically follows the same format. At this meeting an appeal was

made and a collection was taken up on behalf of the Returned Soldiers and Sailors Imperial League of Australia, (now RSL: Returned & Services League of Australia) this continued until World War 2, when the proceeds were given to the 'Distressed Diggers Fund'.

Then, in 1954 the needs of Legacy were placed before the Lodge and since that time we have supported this most worthy cause and each year since then, the brethren in attendance at the Anzac Meeting have been most generous. 2022 was no different when V. W. Bro. Pfundt



V. W. Bro. N. Warburton PGC who delivered the Anzac Address;

V. W. Bro. P. Pfundt, PGC who made an appeal on behalf of Launceston Legacy

delivered an address on behalf of Legacy appealing for support, this appeal raised \$500 to support the work that Legacy continues to provide for those widows and children in their care. This was the 19th appeal V. W. Bro. Pfundt has delivered on behalf of Legacy. At the conclusion of the meeting those in attendance enjoyed a superbly prepared repast. Several of those present commented on what a wonderful service it had been.

V. W. Bro. Peter Pfundt, PGC

50 Year Jewel - W Bro Geoff Jenkins



W. Bro. Geoff Jenkins was presented with his 50 year Jewel by The Most Wor. Grand Master Phillip Oddie, ODS at the May 2022 meeting of Lodge Lindisfarne. This was a surprise for Geoff as he was unaware of the Grand Master's visit.

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United Grand Lodge of Queensland - Grand Installation

1 – 3 July 2022

Tasmanian Freemasons were well represented at the United Grand Lodge of Queensland Grand Installation in Brisbane in early July. The State was also celebrating the Centenary of formation of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland which actually occurred in 2021 but due to COVID restrictions could not be formally celebrated at that time.

A great programme of events was held for Members and Partners centred at the Hilton Hotel and the Ann Street Masonic Memorial Centre.

The celebrations commenced with a Meet and Greet on the Friday evening, followed the next morning by an innovative “fancy dress” roaring twenties style breakfast party for all “Guys and Gals” most of whom dressed the part. The Grand Installation took place that afternoon with the Grand Banquet in the evening making for a very long but enjoyable day. The final event was a Farewell Lunch on the Sunday.

It was the first occasion since the Tasmanian Grand Installation in February 2020 that delegations from all Australian Constitutions together with New Zealand and the Grand Lodge of New Caledonia were able to be together. This added to the success of the weekend which was also very well supported by the Queensland Membership.

The Grand Master and Anne were accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master Luke Wood and Nora together with Past Grand Master John Store and Dot, Gary and Joan Reid, Craig and Charmaine Deane, James and Kerry Seville and Bevan and Judith Duncan, who all had a great long weekend.

Phillip ODDIE, ODS



Grand Masters after the Installation In the St Ann St Masonic Memorial Centre

Victoria: Richard **Elkington**, Western Australia: Daniel **Ganon**, New Zealand: Graham **Wrigley**, Queensland: Jeffrey **Harper**, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory: **Les** Hicks, South Australia and Northern Territory: David **Booker**, Tasmania: Phillip **Oddie**.



Tasmanian Delegation

Back - Bevan **Duncan**, Nora **Wood**, Luke **Wood**, Gary **Reid**, Kerry **Seville**, James **Seville**

Front - Craig **Deane**, Anne **Oddie**, Phillip **Oddie**, Dot **Store**, John **Store**

Visiting Renmark, SA

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G S Taylor Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge
J H Webster Lodge of Peace

50 Year Certificates

A J Holding Huon Esperance Lodge
C B R Thorp Huon Esperance Lodge
J H Webster Lodge of Peace

70 Year Certificates

D R Hastie The Pacific Lodge

Certificates of Service

R L Elphinstone Wynyard Poulett Lodge
K Grave Nugara Lodge

Grand Lodge Certificates Bro. John Schofield & Bro. Michael Larkins

Pembroke Lodge 74TC presented Grand Lodge Certificates to Bro. John Schofield and Bro. Michael Larkins during February 2022. The Certificate Presentation charge was delivered by the Wor. Master John Sutton with the assistance of W. Bro. Tim Weir; explaining and enlightening both members to the symbols and history held within the Certificate.

Pembroke Lodge 74TC Facebook Page



Bro. Michael Larkins, W. M. John Sutton and Bro. John Schofield

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.

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- 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)
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- 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 30 June 2022

R.W. Bro.

R L Elphinstone Wynyard Poulett Masonic Lodge
 Burnie Masonic Lodge
D N Hodgson Tasmanian Holding Lodge

W. Bro.

D A Cullen Launceston-Lawrie Abra
 Memorial Lodge
H R Fairley Army and Navy Lodge
A S G Hook Lodge Lindisfarne
 Darcy Wills Memorial Lodge
D G Johnstone Tasmanian Union Lodge
E M Kerrison St. Andrew Lewis Lodge
D J C King St. Andrew Lewis Lodge
I Petty Mt Lyell Lodge
 Emu Lodge
H Steele Army and Navy Lodge
D S Turfrey Huon Esperance Lodge
V B Westbrook The Pacific Lodge
P J Thompson Lodge Esk



United Grand Lodge of Queensland - Guys and Gals Breakfast
John and Dot Store, Nora Wood, Anne and Phillip Oddie



United Grand Lodge of Queensland - Meet and Greet
James Seville, Gary Reid, John Store, Phillip Oddie,
Craig Deane, Bevan Duncan, Luke Wood



Bro. Chris Seville, Bro. Andrew Pryer, Bro. Clayton Brown,
Bro. Chris Gray (on his initiation) & Bro. Nathon Clerke



July 2022 meeting of Tasmanian Union Lodge 3TC, whereby W. Bro.
Richard Plunkett presented the First Degree Tracing Board to a
number of Entered Apprentices & Fellowcrafts from surrounding Lodges

**Welcome to all
new Entered
Apprentice
Freemasons**



In the South following Tasmanian Union Lodge
3 TC's open Installation



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(on his initiation into Tasmanian Union Lodge 3TC), Bro. Chris Seville & Bro. Nathon Clerke

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