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From the Grand Master

MW Bro LtCol (Rtd) Alan Maurice Townson, GM.

As another year draws to a close, one reflects on the achievements of the fraternity, those things that bring happiness and satisfaction.

Grand Lodge has visited many lodges during the year and witnessed many Installation and degree ceremonies. I thank those lodges and their brethren for the warmth and hospitality shown to the Grand Officers. I note that there are an increasing number of master masons becoming Installed Masters; this is a good thing and is a promising sign for lodges to progress into the future.



It is pleasing to see some lodges that are re-imagining the way ceremonies and lodge activities are presented. To remain relevant in today's world, the dogmatism of the past must diminish. Our aim must be to ensure the brethren maintain interest, be challenged to understand the ritual, and to seek excellence in ritual performance.

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In this way, the members can achieve fulfilment and increase circumspection, which leads to heightened self-awareness and contentment. Bluntly put, the padding and time-wasting activity should be excised from the regular meetings. Every member has a responsibility to make the lodge experience the best it can be. We all need to recognise that there is fierce competition for men's time and lodges must effectively utilize the time available.

Freemasons in their families. Christmas is a time for giving and many of us will be with family and friends with whom we exchange good wishes.

I wish everyone health and prosperity for the coming year. I trust that all will enjoy the festive season and I extend to you and your families a Happy New Year. Enjoy the break and we all will join in the New Year to further pursue our Masonic activities.

I thank the families of Freemasons for their support to the lodges and the

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Alan Townson

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Welcome to the December edition

By Cieon Hilton

Welcome to the last edition of 2018. Much has happened since the September edition. Hopefully the places that really needed rain received some respite, you're staying safe from bush fires, and that everyone's looking forward to the upcoming Christmas holiday.

What's your favourite aspect of this time of the year? The well-deserved break, the delicious food, or the opportunity to reunite with friends or loved ones. Remember that Queensland summers can be taxing on the body, so VW Bro Dr Bill Boyd AGDD has written an article on page 44 on how to look after yourself this summer and be prepared.

We were overwhelmed with articles for this edition, so a big thank you to everyone who sent something through.

This edition features a variety of articles that reflect how active Freemasons in Queensland have been these past few months. From the history of Freemasonry in Papua New Guinea, the recent trip to Port Moresby, celebrating the 100th year of Armistice, travelling Shillelaghs and Gavel, living at UGLQ, Christmas and Freemasonry, and a historic article on Masonic murders most malevolent, which will continue as a mini-series in subsequent editions.

We have included some new features in our eMagazine and have also created a guide on page 2 for your reference. For example, you can click on any of the names of the articles mentioned in this piece and you will be automatically directed to that page.

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All advertisements, if clicked, will direct you to their website. We hope to keep improving on the digital aspects of the magazine.

A reminder that the Grand Installation will be the 5-7 July 2019 in Brisbane. An online ticketing system will be available, and we will advise members when tickets will be ready for purchase.

A few more housekeeping reminders: The UGLQ office will be closed from Friday 21 December midday and our doors will open in the new year on Monday 7 January 2019. Please send any enquires during this time to membership@uglq.org.au.

The deadline for the March 2019 edition is 1 February. Future submissions can be sent to news@uglq.org.au—this is our new email address for any media and magazine enquiries and content.

Happy holidays and New Year to you all,
Cieon Hilton

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From the desk of the Grand Secretary

RW Bro Ian Tomlinson

Brethren, it has been a very busy quarter for Freemasonry in Queensland. The enthusiasm that I have seen by lodges has been very inspiring. I attended an Installation in Papua New Guinea, which had a great turn out of Freemasons from PNG and the neighbouring islands. The hard work of our PNG brethren has led to members rejoining and enquiries from potential candidates, ensuring that Freemasonry will continue with vitality in this region.

There was the dedication of two new centres: Rosewood and Mooloolah Masonic Centre. Both dedications were inspiring, and the lodge rooms are a fine example for other lodges to emulate. Improving the appearance of a centre, or building a new centre, provides an opportunity to create an atmosphere and ambience that leaves a favourable lasting impression on new initiates and visitors alike. Such

favourable impressions inspire new brethren to engage and learn. The following quote from one of our earlier magazines expresses the sentiment admirably:

“During the first Masonic meeting of our career, we were exhorted to “make a daily advancement in Masonry”. Do all of us achieve this?

We can look at this in two ways. The newly initiated, full of enthusiasm is very desirous of doing this. He cannot if those about him are not prepared to teach him. Grand Lodge has lecturettes available, plus a ritual for that degree, but nothing is more helpful than the guiding hands of another brother. His proposer and seconder have an obligation in this respect, but are they always qualified as they should be. Is it a case of the blind leading the blind. Has your lodge thought about creating the office of Mentor—his duties are to be with the



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new brother, in lodge and at the festive board, to answer questions and guide and help him. How easy it is for a new brother to drop him by the wayside, because there is no help given to him. Daily advancement is not limited to the new candidate. Irrespective of the time we have been in the Craft there is always something new to learn. Do brethren drop by the wayside, after their term as Master, feeling that

they know it all. There are many avenues open, books from the library, personal reference books, and masonic periodicals. There are brethren available who are prepared to deliver lectures in lodges. Why not encourage brethren in your own lodge to give short talks. This helps in two ways. No brother can fail to learn something new if he is prepared to research the subject of the talk. A two minute talk at regular meetings can be a worthwhile project for any lodge.”

To welcome new candidates and bring them to light is one thing; the challenge is then to retain them. Creating an inviting lodge room full of enthusiasm enables lodges to grow, and the goal of membership retention is one of the most successful avenues to achieve.

Have a merry and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all,

RW Bro Ian Tomlinson

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland - MW Bro Alan Townson, Grand Master, Invites you to attend

The Grand Installation

05 – 07 July 2019

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Friday	05/07/2019	Meet & Greet
Saturday	06/07/2019	Ladies Breakfast
		Grand Installation
		Grand Banquet
Sunday	07/07/2019	Farewell Lunch

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From the General Board of Directors

RW Bro Ray Saunders

Brethren, several of the members of the General Board will retire at the 2019 Grand Installation; it is extremely important that we identify potential new Board Members as soon as possible to enable the Nominations Panel to do their work in identifying, interviewing and selecting members.

Brethren, if you think that you have the skills and drive to join the Board or you think you know a Brother who has, please nominate, or suggest they nominate for the Board. Nominations should be directed through the Grand Secretary without delay.

In recent weeks the Membership Team has taken over the role of processing applications for permission to ballot, in terms of the UGLQ Constitution. We believe that this process will enable a better service to individuals seeking to join Freemasonry and a

better service to individual lodges. It is important to note that our very high standards will not be reduced. The Membership Team is currently lead by the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Paul Holland.

The new lift at Stones Corner Masonic Centre has been commissioned and we have received very favourable reports, particularly from senior members, on how much more pleasurable their lodge attendance has become.

The Board has negotiated a deal with Beaudesert Lodge that will see the ownership of the Beaudesert Masonic Centre transferred back to Beaudesert Lodge for the same 'price' that it was purchased for. The balance of the property owned by UGLQ at Mt Isa has been sold and settled; fifty percent of the proceeds will be placed in the Country Lodges Assistance Scheme Fund.



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The Board continues to encourage Country Lodges to apply for assistance in renovating, repairing or modernising their lodge buildings.

Turning now to matters financial, it is pleasing to note that the audit of the 2017/18 Financial Statements has been completed with a 'clean' audit. Well done to the Finance team and to the Grand Treasurer. The Board continues to work hard to find alternative revenue streams to boost the UGLQ revenue and to give us further opportunities to develop or redevelop our ageing properties.

In closing we take the opportunity to wish all UGLQ Members and UGLQ Staff and their respective families a wonderful Christmas and a bright and prosperous year in 2019.

Take care this Christmas,
RW Bro Ray Saunders



The Grand Installation
Brisbane, 05 - 07 July 2019

Remembering Remembrance Day...

By Wor Bro Stig Hokanson





Image from Bro Peter Currie

It is 100 years since the guns fell silent on the Western Front. The solemn occasion, after four years' carnage, was first remembered as Armistice Day. It later morphed into Remembrance Day all around the world.

UGLQ suitably commemorated the occasion with a wreath laying ceremony at the Urn of Remembrance in the Masonic Memorial Centre on 11 November.

MW Bro Grand Master Alan Townson delivered a most appropriate address for the occasion. The Grand Master was accompanied by the Deputy and Assistant Grand Masters, past Grand Masters and Grand Officers. The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland and the Mark Master Masons' Grand Lodge were also represented.

In excess of 100 visitors from a host of UGLQ lodges were called on to lay wreaths on behalf of lodges inaugurated before 11 November 1918.

After recalling that the 'war to end all wars' did not come true, the world was again thrown into war in 1939 and subsequent conflicts such as Malaya, Korea, Vietnam and others, MW Bro Townson spoke about 'commemoration' in various societies with an emphasis on Australia in general and this, our historic Masonic Memorial Centre:

"On December 9, 1930, His Excellency Brother Sir John Goodwin, Governor of the State of Queensland, unveiled and dedicated the Masonic Memorial Urn here in front of us, a truly beautiful object of commemoration.

Commemoration takes different forms in different countries. The preservation of memory is the importance of learning from the past. Honouring heroism and sacrifice feature in all nations' commemorative activities.

These are observed in ways that reflect each nation's sense of identity and history.

As Freemasons we honour those who have passed to the Grand



MW Bro Adrian Burton with his grandson Daniel

"As Freemasons we honour those who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above as a result of war."

Lodge Above as a result of war. The ideal of courage, endurance and mateship displayed by Australian troops at Gallipoli, Palestine and on the Western Front were not unique, yet they became important values which in turn forged the beginnings of our Australian identity."

A tribute to Remembrance Day was on display in the ground floor Lavarack Room where visitors mingled before the Last Post was played by a Grand Lodge Herald from the temple's third floor. The haunting sound wafted down the stairs to envelop brethren and guests with an ambiance of reflection.

Bells were ringing in all surrounding churches and from Brisbane's City Hall as guests left the area surrounding the Masonic Memorial Urn, its floor by then covered in red poppy wreaths.

Travelling Shillelaghs and Gavel



The picture shows the Travelling Shillelagh, which was acquired by Tarragindi Progress Lodge No 438 when Tarragindi and Progress Lodges amalgamated in October 2017. The Shillelagh was claimed by Progress Lodge when it visited Ionic Prudence Lodge for the installation in August 2014.

The Shillelagh, also called a cudgel, is claimable by any lodge making a fraternal visit with seven or more brethren (seven makes a lodge perfect). Once claimed the lodge concerned has the right to place its engraved nameplate with the date of visit on the Travelling Shillelagh's polished wooden stand, but a lodge must be prepared to relinquish it to any lodge making a fraternal visit with seven or more brethren.



The plaque engraved on the stand reads as follows:

"Genuine Irish Shillelagh (Fighting Stick). This cudgel (circa 1625) was



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found in a Scottish "bog" by Wor Bro Tom Davidson, Coorparoo Lodge No 80 during a recent visit to Scotland. Thought to have been used in the Scottish Thistle War 1620. Restored to original condition following the removal of bone fragments and bloodstains."

Lodge names engraved on the stand include Loyalty No 436 22.08.03, Camp Hill No 388 23.10.03, Coot-Tha No 484 11.10.04, Redlands No 252 8.11.04, Northgate Remembrance Lodge No 285 17.07.05, Mt Pleasant No 361 19.08.05, Viking No 394 9.10.03, Tynwald No 262 11.11.05, Redlands No 252 6.06.06, Qld Masonic Touring Club 29.10.07, Ionic-Prudence No 77 25.2.11.

The Gathering of the Clans

The Gathering of the Clans is held ideally every two years by the Scottish Working Lodges of Queensland. It was recently held on the Gold Coast, sponsored by Southport Lodge No 62. The next meeting is to be held in Townsville in 2020, sponsored by Unity Lodge No 300.

The Travelling Gavel associated with the Gathering of the Clans is shown in the photo, together with a bottle of Drambuie, to show that it is more than your normal sized gavel. The gavel was originally made by a member of Argyle No 164, which meets at Forest Hill.



Spreading the Word of the UGLQ Ladies' Group

An excellent afternoon and evening of fundraising at Oakey for the Queensland Children's Hospital Foundation occurred in September.

Fifty ladies enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and music recital at the Oakey Community Centre. The around the world musical repertoire from the Women in Harmony Choir of Toowoomba, a multicultural group of women who delighted all with their musical instruments and songs, which involved the UGLQ Ladies.

We all sat down to a wonderful spread provided by Margaret Denyer and her helpers from Toowoomba. Delicious desserts, savouries and teapots of various classic and rustic designs and roses were the highlights. Margaret also donated lucky door and some raffle prizes, a big thank you Margaret for a wonderful afternoon tea.

The many dinner tables that were set up in the roomy cultural centre were adorned with a beautiful variety of fresh flowers organised by Daphne



Tupou. As well, Daphne donated a lovely painting of Koi fish for our raffle. The catering for the dinner was excellent, thank you Daphne.

The time of year was good to be in the Toowoomba area just ready for the Carnival of Flowers, a feast of colour for the eyes. Waveny Holland and I provided raffle prize donations and sold tickets. \$800 was raised for the Children's Hospital Foundation.

I still require donations to continue so that I can reach my target of \$10,000 that I would like to give to a project for the Children's Hospital School. This is in keeping with looking after the mental health of children while in hospital. A generous donation for Christmas would be great and we are nearly there. Interested lodges can ring the UGLQ office to have the donation recorded.

Many thanks to all helpers for the fund-raising events and a merry Christmas and safe New Year to all.



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Comet Lodge's restoration

Doesn't the Barcaldine Masonic Centre look stunning after Comet Lodge's recent restoration? Please look forward to our March edition for an article about Barcaldine Masonic Centre's history.



From the UGLQ Archives

By Madeline Wallace



UGLQ Archives have been busy lately, with members seeing little snapshots of fascinating Installation banquets appearing on Facebook, or a magazine story about two members' fatal expedition upon the S.S. Yongala. While the team might not ever be able to enjoy a 1900s Installation banquet or visit the fantastic diving site, they are working hard to create something important for UGLQ: an electronic version of some of our records.

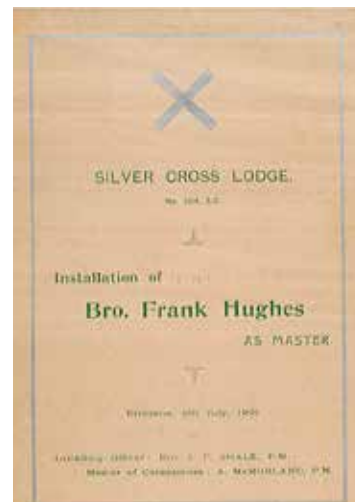
Our team of staff and volunteers are busy photographing the original roll books and minute books of lodges and scanning and organising membership applications to preserve and make available the records—there is always something on the go.

Then there are the treasures being brought

out of storage for digitisation. Old minute books from lodges now lost to time are stored within UGLQ archives for preservation. Active lodges occasionally lend a book to the archive team for photography. In the future we hope to be able to have these images available for lodge secretaries and lodge historians so the damage to fragile documents is minimised.

Secretaries from the first ten lodges of UGLQ have also been able to request a digital Membership Roll from the archives. By working together with some lodges these digital roll books extend all the way back to the first members of their lodge – sometimes all the way back to the 1860s.

In the future, a greater number of items will be photographed and stored safely in the archives.



We hope those brought to light will bring a smile to your faces. After all, everyone in the UGLQ Archives team votes they would love to attend an Installation banquet like this!



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Freemasonry in Papua New Guinea

A BRIEF PRECIS

By VW Bro Ivor G Player

Papua New Guinea, as does Freemasonry, gets under your skin and bores into your heart. Well it did and still does for me. My initiation was carried out by the Worshipful Master, Wor Bro TS Dulay a Medical Doctor and Freemason from the Philippines in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea in October 1987. Due to the WM having English as a second language, he accidentally paused during my obligation and commenced to go back over the charge he was delivering to me in Tagalog; the national language of the Philippines.

Now image me kneeling and repeating verbatim, as instructed to do, my obligation. I went from English into a very awkward attempt at speaking Tagalog until the Worshipful Master realised what was happening and told me to stop and wait. He got himself sorted out and we continued the obligation. At the end and when the light of knowledge was opened to me I had facing me on either side of me my Proposer, my Secunder and five of my six referees. Do you think it will ever be possible to forget such an experience?

Freemasonry in Papua New Guinea had its beginning in 1919 in Rabaul when Lodge Rabaul No 4468 was formed under the English Constitution. This is what we read in the *The Centennial Story – Freemasonry in Queensland 1859 to 1959*. It also has the same opening statement in *The Story of M.I.N.G.* Published in 1948. The first Installation Meeting has been a bone of contention. It seems to be that the United Grand Lodge of England takes its date from formation and United Grand Lodge of Queensland from actual date of Installation. I am happy to be corrected on my interpretation. This being my biased opinion, the Installation for 1922-1923 of Worshipful Brother WT Harse, the Government Doctor at Port Moresby and Samarai of New Guinea Lodge pips Brother E A Wisdom 1923-1924 of Rabaul Lodge. However, the first Worshipful Master of Rabaul Lodge is more impressive. Brother EA Wisdom

(you must agree that is a great name for a Worshipful Master) comes with the following honours (CB, CMG, DSO, VD).

A consecration must have taken place prior to the Installation and one would assume that either the Grand Lodge of England sent officers out or English Lodges still existing in Queensland carried out the work. I have not found out which yet. Like me, you might have a cursory interest in what all those

letters stand for after Brother Wisdom's name. Here goes; CB is a *Companion of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath*; CMG is a *Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George*; DSO is the *Distinguished Service Order* and VD is the *Volunteer Officer's Decoration*.

This last Decoration was instituted in 1892 as an award for long meritorious service by officers of the United Kingdom's



The Bomana War Cemetery outside of Port Moresby.

Volunteer Force and although superseded by the Territorial Decoration in 1908 continued to be awarded in some Crown Dependencies until 1930. He must have been quite important and further investigation reveals he was Brigadier-General Evan Alexander Wisdom, a former Administrator of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea and based in Rabual. From 1922-1936 three other lodges were formed under the auspices of the new Queensland Constitution, my Mother Lodge New Guinea No 292 UGLQ in 1922, Morobe Lodge No 375 UGLQ in Bulolo in 1933 and Madang Lodge No 380 UGLQ in 1936. Those Lodges closed during the Japanese invasion in WWII. Where possible every effort was made to protect Masonic documents from being destroyed and were buried or sent to Australia.

Until WWII was over the only Masonic activities that took place were through Masonic Clubs formed to maintain Masonic fellowship and its ideals. *The Centennial Story* informs us that Masons in New Guinea (MING) was formed by the efforts of a mix of Freemasons from various branches of the armed forces—mainly Australian, British and American service men. On the night of 30 December 1942 twenty-one members of the fighting services could have been seen making their way to Flight Lieutenant (Padre) Reginald Kirby's tent in the 30th Squadron (Royal Australian Air Force) area in June Valley, a few miles out of Port Moresby. The General meeting on the 5 May 1943 had a very special significance for the brethren gathered—on that night, and in the presence of 81 brethren, MING was born. June Valley is now a residential



MW Bro Garry Bacon AM, VW Bro Ivor Geoffrey Player and RW Bro Graham Eric Stead PAGM (D) at the ANZMRC Conference held in Cairns Masonic Centre 30 August 2014. Both Ivor and Graham were Past Masters of New Guinea Lodge No 292 UGLQ.

area of Port Moresby. The meetings were not "constituted" and basically social. Brethren listened to Masonic Lectures and speeches. A whole book called *The Story of M.I.N.G.* was produced after the war and details the various clubs formed and MING was considered the leader of them all. I recommend the book to you if you can ever locate one. Its full name is *The Story of... M.I.N.G. Lodge of Instruction U.G.L.Q. Port Moresby 1942-1948 and Associated Clubs throughout S.W. Pacific Area.*

New Guinea Lodge was consecrated on 30 September 1922 and had 20 Foundation members. New Guinea Lodge went into recess following its 22 December 1941 meeting and did not open again until March 1948. Many members of New Guinea Lodge have been honoured with Past Grand Rank in those earlier days and

even today is still favoured with such honours. Papua New Guinea Lodges come directly under the jurisdiction of UGLQ with Rabual still under the English Constitution.



Lodges in the Territory of Papua New Guinea - Past & Present

Lodge Name	No.	Place	Date of Consecration
New Guinea	292	Port Moresby	30-09-1922
Morobe	375	Bulolo	29-07-1933
Madang	380	Madang	18-10-1936
Lae	419	Lae	10-11-1951
Port Moresby	445	Port Moresby	24-05-1955
Bladen	446	Wau	26-05-1955
Rabual Memorial	449	Rabual	26-05-1956
Samarai	453	Samarai	05-09-1956
Goroka	456	Goroka	08-01-1957
Kavieng	487	Rabaul	12-05-1960
Sepik	498	Madang	12-05-1962
Mount Hagen	508	Mount Hagen	

Those Lodge's shown in **BOLD** are now defunct. There is a Lodge in Rabaul, called Rabaul under the English Constitution and numbered 4468. Both Madang and Mount Hagen are currently struggling but still survive.

The camaraderie, social and fraternal side of Freemasonry are at their best in Papua New Guinea. Some that join are transient expatriates. So, it has been imperative to attempt to get Papua New Guinea males to join as they are the future of Freemasonry in Papua New Guinea. The core of Freemasons in Papua New Guinea are a very hard working group of dedicated Freemasons who staunchly keep the flame of Freemasonry burning brightly.

To the many Papua New Guineans I had the pleasure to meet and make friends with I say "tenkyu tru wantok".

The other visit ...

By Wor Bro Stig Hokanson.

The APEC meeting in Port Moresby has dominated all media recently. World Leaders and deputies flew in to our northern neighbour for the first time amidst tight security, in the main provided by Australian Defence Force and the AFP. Port Moresby, once the centre of Australia's colonial trust territory was on the front foot with activities beamed across the globe.

Less publicised, yet important, was an official visit by Grand Master Alan Townson, Grand Secretary and Executive Manager Ian Tomlinson and Grand Director of Ceremonies Ian Kerr in October. The UGLQ trio flew from Brisbane to PNG's capital on Friday 5 October, returning three days later.

While Papua New Guinea officially gained its independence in 1975 its Freemasonry remained tied to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. 16 September 1975 saw the raising of a new nation's national flag, singing of a new anthem and essentially the departure of Australia's colonial administration.

Masonic lodges had been operating and thriving for many decades. Indeed, some were quickly established after Germany's defeat in World War I. Others, judging by their numbers on the UGLQ roll, sprung up later, as did Royal Arch Chapters and other Masonic orders.

Friday, 5 October had been arranged as a 'meet and greet' event. The well-attended evening saw close to 40 Brethren and partners assembled. They had travelled extensively from as far away as Rabaul, Mt. Hagen and Lae to be in the capital for the installation meeting the following day at New Guinea Lodge No 292.

Meet and Greet evenings are convivial affairs in PNG where the tyranny of distance dictates air travel in most cases.

The following day, Saturday, 6



October saw the installation of Bro Mark Andrew Bennett into the Chair of King Solomon in the Port Moresby Masonic Centre in Brampton Street near famous Ela Beach.

The spacious building is also home to other lodges such as Port Moresby Lodge No 445 and Royal Arch Chapters. The impressive ceremony of Installation was followed by an equally well presented Festive Board where the local brew South Pacific Lager (SP)

quenched visitors' tropical thirst.

It is rare in PNG lodges to have the Grand Master respond to the second loyal Masonic toast. Grand Master Townson spoke about PNG's long tie and association with the United Grand Lodge of Queensland and touched upon our two nations' shared history forged in World War II and further developed during many decades of Australia's administration of PNG as a Trust Territory under the



United Nations' charter.

To date ex-pat Australians are the dominant members of PNG lodges, however native-born Papuans are also in evidence and occupy offices in PNG lodges. The young nation has come a long way since the post-war days of Burns Philp's ship, the *Bulolo* as the main mode of transport from Australia to its northern neighbour. Grand Master Townson's party took only 3 hours 10 minutes by air compared to 4-5 days by sea.

Our northern neighbours such as Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand are hosts to a number of war cemeteries, so too is Papua New Guinea. These cemeteries are meticulously attended, maintained and house many young Australian soldiers killed in PNG during the Japanese invasion in 1942. Few get visitors,

which is why Grand Master Townson felt it appropriate to visit famous Bomana Cemetery, which is a Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery dating from World War II near Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

The cemetery contains the graves of those who died fighting in the former Territory of Papua and on Bougainville Island. 3824 graves are identified, 699 are not. MW Bro Townson, surrounded by members of New Guinea Lodge, laid a wreath on Bro J. O. Hosier's grave, (KIA in WWII), a young Freemason from St. George Lodge whose life was cut short a long time ago (his grave is featured on the front cover).

The already strong bond between UGLO and its lodges in Papua New Guinea was further strengthened by the recent visit.

Dining In the Dark 2018



The fifth Dining in the Dark proved to be another success for all parties. As an organiser for this event, what pleased me most was that we had our largest community involvement ever. The aim of the night was not only to increase awareness of the plight of vision impaired people using Guide Dogs, but to challenge the participants in eating blindfolded in an encouraging environment. Unfortunately, the rain precluded us from having our first attempt of people being guided by Guide Dogs in training while blindfolded.

I must give thanks to Jim Williams for his enthusiasm, his commitment, and donations to this event; Jacko — The MC and auctioneer who added that extra element to the night. Also, to those who assisted us on the night — it made my job easier. Finally, to those businesses that donated items for the raffles (the stake in the sand) and the auction. See you next year. **Wor Bro Ian Brown**



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Grant Cheque presentation with L-R Wor. Brother David Roberts Hand Heart Pocket Champion, Maggie Daunt CEO Sandbag, Wor Master Ben Lynis and Brother Peter Taylor SW

Tynwald Lodge 262

Recently Tynwald Lodge 262 UGLQ & 1177 SC celebrated their 100-year centenary with the re-enactment of consecration of the Lodge in the Eustace Jones Hall at the Regis Homes Sandgate.

The MW Grand Master and his Grand Lodge Officers performed the very formal and impressive Antient Ritual with vessels and implements believed to have been used in the original consecration of Tynwald Lodge back in 1918.

On completion of the ceremony a Scottish style banquet to celebrate Tynwald Lodge's Scottish Heritage & Working, was held at the Bracken Ridge Tavern with the Haggis being piped in by Wor Bro Armfeld followed by the Robbie Burns address and toast to the Haggis in fine form and some 54 Freemasons and their wives and partners were in attendance.

In addition, Tynwald Lodge was successful in their application for a Hand Heart Pocket Grassroots Community Grant of \$10,000.00 which was presented to Ms Maggie Daunt, CEO of Sandbag (Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group)

to assist them in their community work. This grant enabled Sandbag to purchase a desktop computer, 3 laptops, furniture for their main area and counselling room, a BBQ for their staff and beneficiaries to cook on for social functions, and a quantity of Stihl gardening equipment for their retraining area Seed.

Sandbag are involved with assisting the underprivileged, helping them to find employment, retraining for people to be employable and of recent times persons who have suffered domestic violence and who may also be homeless within the Sandgate and Bracken Ridge areas.

This was also topped off by a further donation of \$1400.00 by Tynwald Lodge itself to assist in replacing their office floor coverings that were totally worn out.

Sandbag, through Maggie Daunt, have expressed their absolute gratitude for the wonderful assistance given to them by Hand Heart Pocket and the Tynwald Brethren who have earned their benevolent funds from weekend sausage sizzles.

Freemasons donation to Aged Care Home acknowledged

By RW Bro Jim Gist PAGM



Photo of unveiling: Mrs Lindy McCathie (Chairman of Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged Society), George Christensen MP, RW Bro Jim Gist P AGM, RW Bro Les Keane District Grand Master, VW Bro Steve Theofanes (representing Drysdale Lodge members), VW Bro Beresford Whyte Deputy District Grand Master

Following the sale of the Masonic Centre in Home Hill in 2010, \$150,000 was donated to the Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged to be used for further development of their Home Hill facility. The Lodge, Drysdale No 237 subsequently surrendered its Charter on 16 May 2011.

On Tuesday 4 August 2018 a plaque was unveiled to commemorate the completion of significant refurbishment of the Hostel.

The plaque was unveiled by the Federal Member for Dawson George



Photo of plaque acknowledging Freemasonry

Christensen MP and RW Bro Jim Gist P AGM, last Secretary of Drysdale Lodge, representing the Freemasons.



March Edition Submissions

Have you got a story for The Queensland Freemason? We want to hear from you.

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Students equipped to gain life-skills

Senior students at Hervey Bay Special School have been showing off their barista skills after the local Freemasons donated a new coffee machine for their training coffee shop.

Hervey Bay Daylight Masonic Lodge Secretary David Hall said they were thrilled to support the school with this venture, so that students could develop important life-skills.

"The old tuckshop has been converted into a new training coffee shop, which is open to the public every Friday. The coffee machine they were using could only make one coffee at a time, so this made things more practical," David said.

"Senior students are learning how to work as a team, to run their own business, from buying stock, to making lovely cakes and slices. Making all sorts of Barista style coffees and teas and at the end of the day counting the money and balancing the books," he said.

"As these children graduate and leave school they will be employable in the hospitality industry, some may even go on to complete apprenticeships and become skilled chefs."

Hand Heart Pocket Chief Executive Officer Gary Mark said educational initiatives that empower students with disabilities to lead more independent lives was one of their key focus areas.

"Having important life-skills will in



A Hervey Bay Special School student tests the new coffee machine.

"As these children graduate and leave school they will be employable in the hospitality industry, some may even go on to complete apprenticeships and become skilled chefs."

the long-term empower these young people to be in control of their future and to lead better lives," Gary said.

"Together, Hervey Bay Daylight Masonic Lodge and Hand Heart Pocket have been able to make a bigger impact at a grassroots level," he said.

Find out More
 For more information about Hand Heart Pocket, visit www.handheartpocket.org.au



Drought appeal

By Wor Bro William Bean

Millaa Masonic Lodge No 351 members Wor Bro Robert Jessop and Bro Lyle Oliver presented a \$500.00 cheque to RW Bro Henry Condon District Grand Master of Carpentaria on behalf of the Hand Heart Pocket Drought Disaster Relief



Appeal, who will add another \$1000 to the Appeal with all proceeds going to drought affected communities.

Stanley Pocket Diary 2019

Copies of the 2019 Stanley Pocket Diary are available for \$5 each at Quarterly Communication or can be ordered through your Lodge Secretary. Copies are also available by contacting John Irwin directly on **0408 719 309**.

Freemasons donate \$1.45M to drought-affected Queenslanders

Freemasons across Queensland and Papua New Guinea have again rallied with Hand Heart Pocket the Charity of Freemasons Queensland to support drought-affected families and communities. The success of the most recent Drought Disaster Relief Appeal has meant that we have now collectively donated \$1.45 million over the past four years.

The recent appeal saw Hand Heart Pocket donate an additional two dollars for every one dollar donated by its members and Masonic Lodges - therefore tripling their impact and helping to raise \$450,000 in just six weeks.

Hand Heart Pocket Chairman Tom Wiltshire said the response from Lodges was swift.

"When the drought hit the headlines, we received enquiries from members looking to work together to make a bigger impact," Tom said.

"Through our combined efforts we have now donated \$1.45 million over the last four years to provide a hand up to drought-affected families and communities. This shows how effective we can be when we work together."

"A special mention must go to the Freemasons of Mackay who, with our support have contributed \$72,000 towards this latest appeal. They were also the ones who called for a collective response to the drought when we ran our first Drought Appeal four years ago," he said.

Star Aged Living Ltd which recently divested its aged care business made a \$10,000 contribution, which with Hand Heart Pocket's support multiplied to \$30,000.

New Guinea and Port Moresby Lodges were among 127 Lodges to support the Appeal – enabling such an incredible result. With these funds, Hand Heart Pocket is providing Eftpos cards to be distributed through its partners on the ground so that funds can get to where they are needed most, helping to put food on the table and pay for essential bills. It also ensures that funds are spent locally to help support local businesses.



Photo contributed by Gatton Lodge



Top 5 contributors to the appeal

- Mackay District Freemasons
- Star Aged Living Ltd
- Argyle Lodge
- Theodore Unmack Lodge
- Toowoomba and District Masonic Council



Main Photos: During the six-week appeal Hand Heart Pocket donated an additional two dollars for every one dollar donated by its members and Masonic Lodges, tripling their impact.

The Western Drought Appeal and their associated distribution channels, the Rural Financial Counselling Service, Queensland Education and the School of Distant Education parent support group have been entrusted with the task of getting these Eftpos cards to those in most need.

"We have distributed around 1500 Eftpos cards to families throughout Longreach, Winton, Barcardine, Blackall-Tambo, Barcoo, Boulia, McKinlay, Richmond, Murweh, Flinders, Bulloo, Quilpie and Paroo," said Tom.



Hand Heart Pocket Chief Executive Officer Gary Mark and General Manager Marketing and Public Relations Karen Tilke with Stanley Masonic Lodge representatives John Irwin and Ron Anderson as they discuss the impact of their donation to drought-affected Queenslanders.

Stanley Pocket Diary proceeds go to good cause

Proceeds from the sale of the 2018 Stanley Pocket Diary have been put towards Hand Heart Pocket's Drought Disaster Relief Appeal. Stanley Masonic Lodge Secretary Ron Anderson said that with so many Queenslanders struggling as a direct result of the drought, they wanted to do their bit to help.

"Each year, we donate the proceeds from the sale of our Stanley Pocket Diary to various Masonic charities," Ron said.

"We are really pleased that with the help of Hand Heart Pocket we've been able to provide \$10,560 to support drought-affected communities. It's great to know our efforts will go towards helping so many people."

Used by many within the Queensland Masonic community, the Stanley Pocket Diary has been produced since 1987 by Freemason John Irwin, who has a wealth of knowledge in newspaper and print production.

"For over 30 years, our Lodge has enjoyed the support of Freemasons Queensland-wide. We thank them for their generous support of the Stanley Pocket Diary which has enabled us to carry out important charity work in the community," Ron said.

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Maleny Lodge

By Bro John Woodford

Maleny Lodge, originally Dunlop Lodge, was founded in 1913, and became a de facto daughter Lodge of Nambour No 50, of the Queensland Grand Lodge at that time. A Nambour Dentist, Wor Bro ERP Wainwright and Bro CH Dinning were Members of Nambour Lodge, and influential in the formation of a Masonic Lodge in Maleny. The name Dunlop, for the first lodge in Maleny, was named after Bro Francis Dunlop, the first treasurer and probably a benefactor.

At the consecration ceremony, that took place on 13 October 1913, with MW Bro AM Hertzberg presiding, and in company with the Deputy Grand Master, MW Bro WM Jones, and other brethren accompanying them, travelled by train to Landsborough and then up to Maleny by buggy and wagon. The Lodge was numbered 60 on the register of the first Queensland Grand Lodge formed with the support of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

After early meetings at the Baptist Church, the Lodge prospered, and purchased a block of land for thirty-five pounds in Beech Street Maleny. Fifteen pounds was donated by Bro Francis Dunlop, ten pounds from Bro CH Dinning and balance from the other brethren.

A quote for four-hundred and twenty-four pounds was received for the construction of the new lodge building, and five brethren acted as guarantors, with specialised furniture donated by craftsman Wor Bro Sallaway. The new lodge in Beech Street was consecrated on 8 December 1916 by MW Bro AM Hertzberg. The Installation of Wor Bro Sallaway, to Master of the Lodge, was undertaken on the same night.

Around 1969 discussions commenced regarding the building of a new temple. A committee was chaired by Bro Rowley Gilliland and then Bro Frank Gertz. The land in Tamarind Street was donated by brothers George Gibson and Reg Gittins.



After several proposals, and correspondence with UGLQ, a letter was received from the Grand Secretary dated 18 November 1969, advising the Board of General Purposes had approved an advance of eight thousand five hundred pounds from the Country Building Fund, payable over 20 years.

The Lodge continues to service the members and potential candidates from the Maleny area; is active with, and visits all lodges in the district, and beyond; and supports and helps other lodges where the members can. In recent times, members have provided materials and their own labour to build a fire exit door and ramp.

The members and supporters have cleaned the walls and ceilings to the interior of the temple and anti-room, replaced the carpet in the temple and anti-room, painted walls and ceilings, which all needed to be replaced

due to water damage, and carried out numerous other maintenance externally for painting to commence.

Our WM, Wor Bro Arthur Trass PSGD, applied for a grant from the Country Building Assistance Scheme (CBAS) to enable the painting of the exterior of the building, which was approved, and painting was completed.

The painting contractor painted the higher section of the lodge buildings exterior, and the brethren painted the lower part of the building, representing about 50% of the painting works.

We continue to grow and move forward, promoting and conducting charity works so we can better serve our widows and their children; brethren falling on hard times; and numerous projects and endeavours in our local community, Maleny, and on the Sunshine Coast.



The new access dinghy will be similar to the one pictured.



The joys of sailing continue to be accessible to all

Partaking in the joys of sailing will continue to be accessible to the disabled on the Sunshine Coast, following the generosity of the local Freemasons.

Maroochydore Masonic Lodge and Hand Heart Pocket the Charity of Freemasons Queensland recently got together to donate a new access dinghy to the local arm of Sailability.

Maroochydore Masonic Lodge Secretary Doug McGill said they were looking forward to the arrival of the specialised boat which is expected in December.

"We're really chuffed to be adding to Sailability Sunshine Coast's existing fleet," Doug said.

"Currently, the organisation takes over 80 disabled locals and their carers out onto the water each week – to take in the sights and sounds of the Mooloolah River.

It's very rewarding to know that we'll be helping to improve their quality of life."

Hand Heart Pocket Chief Executive

Officer Gary Mark said providing sustainable support to charitable organisations that have limited access to other avenues of funding was their focus.

"Ensuring people with disabilities are able to join in on activities that lift their spirits and enhance their overall wellbeing aligns with our values which are about empowering people to lead better lives," Gary said.

"It's our pleasure to have matched the efforts of Maroochydore Lodge so that a bigger impact could be made at a grassroots level," he said.



Ralph Knight of Sailability Sunshine Coast accepts a cheque for \$14,000 from Maroochydore Lodge 1PM Wor Bro Jarrod Brake.

Oakey Quarterly Communications

By Wor Bro Brodie Taylor

With the business coming to an end, our thoughts turned to the wonderful evening ahead, with tables laid and drinks served, true Masonic comradery was the atmosphere of the evening.

Those honoured with Grand Rank and Honours, while still shocked with excitement and disbelief, were flooded with congratulations from everyone present. All were highly deserving of their recognitions for their services to Freemasonry. As the night progressed, The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master led the brethren in a moving toast in honour of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, which was honoured in ample form.

Congratulations and credit must go to the members of the Toowoomba and District Masonic Council; their tireless efforts ensured an enjoyable and eloquent evening was enjoyed by all partakers. The Freemasons of Queensland, I'm sure, will agree they did a spectacular job; the venue was exemplary, the hosts gracious in their hospitality and with yet another country Quarterly Communication came to a successful conclusion.

Summer Quarterly Communication

Past Grand Masters & Brethren, I welcome you all to this end of year Christmas Quarterly Communication and I thank you for your attendance.

The DGM, the AGM and I have visited many Lodges and the hospitality and friendship shown by the brethren is inspiring. The brethren of these Lodges have, in many cases, sought the support of GL to conduct installation ceremonies. This has kept Grand Officer teams on their mettle and sharpened their ceremonial performances. We continue to use grand officers in a Lodge's locale to form grand officer teams. This results in opportunities for coaching and learning on the many aspects of our ceremonial activity for all who hold grand rank. I thank the Lodges for the invitations during the year and it has been an honour and privilege to share in the Lodge's ceremonies and festive events. I recommend past masters consider a rewarding experience with service as a grand officer, and to master masons where opportunities are available as grand stewards and administrative roles. Applications for next year's team close shortly, please give it your careful consideration, discuss it with current or past grand officers for their insight.

I attended the Northgate Remembrance Lodge Remembrance Day ceremony. It was a very well-run ceremony and I congratulate the Lodge on hosting this annual commemoration. I acknowledge and thank those Lodges and districts who hosted commemorative ceremonies, important to the nation in remembering the end of WW1 one hundred years ago. Two ceremonies of the Dedication of a Temple were conducted recently, one at the Rosewood Centre and one at

the Mooloolah Centre. The Rosewood Centre suffered significant fire damage over 2 years ago. Now the restored building is a substantial positive symbol of freemasonry in the district. I congratulate those who worked tirelessly to achieve this outcome which is now a handsome building for the practice of Freemasonry. I thank those Brethren who facilitated the collaboration of other Lodges in the Fassifern and Ipswich area for the support given to Rosewood Lodge over the last two years in the absence of their meeting place. The Centre at Caloundra for Mooloolah Lodge was dedicated in late November. It represents a venture by that Lodge to develop a purpose-built Lodge meeting place. The result is a splendid building and we wish the Lodge well in the future. The Lodge is to be congratulated for the initiative they have taken to develop their facilities for the satisfaction of their membership.

I have recently accepted a petition to create a new Lodge to be named Musica. The objectives of this Lodge will be, among other things, to conduct musically inspired masonic education, develop musical accompaniments for masonic ceremony and develop musical performances. The members of this Lodge must belong to another UGLQ Lodge and Musica Lodge will not perform degree work. In other words, it will be a special interest Lodge. I look forward to consecrating the Musica Lodge in the New Year. I encourage freemasons who have a musical or artistic bent to indicate their interest in this Lodge by registering with the Grand Secretary.

I observe the world around us where cyber bullying reigns and aspects of social media show no respect or the loyalty to cultural norms, where everyone and anyone can appeal to base instincts. I quote;

"loyalty is the most valuable attainment, if we call it an attainment, or the most valuable traits of character that a man or any person have in life. Loyalty has to do with our relations to principles, to organisations, to communities, and to people. Loyalty to a right principle is the highest type of loyalty, and the kind that must always be the most satisfactory in the end.

Employers of men lay great stress on the loyalty of those they have about them. They are influenced as much or even more, by the loyalty of their employees than any other quality they may have. They say of every man they engage, if I cannot trust this man to think of and work for our interests, I do not want him around, no matter how skilful he may be in his particular line of work.

And the more important position you occupy, the more weight will be given to this particular trait of character. The matter simply reduces itself to this, that the man who is not loyal is not wanted by anybody for anything."

This item, brethren, appeared in the Queensland Freemasons magazine on 12 October 1921. Loyalty is an attribute of character that is special to all of us in Freemasonry, but it does serve as a reminder that loyalty to our fellow brother, our Lodge and Grand Lodge is a most honourable and valuable attainment. This does not mean that we are blind to the needs of our organisation but everything we do must be in the interests of the organisation and fellow members and not just self-interest.

At the QC in July I stated the reasons for my suspending the warrant of Lamington Lodge 110 in May of this year. The reasons included:

- it is not acceptable to canvass lodges or individual members to

- seek their support to overthrow Grand Lodge and its officers;
- it is not acceptable to communicate with stranger media/internet outlets to canvass opinions on internal Masonic business; I do not accept that any messaging alongside slander and ridicule of UGLQ, its officers and employees is anyway justified;
 - a Lodge cannot continue to operate when it openly criticises UGLQ and its officers and that the Grand Master is not welcome in the Lodge, openly communicated in a bold statement of disloyalty at a communication of this Grand Lodge;
 - the harmony of a Lodge at its meeting or refreshment is disturbed by the introduction of topics of revolt by visitors to the Lodge.



“Loyalty is the most valuable attainment, if we call it an attainment, or the most valuable traits of character that a man or any person have in life.”

I had observed such activity as I have described, undertaken in the name of Lamington Lodge over many months with no indication that it would cease and I so concluded that this campaign could not be allowed to continue.

Despite the propaganda currently circulating, you will note that none of the above reasons for suspension of the Warrant relate to the questioning of UGLQ Board activities and results. In fact, questions have been put at previous QCs and answered. The use of the Lamington Lodge 110 brand to conduct this destabilisation campaign against UGLQ cannot be tolerated.

I needed to understand whether there were members of Lamington Lodge who did not support the destabilising campaign in the name of the Lodge. As a result, I called and emergent meeting to see which members would re-attest their commitment to masonic values and loyalty to UGLQ. Being satisfied that there was enough support to UGLQ, new officers of the Lamington Lodge No 110 were installed and invested. Consequently, there is no requirement to have motions put, seeking annulment of the Lamington Lodge Warrant. I am confident in the future of Lamington Lodge No 110 and I offer my continued support to the Lodge.

Brethren, we have several Boards and for, the brethren who work on those boards, their efforts often go unnoticed. I recognise and acknowledge their considerable expertise and dedication; to provide

their time and effort in the interests of advancing the business, legal and ceremonial standing of this Grand Lodge. There are always opportunities to offer suggestions, even criticisms which I know the various Boards will happily embrace. Such is their dedication to work for the good of Freemasonry in Queensland. I thank them all sincerely.

Last month I attended a Hand Heart Pocket function titled “The Year in Review.” It was an event that provided a wonderful opportunity to highlight the major charity work of the Charity of Freemasons Queensland. It also enabled the beneficiaries of Hand Heart Pocket grants to explain to the brethren present, the work they do. These interactions are important and the atmosphere at the meeting was such that all felt a mutual sense of belonging and support, each happy to share their brand with ours. As I have said before, the future recognition of Masonic charity work will not be so much about the size of cheques on offer, but will be the relationships,

developed and sustained, the good of our communities and for the good of the Freemasonry brand.

For over a year both myself and the President of the Board of Benevolence have spoken about the re-establishment of a special charitable fund to be named the Masonic Fund of Benevolence, a fund to support Freemasons and their families over and above the financial support already available from the Board of Benevolence. I know that a lengthy process has been required to ensure that the fund is correctly established for the Brethren, and that the Board of Benevolence has been working closely with the General Board of Directors throughout that process. External advice has also been sought. I look forward to this soon coming to fruition as it will be a great fillip to the Craft, providing more support to members of our fraternity.

Brethren, we have been informed several times by the Board of Benevolence President about the complications that have arisen from the conditions contained in the Development Approval for the Masonic Memorial Centre. I am aware of the extensive evaluation that is being undertaken to find a way forward and that both Boards are committed to finding a solution that will meet the requirements of our charity but will also honour the history of this great building. Again, independent advisors have been engaged to assist with finding a solution and I look forward to that being communicated in due course.

Brethren, as this year draws to a close, I am sure your minds turn to holidays and Christmas celebrations with family and friends. On behalf of the DGM and AGM, our wives Robyn, Waverny and Margaret, I wish all the Brethren, their partners and families a safe, happy Christmas. May you return in the New Year well rested, refreshed and ready to tackle the challenges of further developing our fraternal brotherhood.

I thank the Grand Officers, Choir and Grand Heralds for adding the pageantry to this occasion and Brethren, I sincerely thank you for your contribution and attendance this evening.

MW Bro Alan Townson
Grand Master



Conferred Grand Rank

GRAND LODGE HONOURS – 05 DECEMBER 2018

SALUTATION	FIRST NAMES	SURNAME	LODGE	NO	RANK
RW Bro	David	Gwynne	Toowoomba	132	Conspicuous Service to Masonry
Wor Bro	Brian	Pearce	Pialba	192	Meritorious Service to Masonry

CONFERRED GRAND RANK – 05 DECEMBER 2018

RW Bro	Clyde	Jackson	Berserker	407	PJGW
RW Bro	Geoffrey	Taylor	Lord Dufferin	48	PJGW
VW Bro	Robert	Holzberger	Pittsworth United	91	PDGDC
VW Bro	Robert	Mackay	Celtic of Ithaca	84	PDGDC
Wor Bro	Andrew	Fryer	Cleveland	74	PSGD
Wor Bro	Stanley	Joyce	New Guinea	292	PJGD
Wor Bro	Wor Bro	Martin	Continuity	242	PGStd Br
Wor Bro	Doug	Bryant	Sarina	286	PGStdBr
Wor Bro	John	Murray	Mackay	24	PGStdBr
Wor Bro	Richard	Probyn	Star of the East	21	PGStdBr

Jewel Presentations

This page also features some home presentations organised by recipients' lodges.



Fraser Coast United Lodge's Jewel Presentations

By VW Bro Ed Francis

On the 25 August 2018 Fraser Coast United Lodge No 19 celebrated the Installation of Wor Bro Robert Ian Lambert. On the same night the MW Bro Alan Townson presented his father RW Bro Colin Keith Lambert with his 70 year Service Jewel. Worthy of note is that Keith is now aged in his nineties and is a regular attendee of Fraser Coast United Lodge. Additionally, MW Grand Master also presented Wor Bro Neville Denning with his 50 year Service Jewel.

Home Presentation

By RW Bro David Gwynne PJGW



On 30 October we presented RW Bro Robert "Bob" Allan with a 65 Year Lapel Pin. Our brother has been a member of Mitchell Lodge since his initiation and although residing in Toowoomba, his Mother Lodge asked RW Bro Keith Jackson, a close friend as well as a member of Mitchell Lodge, to present the Pin on their behalf. Unbeknown to Bob, Keith arranged the visit in his unit, which included RW Bro Bob's son, and presented the 65 Year Pin. Bev Jackson provided a lovely morning tea. Lodge members in attendance were Brothers Wor Bro Ian Hotchin and RW Bro Keith Jackson from Mitchell Lodge plus RW Bro Ian Parry and RW Bro David Gwynne from local lodges that RW Bro Bob had been associated with. RW Bro Bob, now in his nineties, does not regularly attend a lodge, however is up to date with his Mitchell brethren as well as the local lodges. It was a pleasure to witness such an occasion



Service Jewels Presented

Jewels notified as presented September 2018 – December 2018

70 YEAR JEWELS & LAPEL PINS		50 YEAR JEWELS & LAPEL PINS	
RW Bro C K Lambert PJGW	Fraser Coast United 19	Wor Bro C Houston	Queensland 002
VW Bro A J Leggo PDGDC	Lord Dufferin 048	Wor Bro B I Jackson	Windsor 290
Wor Bro L J Bullock	St John Biarra 073	Wor Bro K H Lind	Coronation 141
60 YEAR JEWELS & LAPEL PINS		Wor Bro L W Maguire	Connectivity 537
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John Rowe 60 Year Jewel

By VW Bro Neil Wales AGDD



On Saturday the 8 of September a 60-Year Jewel was presented to RW Bro John Rowe at his unit in Kerrisdale Gardens

in Mackay. The presentation was done by VW Bro Neil Wales AGDD, district 43 and Neil was accompanied by John's daughter Leonie Pratt and son in law Wor Bro Bruce Pratt. John is a member of Hamilton-Calen Lodge No 186.

60 Year Jewel for Bro Evan Duke

By Wor Bro John Richardson



Bro Evan Duke being presented his 60 Year Jewel by Wor Bro Tom Barns of Tyrian Lodge No 27 on the 15 September 2018. Bro Evan was Initiated into Tyrian Lodge No 27 on 13 August 1958 aged 21 years. Passed to the 2nd Degree on 21 March 1960 and Raised to the 3rd Degree on the 13 April 1960. Evan is an electrician by trade and

served in the Merchant Navy as an Electrical Engineering Officer for a number of years. He is currently a committee member for the Bundaberg Meals on Wheels sourcing produce from local farms around the district. He also was an active member of the Bingera Soccer Club, volunteering his services. A Grand Stand has been named after him.

Diamond Jubilee

By VW Bro Neville Kajewski



Wor Bro Graham Acutt Receiving his 60 year jewel

Sixty years ago, on the 26 of February 1958, Graham Acutt did something that, in many ways, changed his life; he became a Freemason, joining Capricornia Lodge 222. He was a young tradesman, trained in wood work. Little did he know that he would learn a great deal more about the tools he was familiar with. He learned that the medieval stonemasons had developed a code of conduct that was linked to their tools of trade. In those days, most tradesmen were illiterate. However, they wanted to protect their industry from unqualified tradesmen, so they developed a code of conduct, using the square, compasses, level and other tools, to remind them of the various components. They formed lodges, however, the gentry of the day were opposed to these lodges, so the masons developed secret means of identifying each other, to prevent intruders gaining entry to their meetings or work sites. The exemplary behaviour of members of these Lodges became the envy of non-masons who wished to join them. Modern Freemasonry evolved. The presentation was made by Grand Officer, RW Bro Paul Bienek assisted by Wor Bro Jim Florrey. When asked why he joined, Graham said he heard his mates talking about Lodge. He was curious, so he asked, "What is this Lodge. What do you do?". They replied, "You'll have to join to find out!". Graham said he continued his membership with Capricornia Lodge because of the friendship and camaraderie of his Masonic 'brothers'. "Also", he said, "The examples in the Old Testament, used in the unique allegoric way of reinforcing the virtues we believe in, maintain my interest. I'm still learning".

A rare event at Murilla Lodge 265

By Wor Bro Edward Gibbons



Wor Bro Brian Mitchell

On the night of 27 October at the monthly meeting of Murilla Lodge at Miles, the brethren were treated to an event seldom seen in a lodge.

Our Brother Wor Bro Brian Mitchell, Director of Ceremonies at Ironsides Lodge in Brisbane, but whose Mother Lodge is at Miles, received his 50 Year Jewel from RW Bro Eric Geldard, PAGM. The exciting part being that RW Bro Geldard is 93 years of age, receiving his 60 Year Jewel in 2016, and Wor Bro Mitchell

is 82 years old. RW Bro Geldard was Master of Murilla Lodge in 1967 when a younger Brian Mitchell applied to become a Mason. His application was accepted but by the time he was Initiated the Chair of King Solomon was occupied by Wor Bro Arthur Butler.

Both RW Bro Geldard and Wor Bro Mitchell referred to this coincidence during their addresses at the Festive Board where Wor Bro Mitchell told the brethren that at the time he was the accountant at the Westpac Bank and RW Bro Geldard was a young farmer!!! Wor Bro Brian entertained all with his memories of his life as a Bank Manager, which led him to many Masonic lodges throughout Queensland before retiring in Brisbane

His was a most interesting and entertaining address much appreciated by the brethren of Murilla Lodge, especially as he expects to return to his Mother Lodge again as it celebrates its Centenary in July 2019.

60 year Jewel for RW Bro Basil Coker



RW Bro Basil Coker, a Past Master of Fassifern Kilwinning Lodge received his 60 Year Service Jewel from MW Bro Emmanuel Anthony PSM PGM at the Installation Ceremony of the

Lodge in September.

Basil was initiated into Freemasonry as a member of Fassifern Kilwinning Lodge in 1958 and has served as Master of that Lodge on 5 occasions and has been Director of Ceremonies and Secretary for many years and has currently held the Office of Treasurer for 18 years.

MW Bro Anthony had previously presented Basil with his 50 Year Service Jewel in 2008. Basil and his wife Doreen, who is a long serving member of the Order of the Eastern Star, are well known in the Ipswich District for their Charity and Church work.

60 year jewel presentation at Millaa Lodge



RW Bro Condon, the District Grand Master of Carpentaria, presented Wor Bro Norman James Handel Elmore with his 60 Year Jewel in August. Norman has been a continuous member of Millaa Lodge 351 since 1958, and is also a member of Tully Tyson Lodge 340.

Redcliffe First Settlement Lodge's Jewel Presentations

By Wor Bro John Browne



Bro Maurie Banner a member of Redcliffe First Settlement Lodge 287 is Redcliffe First Settlement Lodges Organist. He has been organist since the beginning of the amalgamation of several lodges in the year 2000.

Redcliffe First Settlement members decided Maurie should be honoured with a very special Organist Jewel. VW Bro Malcolm Cope had the honour at the Installation Meeting in July to present Bro Banner with his organist Jewel. It was appropriate that Malcolm present, as he and Maurie have known each other for 50 years. Maurie thanked the lodge for his surprise Jewel. Congratulations Bro Banner. Keep up the great work with your organ duties.



Wor Bro Barry Spillman P G Std Br, a member of Redcliffe First Settlement Lodge 287 is Redcliffe First Settlement Lodge's Treasurer. He has been the caretaker of the lodge's finances for the 14 years and Redcliffe First Settlement members decided Barry should be honoured with a very special Treasurer's Jewel.

VW Bro Malcolm Cope had the honour at our August regular meeting to present Wor Bro Spillman with his Jewel. Congratulations to Wor Bro Spillman and keep up the great work.

70 year Jewel for VW Bro Jack McClelland

By Bro James Barclay



RW Bro Alex Henderson, VW Bro Jack McClelland, WM Eddie Sloan and VW Bro Peter Horn AGDD - Assistant Grand Director of Development.

95-year-old VW Bro Jack McClelland PDGDC from Bell near Dalby, was presented his 70 Year Jewel for his continuous service to Freemasonry by his life-long friend, VW Bro Alex Henderson PSGW at the September meeting of the Dalby United Lodge 180.

Jack joined Bunya Lodge 373 in July 1948 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a MM in September a year later. By 1956, he was the Master of that Lodge and in November 1973, Jack was Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. Now happily retired, VW Bro Jack McClelland helps out at lodges when he can.

Eustace Jones Sovereign Chapter Jewel Presentation



District Commander V III Bro Greg Goding 33°, Emt Bro Peter Kelsey 32° and V III Bro Emmanuel Anthony 33°

It was a special occasion at Eustace Jones Sovereign Chapter No 157 of Princes Rose Croix of Heredom, when Emt Bro Peter Kelsey received his 50 year jewel as a member of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia. A milestone in his Masonic career.

John Athelstan Edgar

1941–2018

By Wor Bro Stig Hokanson

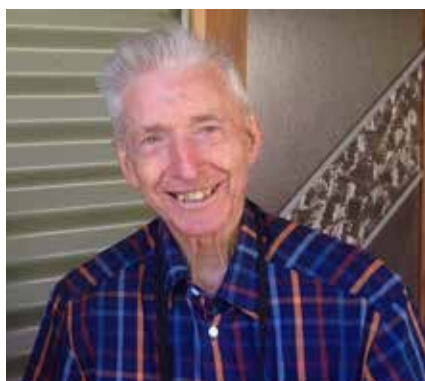
Thespian's Director of Ceremonies, RW Bro John A Edgar PJGW, suddenly passed away on August 6 2018.

John's death was unexpected, having attended Thespian's meeting in August and Lord Saltoun's Royal Arch Chapter Installation the following day. John had been elected Director of Ceremonies at Thespian's meeting and appeared to be in good health at the time.

It was only a short while ago that family and friends accompanied John to Mt Thompson Crematorium for the sad farewell to his beloved Ingrid who passed away after a long struggle with ill health. The mere thought that some two months later we would again attend an Edgar funeral was far from everyone's mind. Yet, such is life that in its very midst, there is death.

So where did it all begin? John was born in 1941. He was the second of five boys. He was raised on a property sixty miles south west of Springsure, central Queensland some seventy kilometres south of Emerald. A gifted student from birth John was later educated at Brisbane Grammar School from whence he was accepted at The University of Queensland where he completed degrees in Mathematics, Statistics and Psychology. This led to a long career with the Queensland Main Roads Department over the ensuing thirty years.

Mathematics and computers did not reign supreme in John's world. There was another, softer side to John. His enquiring mind was just as ease in the Arts. He was born with an inquisitive mind which played the entire gambit between



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classical music conducted by famed Wilhelm Furtwängler on the one hand and the avant garde humour of both the inimitable Goons and the Marx Brothers, on the other.

Indeed his humour, not inconsiderable, took in the iconoclastic themes of American satirist H L Mencken. Yet, John's life was also filled with travel.

Being married to Ingrid, a Swiss born graduate Nursing Sister it was not surprising that his travels focused on Switzerland and the United Kingdom where he and Ingrid had living relatives. John and Ingrid had two children, Ray and Lisa. They also had four

grandchildren, Archie, Julia, Thea and Reggie. This caused frequent travels between Brisbane and Melbourne to 'catch up.'

So, were there any deviations from predictable pursuits in our friend John Edgar? Being a gifted mathematician, statistician and man of numbers par excellence John, it cannot be denied, enjoyed a flutter on the horses, that sport of gentlemen of old. How well we all remember John pulling out a sheet of instructions as what to do at a Masonic rehearsal meeting, invariably penned on the back of a TAB ticket. Story goes, while all Brethren liked John Edgar...so did the horses.

John had a sense of awe and wonder for the Natural Sciences. His enquiring mind was never on pause, making a rule of attaining more knowledge with every day's passing. Not surprisingly, he found Freemasonry a conduit between everyday life and advancement in the sciences as they availed themselves. What follows is only a cursory journey through John's Masonic life, but reflects his tenacity, loyalty and sense of purpose.

Another fine Thespian Officer has left for the Grand Lodge Above. His exit was more sudden than most others, his absence is felt by us all.

May peace eternal reign over his memory.

My experience as a Master Mason District Grand Steward

By Bro Michael J Fry

This year was the first occasion where the District Grand Lodge (DGL) of North Queensland had Master Mason (MM) Stewards appointed as DGL Officers. I had the honour of been one of two MM District Grand Stewards and would like to share my experience in order to offer an insight to other Master Masons in Queensland.

Prior to commencing the role, I had been a Freemason for 14 months and had only visited one other lodge in addition to my Mother lodge. As a MM DG Steward I have attended eight Installations, three first degrees and two Quarterly Communications. As well as lodge visitations in Townsville, I have had the opportunity to visit lodges in Ingham, Bowen, Proserpine, Ravenswood and even Magnetic Island. Additionally I have been able to experience English, Scottish and Irish rituals. By being part of the DGL team I have been able to further my understanding of the craft and improve my own ritual skills, primarily by observing and learning from the senior brethren of DGL. Having the opportunity to watch excellent ritual has motivated me to become proficient in my own ritual work and actively seek the opportunity to deliver charges within my own lodge.

Another benefit of been a MM DG Steward is meeting and socialising with brethren during festive boards. At quarterly communications, MM DG Stewards play a key role in the festive board where they assist in serving the food and drinks and running the raffle. This role allows me to meet and interact socially with different brethren and I often learn more about the craft. As I reflect on my past 10 months as a MM DG Steward, I realise how much I have benefited from the experience. I strongly encourage other MM in North Queensland to consider applying for the role in 2019.

Townsville Seniors expo

Every year the Townsville City Council sponsors a "Seniors Expo". This year it was held on the 21 August in the RSL Stadium. Since 2010 Harmony Daylight Lodge have run an information booth.

This is done for several reasons (1) to bring to the notice of people that Freemasonry is alive and well in Townsville (2) hopefully to have brethren who have not attended lodges for some time to renew their interest (3) to attempt to get new members for all lodges, not only Harmony Daylight.



RW Bro Les Keane (District Grand Master), VW Bro Gordon Simpson, RW Bro Alex Milne, VW Bro John Urquhart, VW Bro Keith Latimer.

Book launch

Coinciding with the Centenary of Thespian Lodge No 268 was the launch in late September of *The Show Must Go On*, the 100 year history of the actors and musicians lodge. Thespian Lodge was the first Day Lodge in Queensland and was inaugurated in the Alice Street Masonic Temple on 10 October 1918. In *The Show Must Go On*, historian Wor Bro Stig R Hokanson CSM traces the day lodge's interesting history through a series of biographies of some of the Australian greats in vaudeville, theatre, film and radio. Many enjoyed distinguished careers



Stig R Hokanson presenting Grand Secretary Ian Tomlinson with a copy of the new book

on stage in Queensland and abroad and are part of the Australian canon of theatre. Their commonality was that they were once members of this unique lodge.

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Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers



Toowoomba's Carnival Of flowers held at the end of September is believed to be the longest continuing running event of its kind in Australia. For the second year in a row the Toowoomba and Districts Masonic Council entered in the parade representing the Freemason Family.

Under the creation and direction of Wor Bro Howell our float drew the attention and applause from the multitude of viewers along the parade route.

The assistance from Jobs Daughters and brethren from the Northside of Brisbane in full regalia added to the colour and attractiveness of the exhibit.



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VW Bro Les Gist, VW Bro Ian Barrett, Wor Bro Mike L'Huillier—all from Fuller Lodge no. 228, Phil Hobbs Representative Coral Coast Marine, Kerry Davison Representative of A & B Rural Supplies, Steve Amundsen manager of Coutts Commercial Tavern, and lucky boat winner Troy Kovacich.

A great weekend once again

By Wor Bro Michael L'Huillier

The 2018 Fuller Masonic Lodge Burdekin Barra Rush Fishing Competition weekend was marred by rain, including the lead up weather threatening to rain, but all in all the weekend was lot of fun with smiling, happy people.

A variety of fish were caught both estuary and offshore, but the bulk of fish were estuary species due to the windy conditions. Winners are grinners at this year's event; there was a very happy Troy Kovacich, who's senior entry ticket was drawn out of the bucket.

He won the elite prize of a Quintrex F Series 390 boat powered with a 25hp Yamaha Outboard sitting on a Telwater Trailer. This prize was sponsored by Coral Coast Marine, A&B Rural Supplies and the Commercial Tavern Ayr.

As usual, many kilos of fish were donated, by competitors, to the Home for the Aged at the Ayr and Home Hill facilities. Fuller Lodge Members take great pride in organising this professionally run annual event in the Burdekin; this year was competition number sixteen.

Members of Fuller Lodge would like to thank all the sponsors of the Burdekin for their generous support in this year's annual Fuller Masonic Lodge Burdekin Barra Rush Fishing Competition.

The Order of DeMolay celebrates its centenary on Sunday 24 March 2019

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Final details are yet to be determined but the lunch will be held in Brisbane at a venue to be advised dependent on the number of people interested in attending.

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Episode 1:

Masonic murders most malevolent... or?

By VW Bro Tom Mc Rae

EARLY DAYS

Accusations of Masonic murders and cover ups go back a very long way and I shall not only give examples but also dispel some of the lies and recount a few real crimes involving Freemasons.

After 1717 Freemasonry spread across Europe and was generally accepted until, in 1738, Pope Clement XII issued a condemnation claiming it posed a threat to Church and State. As a result, Roman Catholics were prohibited from any association with the Order.

An early victim of church persecution was Count Cagliostro, a prominent Freemason, arrested after forming a Lodge in Rome in the latter years of the 18th century. After nearly two years of harsh interrogation by the Inquisition he was confined in a ghastly dungeon in a Papal prison where he died after four years.

Among the first claims of Masonic murder was in the 18th century; we find a crazy sermon preached in Germany by two priests. Brace yourselves for some awesome Masonic secrets. You see they claimed the first masonic murder was the crucifixion of Jesus! Not only were Jewish people Freemasons but Pontius Pilate and King Herod were Wardens of a Lodge. In addition, Judas had been admitted a Mason before he betrayed Christ. Such lying sermons had the desired effect on the gullible and known Masons came under attack in parts of Europe. Civil authorities in some places decided to ban Masonic meetings for the safety of the brethren and then ordered the clergy to stop preaching such inflammatory sermons or their churches would be banned from collecting alms...That Worked !

Lewis scheme: third generation Stanley member

By Wor Bro David Lauder

According to his mother, when Angus Lauder was a little boy at Kindy in Yungaburra, she observed him making a small case. When asked what he was doing, he replied "I'm making a lodge case". Seventeen years later, he requested initiation into his father's Mother Lodge, Stanley 37, in Brisbane.

Since his seconder into the Craft as well as all his referees were either from Yungaburra or the local Lodge, Barrine 296, Angus wanted his Masonic journey to include Yungaburra. So plans were prepared.

Angus became an Entered Apprentice in Stanley during May 2018, following in the footsteps of his father, Wor Bro DW Lauder, a Past Master of both Stanley and Barrine, and his grandfather, the late Wor Bro Bill Lauder, an affiliate of Stanley in the 1980s, a Past Master of St George's 20 in Warwick. His great grandfather on his mothers' side, Alexander Angus Taylor, was also a MM, of Coolamon 263 UGLNSW. Not surprisingly, he was accepted into the Grand Lodge Lewis Scheme, whereby he is exempted from Grand Lodge dues for the first year, provided he

completes the three degrees within twelve months.

Present at Angus' initiation was the Most Worshipful Grand Master, MW Bro Townson, with a team of Grand Lodge Officers. Also present to witness the event was Wor Bro Terry Edwards, Secretary of Barrine 296. Terry had known Angus since he was four years old, living across the valley at Lake Eacham. In the month of August, Angus, his father and Stanley IPM VW Bro PT Ryan journeyed to Yungaburra for the passing of Bro Angus in a Lodge building he knew from his youth. Looking like an ordinary country hall from the outside, the inside of the hall contains dressed Queensland Maple and Kauri Pine.

Ritual variations between the Scottish and the Queensland workings were resolved by VW Bro PT Ryan giving the secrets, and Angus' Dad acting as JD for the Examination of the Candidate. Not to be left out, District Grand Master of Carpentaria, RW Bro Henry Condon also attended.

His Journey of the Three Degrees was completed in October when he returned to Stanley to be raised to the sublime degree with Scottish workings. His father, now JW, also delivering the Emblems of Mortality.

It is hoped that the association between Stanley 37 and Barrine 296 will be further cemented into the future.



At Angus' Initiation: Grand Master MW Bro Alan Townsend, VW Bro Pat Ryan, Bro Angus Lauder and Wor Bro Dave Lauder.



Living at the MMC

VW Bro Vince McAllan and his wife Gloria lived downstairs in the Masonic Memorial Centre (MMC) from 16 December 1993 for nine years. They had just come back from living in Adelaide when RW Bro Graham White OAM, the Grand Secretary at the time, asked them to come live at the MMC to be caretakers. VW Bro Vince was on duty five days and nights a week. Gloria was a cleaner and kept the building looking immaculate. She used to make the meals for board meetings, and they would both prepare the meals for the Quarterly Communications for 400-500 people—and do the dishes afterwards!



“Meeting so many people that came through the door that you got along with”.

VW Bro Vince being a little camera shy and Gloria being very photogenic, most the photos of that time have the lovely Gloria being active in UGLQ and around their self-contained home in the basement of the building. In those days there were 38 lodges and five chapters meeting at the MMC. VW Bro Vince reminisces that the best part of the job “was meeting so many people that came through the door that you got along with”.

VW Bro Vince was recently awarded a Meritorious Service to Masonry for his outstanding service to UGLQ. We thank them both for their time and dedication to UGLQ.



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Third Degree at Dalby

By Bro James Barclay



Tara Lodge Jnr Deacon WB Lindsay David, Dalby United Lodge WM Eddie Sloan, newly raised Bro Paul Winfield, Tara Lodge WM Richard Salter and their Snr Deacon, Rod Lancashire.

Dalby United Lodge assisted Tara Lodge recently, to help raise a new Brother as a Master Mason. The ceremony was aided by various Dalby United brethren including the two Wardens. Dalby United has a 2nd Degree in October, followed by a 3rd possibly in December or February. Dalby United meets on the 1st Thursday of each month except January and tyles at 7.30pm.

Fassifern Kilwinning Installation

By Wor Bro Basil Coker



At the Installation Ceremony of Fassifern Kilwinning Lodge No 83 Wor Bro Ian Pask was installed as Wor Master for his second term.

Ian joined Fassifern Kilwinning several years ago when his Mother Lodge, Teviot in Boonah became defunct. He is pictured with his wife at his Installation and this was a special occasion for them as they also celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on this date. Congratulations!

Historical Celebrations in Roma

By Bro David Bowden



RW Bro Brian Reardon, Worshipful Master Bill Vierveyzer, Wor Bro Bill Burton, Wor Bro Howard Hobbs, Wor Bro Dennis Giles and RW Bro Peter Thomas looking over the Hugh Rothwell history.

History associated with Freemasons and Raphael Lodge came during the July Meeting held the closest to the 23 of July. This was the day in 1889 that Raphael Lodge held the first meeting in Roma. The Maranoa Lodge was formed as the second lodge opened in Roma. Both are proud to still be operating up to this time.

2018 is the 70th Anniversary of Hugh Rothwell as the Worshipful Master of Raphael Lodge. To mark the occasion the Rothwell Family arranged with a Corona Lodge Member to donate memorabilia associated with Hugh Rothwell. Among this was a waistcoat, pocket-sized book with the known Freemason Constitution etc. from circa 1909. The tiny book caught the attention of those present.

Tully Royal Arch Chapter No 82



ME First Grand Principal, ME Kirby Leeke, First Principal E Comp Scott Williamson, Third Principal, E Comp James Swarbrick, Second Principal, E Comp Cliff Blain

The installation of Principals and Officers of the Tully Royal Arch Chapter was conducted by Grand Chapter Officers lead by The Most Excellent First Grand Principal, ME Kirby Leeke. The ceremony was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Busy Bees in Wallumbilla

By Bro David Bowden



Photo by Ray Martin. The hard-working Brothers held a meeting after accomplishing a great deal in a day's work.

It truly is amazing what a few dedicated Brothers can accomplish in a day. WM Michael Maloney and a band of helpers provided a Community Lunch for the Wallumbilla SES. This was the second community function catered for by Corona Freemasons. There has been some good feedback about the involvement of Freemasons. Bro Damien McAtamney and Wor Bro Scott Johnstone tackled the task of finishing the second coat of paint on the Corona Lodge exterior. They went close to finishing before a late afternoon storm sent them scurrying with equipment and materials. Bro David Bowden, Wor Bro Bill Albeck and Wor Bro Colin Vaughan spent eight hours pulling Lodge History out of the annexe and putting documents into order. A decision was made to hold the meeting in work clothes because most Members live over fifty kilometres away. A flow on from the handling of history will be the celebration of Corona's 95th Anniversary in April 2019.

Woodford Lodge donation



RW Bro Peter Wesener, RW Bro Norm Wesener, Mrs Melissa Anderson, Wor Bro Peter Moore Master of Woodford Lodge, and VW Bro Stephen Bryant.

Woodford lodge was very pleased to make a donation to Mrs Melissa Anderson for \$1000 in her fundraising for Miss pin up doll with all funds raised going to the Mater Little Miracles.

Harmony Daylight Lodge 530 Installation



At Harmony Daylight Lodge 530 Installation held in Townsville on Saturday 6 October 2018 the (now) IPM, VW Bro Theofanes, invested the new Master of Harmony Daylight Lodge, RW Bro Peter Morris, with the collar and jewel of Worshipful Master of the Lodge.



RW Bro Gist PAGM, also presented the IPM of Harmony Lodge, VW Bro Theofanes, with his Past Masters Jewel.

Enoggera Thistle Lodge - A New Beginning

By Wor Bro Kym Marriott



In September, Enoggera Thistle Lodge held its first Installation of a new Worshipful Master, Wor Bro Kym Marriott, who was installed into King Solomon's chair aided by VW Bro Cope. This follows the amalgamation of Enoggera Lodge 304 and Thistle Lodge 490.

This was Wor Bro Marriott's first time in the chair and he was grateful to have the assistance of Wor Bro Andrew Harris, who performed his duty as the Installing Master with a high degree of skill. Also, on hand was MW Bro Gary Bacon who gave the Address to the Master.

Enoggera Lodge was formed in 1923, Thistle in 1960 and together there is a wonderful harmony in the Lodge. It was an Installation that Enoggera Thistle will remember, and treasure, for many years to come as a special and momentous occasion.

Capricornia Lodge's Installation



Capricornia Lodge's 107th Installation was a triumph of local lodge cooperation. VW Bro Neville Kajewski was installed with the assistance of officers from Capricornia, Yeppoon, Douglas and Berserker Lodges.

The occasion was marred by the recent death of the Lodge Director of Ceremonies and Junior Warden Elect, Wor Bro Jim Florey. RW Bro Jack Berry, PAGM volunteered to be Installing Director of Ceremonies and elected officers below Senior Warden were promoted to the next position.

VW Bro Kajewski's Installation, conducted by Installing Master, Wor Bro Pitchford, assisted by RW Bro Berry, was conducted with the dignity, pomp and ceremony appropriate to such an occasion. Following the Installation, a banquet was held at the Fitzroy Motor Boat Club, where the traditional toasts were honoured at a happy harmonious occasion.



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Activities of Woolooga and Theebine Lodges

By Bro Tony Jakeman



Jess Henningson; Brandon Darius; Josh Darius and Wor Bro Tony Jakeman. Photo taken by Angela Kay of SEQ Photography

Back in August Woolooga Lodge 360 held a Family Fun Night in conjunction with the Woolooga Primary School P & C. This was a huge success with Josh and Brandon from Channel 7's House Rules as guests of honour.

The event started with a Sausage Sizzle, Musical Entertainment courtesy of Kevin and Friends. Then onto a bingo evening. There was entertainment for the children and even a popcorn machine! A monster raffle with over 100 prizes valued well in excess of \$3,000.00—all donated by mainly local businesses. The event was a great success with profits over \$2,000.00 raised for the P & C and the Lodge. This will now become an annual event. Woolooga Lodge will also be hosting quarterly Bingo Nights at the Woolooga Hall again in conjunction with the Woolooga Primary School P&C. The first one of these is on Saturday 3 November 2018. Theebine Lodge 400 held a very successful dance at the Theebine Hall on Saturday 28 October with Kevin and Friends providing the music. A bus brought many attendees from Gympie and District so that they could enjoy the evening without having to drive at night. It was a really great night.

Also, Woolooga Lodge and Theebine Lodge 400 have joined together to run monthly sausage sizzles at our local Mitre 10 store. The next one of these is on Saturday 10 November.

Then on Saturday 24 November Woolooga and Theebine Lodges have been invited by Drakes Supermarkets to provide the manpower for a Sausage Sizzle at their Gympie Store on their annual family day. Needless to say, we will be wearing our Lodge BBQ aprons for a bit of promotion but the great thing about this event is that we were approached by the Store Manager to do this event as we are considered to be one of the leading community support organisations in the area! Thank you very much to Drakes for their community support. Finally, on the Masonic front, Woolooga Lodge 360 will be raising the second of three Fellowcraft to Master Mason on the 26 November with the third being raised next January and Theebine, not to be outdone by their Mother Lodge, are raising the first of three Fellow Crafts to Master Mason on Wednesday 14 November with the other two to follow in the New Year. Both Lodges have a strong pipeline of more Entered Apprentices to proceed to Fellowcraft and more interest from potential candidates to join both Lodges.

Freemasonry is alive and well in this little backwoods area of Queensland!



The Historical Lodge on Hawthorn

By Bro John Woodford

Built in 1908, "The Lodge on Hawthorn" located at 13 Hawthorn Street Blackall, is one of only two Heritage Listed buildings in Blackall and is of architectural and historical importance to the region. Designed by Edwin Moreton Hocking, the original design plans are in the upstairs Lodge room, accessed by three flights of stairs turning back on themselves to provide privacy in the lodge above. The Blackall Masonic Centre originally held the Blackall Masonic Lodge 2207 EC and then 52 UGLQ.

This Centre offers a glimpse into a time and a way of life unknown to many. The building, which has remained significantly unchanged for over 100 years, exudes charm and boasts a fully furnished

Masonic Temple along with artefacts and regalia important to the region. Only the Warrant, TB and WT are missing and were returned to UGLQ at handover. What a fitting tribute to our past brethren who built this wonderful structure and their enduring memory, never forgotten. The new owner of this Heritage listed Building is not a Freemason himself but deserves recognition for his work and time to show off our history. He tells me there is only one Freemason left in the town.

The Blackall Masonic Centre and historical display is open to the public for tours from 3pm to 4pm Tuesday to Friday, April-October. Pre-booking is essential, tours are \$15 per person and include Devonshire tea.



A “First” for Tully Tyson Lodge 340

By Wor Bro Doug Gregory

It was a proud moment for Tully Tyson Lodge when both District Grand Lodges of Carpentaria and North Queensland attended the initiation ceremony of Bro Jordan Villaruz.

This was a very enjoyable event with both District Grand Masters and visitors from Cairns, Atherton Tablelands, Innisfail, Ingham, Townsville, and one New South Wales Lodge member in attendance.



General group of attendants



RW Bro. Henry Condon -(Carpentaria District Grand Master), Bro. Jordan Villatuz, W Bro James Swarbrick (WM, Tully/Tyson). RW Bro. Les Keane (North Queensland District Grand Master)

Redlands proclamation

By Wor Bro Ken Rose

WB John Raymond Howie’s name will be once again engraved on the marble tablet which adorns the wall outside of South Brisbane Masonic Hall’s Lodge room. His name will register the 103rd and 104th esteemed Worshipful Master of Redlands Lodge, which was Consecrated in August 1916.

The Proclamation of Wor Bro Howie and Officers also marked an important occasion for two brethren as VW Bro Steve Sue Yek AGDD presented Bro Terence Smithers and Bro Romeo Asa each with a Life Governor’s Jewel for services rendered to the lodge. Wor Bro Howie announced that Wor Bro Billy Cupples and Wor Bro Harvey Williams were to have an upgrade to their current jewel taking them both to Life Vice Patron for their active role in Redlands Lodge.

The event was colourfully decorated with lovely flower arrangements, which was always impressive in days gone by when several Redlands’ members were strawberry or flower farmers. However, not only did the festive board look colourful but a new set of lodge furnishings were acquired for the Proclamation too.



VW Bro Steve Sue Yek AGDD, Bro Terence Smithers and Bro Romeo Asa



A celebration of love and Freemasonry

Volunteer Wor Bro Cliff Houston had a small celebration at the MMC to celebrate not only his 50th wedding anniversary, but also his 50th year of being a Freemason.

Chris and I met at “Bethesda” a Welsh Chapel that held a youth club a couple of times a week. Both of us were thirteen and attended single-sex schools, so had never met before. We remained friends for the rest of school leaving to work and only seeing each other in passing, sometimes engineered! We started courting at eighteen when Chris

found me in the pub; funny how your life can change over a couple of pints. I never had anyone counting my empty glasses before that! We married at twenty-two, had three kids of our own and countless to fostering. We are now in our forty fourth year at that. Our own children left home one at a time to become Australians and left us still pushing a pram in the UK.

We arrived here in 2012, and are still fostering, but have the added bonus of our Grandchildren. They are much better on your knee than on Skype.



The Two Hiram's of Freemasonry

By Wor Bro Ross Raymond

Hiram Abiff and Hiram King of Tyre, along with Solomon King of Israel (the three Grand Masters) are central characters in the allegory of Craft Freemasonry relating to the building of King Solomon's Temple, almost three thousand years ago.

Parts of Freemasonry's traditional history are drawn from the Old Testament, but the origins of other parts are more obscure. This is particularly true of the two Hiram's.

Without delving into detail of the legend of Hiram Abiff as explained in the Third Degree – where Hiram Abiff was the chief architect during the building of King Solomon's Temple, which in turn was supported and hugely funded by Hiram King of Tyre – it is interesting to see what historical records actually say about two of the principal actors in Freemasonry's ritualistic drama, and how the legend came about.



Hiram Abiff, King Solomon and Hiram King of Tyre

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Historical data relating to the construction of King Solomon's Temple is extremely tenuous; there are no primary sources or eye witness accounts in existence; Biblical references describing people or events often contain anomalies or discrepancies, such as Hiram/ Hiram/ Hirom/ Khurum (are they the same person? How many different Hiram's are there?), confusion between King Hiram and Hiram Abiff, and even differences in the name Abiff/ Abif/ Abi. These inconsistencies cast doubt on the reliability of sources and their historical accuracy. Bearing in mind such constraints on historical accuracy, what can we glean from the Holy

Scriptures regarding the two Hiram's?

Hiram's in the Bible

In the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) there are three separate instances of people named Hiram that were involved in the construction of the temple of Solomon.¹

Hiram, King of Tyre (now Lebanon), is credited in 2 Samuel 5:11 and 1 Kings 5:1-10 for having sent building materials and men for the original construction of the Temple in Jerusalem. In 1 Kings 7:13-14, Hiram is described as the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali who was the son of a Tyrian bronze worker,

sent for by Solomon to cast the bronze furnishings and ornate decorations for the new temple (1 Kings 7:46-47).

2 Chronicles 2:3-14 relates a formal request from King Solomon of Jerusalem to King Hiram of Tyre, for workers and for materials to build a new temple. King Hiram responds, "And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father's, The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilled to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David your father." The Masonic legend of Hiram Abiff appropriates the basic facts regarding both Hirams from the aforementioned scriptures, but embellishes them somewhat in the Third Degree. This begs the question, "How and when did the legend originate?"

The Hiram Abiff Legend

The legend of Hiram, "the widow's son," is the foundation of Freemasonry's ritualistic drama of the third, or Master Mason's Degree. Suffice it to say that much of the Masonic legend of Hiram comes from the VSL, but the story known to Masons has a tragically different development, which is not to be found in the Scriptures. Hiram Abiff (which is simply a Hebrew expression for "father," a term of respect), worked for King Solomon in Jerusalem, not only in casting all the

metallic ornaments for the Temple, but also as a Master of the Works or the superintending architect. This part of the legend is not disputed, but what happens next is where our traditional history departs from recorded history.

Some argue that the tragic story of Hiram was in the possession of operative Masons from the Middle Ages; however, as Hahn³ points out, "No mention of Hiram is to be found in any of the Old Charges and Gothic Constitutions, or in any of the remnants of old ritualistic practices to be found in the records of operative lodges which date from 100 years or more before the founding of the first Grand Lodge, which marks the beginning of the era of modern Speculative Freemasonry in 1717." Hahn is referring to, among other things, the Regius Poem (c.1390), Cooke Manuscript (c.1450) and Schaw Statutes (1598 & 1599). He continues, "Had there been even a shred of evidence that the Hiram legend existed in Masonry before that date, I feel sure that Dr. James Anderson would have known of it and used it in the legendary history of the Craft which he published in *The Constitutions of the Freemasons* in 1723. Furthermore, modern Masonic scholars have shown rather conclusively that there was no tri-gradual system of initiation during the period of operative Masonry, that there was no third or Master Mason Degree as a rite or ceremony before the creation of the Premier Grand Lodge in 1717. The first recital of the Hiram legend as the dramatic cornerstone of a third or Master Mason's degree appears in an exposé of the ritual of Freemasonry entitled

Masonry Dissected, written by a Samuel Prichard and published in London in 1730." Hahn concludes that, "It seems a logical conclusion to assume that the Master Mason Degree, and with it, the legend of Hiram Abiff, were introduced into Freemasonry when it became a speculative, or philosophic organization."

It was not until Anderson's revision of the Constitutions in 1738 that the legend of Hiram Abiff appeared in Masonic print. But where did the legend of Hiram come from?

Hahn speculates that the Hiram tragedy is a re-working of some mediaeval mystery play (so named because they were produced by members of craft guilds or "mestaires"). However, this theory is disputed by Marsengill, who claims to have found no trace of Hiram's legend in the mystery plays he has researched. He postulates a score of explanations of the legend's origin, ranging from the story of Osiris in Ancient Egypt, to the murder of Thomas Becket, to the representation of old age. The truth is, no one knows how, when and by whom the Masonic legend of Hiram Abiff originated. But does it really matter? The real message of the legend is that fortitude, integrity, faith and fidelity symbolise the actions of the perfect man, which is an example for all Freemasons to emulate.

Hiram King of Tyre

Perhaps because of his royal status, a little more is known of the life of the other Hiram in Freemasonry, Hiram, King of Tyre, and his association with King Solomon. For example, the following



Hiram Abiff ?



King Hiram's Tomb

passage from Schechter⁵, drawn from Jewish Biblical data, describes the closeness of that relationship.

"After David had conquered Jerusalem, Hiram sent him cedar-wood and carpenters and masons so that he might build a house. Hiram was a friend of David throughout the latter's life; and after David's death he continued on terms of friendship with Solomon. Hiram supplied Solomon with cedar-trees, fir-trees, and Tyrian constructors for the building of the Temple; and Solomon repaid him with wheat and olive-oil. Twenty years

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Job's Daughters Queensland

TAKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

TOOWOOMBA. Job's Daughters Queensland is taking expressions of interest to reinstate a Bethel in Toowoomba. We invite interest from girls aged 10-20 in the area, past Job's daughters, Freemasons and families to volunteer as adult leaders. Contact secretary@jdiql.org or 0414 907 765.



Job's Daughters from Bethel No 24 Moreton Bay marched in the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers on 22 September.

Job's Daughters Return to Toowoomba

The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Parade featured a float from Job's Daughters for the first time in many years. The girls in purple skipped and hi-fived their way through the huge reminiscent crowd of onlookers. Many of the locals remembered being Job's Daughters themselves and looked back on their experiences with fondness. There's not currently an active Bethel in Toowoomba, so we're taking expressions of interest for reinvigorating Job's Daughters in the region.

Job's Daughters' New State Leaders

The past few months have been the Job's Daughters Queensland 'High Season' with a full changing of the guard of all our State leadership. The annual Miss Queensland Job's Daughter pageant held on 1 September, is always a highlight of the year. From a competitive field the new Miss Queensland Job's Daughter is Harshita from Bethel No 24 Moreton Bay. The six entrants were put through a very testing day of judging including a written test on their Job's Daughters knowledge, personal interview with the five judges, ritual recitation, formal banquet, stage presentation and a mystery category.

Rebecca, also from Moreton Bay Bethel, was chosen for the new office of Jurisdictional Queen. On 29 September the adult State leadership had the annual Jurisdictional Council Installation. A Past Miss Queensland Job's Daughter, Taryn Bell (nee Wilson) was installed Jurisdictional Guardian with Patrick Malone as her Associate.



L-R: Stella Miss Qld Charity Job's Daughter, Taryn Bell Jurisdictional Guardian, Harshita Miss Qld Job's Daughter, Patrick Malone Assoc Jurisdictional Guardian, Olivia Jnr Miss Qld Job's Daughter, Rebecca Jurisdictional Queen.

Jobies Charity Clean Up

Members of Northern Brisbane worked together during the September School Holidays to collect rubbish and clean up Moffat Beach as part of their term's Charity Project. Honoured Queen, Noreen, encouraged the members to support the Tangaroa Blue Foundation, an Australian-wide not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the removal and prevention of marine debris. Everyone worked hard taking pride in caring for their community. The rubbish collected from the beach and surrounding park was sorted and data sent to Tangaroa Blue to help with further research.



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Get prepared for a Queensland summer

By Wor Bro Dr Bill Boyd AGDD

We all know that Queensland is beautiful one day and perfect the next but for those of us who have lived here for long enough understand that, though we do have a cool spell during the winter months, Queensland weather is typically very warm to very hot. Many folks, including yours truly, prefer the heat to the chilly temperatures they have down south, but for those of us who, like me, are just a bit senior, it is worth anticipating a few health issues and modifying our life-styles to make sure the summer heat can't make us sick. Let's take a look at that most fantastic of machines, the human body, and make a check list of precautions we might take to see us through the summer months. My mum in Scotland shuts herself in to keep out the winter cold. In Queensland, beware of shutting yourself in to keep out the heat – it doesn't work, and especially older people can come to grief from this practice.

1. Skin: our skin benefits from a little sunlight, but it can still be easily damaged if exposed to too much. Summer is a time when the skies



are often cloudy. Don't let your guard down—use sunscreen and shades. Even on cloudy days, diffused sunlight can result in very uncomfortable sunburn.

2. Heart and blood vessels: with the general rise in temperatures and humidity, early morning is a great time to get out and about before it gets too warm. For those who are easily able to walk, perhaps with friends, this is the best exercise. 30 to 60 minutes daily is great to tone the heart and to keep the circulation doing what it is designed for. Carry a simple bottle of water and use it as a weight to exercise your arms.

3. Lungs: these wonderful organs are our direct contact with the atmosphere. Once again, using them to their capacity by expanding them during exercise is so important. You can lose a lot of fluid through your lungs when exercising so, yes do the exercise but don't get dehydrated. (If you are a smoker, never buy another cigarette from the full stop at the end of this sentence).

4. Liver: your liver is a fantastic factory which destroys the toxins we all eat or drink. It is critical to our well-being so respect it and don't kill it (or yourself) by over-doing the hot evening i.e. extended happy hour.

5. Kidneys: only just playing second fiddle to the liver—these two wonderful filters rid us of not only the natural waste that our bodies make but also of a range of drugs and other chemicals we take into ourselves. It is tempting to eat more sugary food in the Festive break, but diabetes is high on the list of diseases, which, if left unchecked, can damage your precious kidneys.

6. Upper intestines: your stomach is essentially the first recipient of what you eat. Throughout your entire life it handles very well what you throw at it. Warm weather brings its own stresses for the upper intestine. Use

“If there is a real heatwave it doesn't matter if you don't eat much for a few days but keep your fluids up.”

 Do you have a topic you'd like Dr Bill to cover? Please email suggestions to membership@uglq.org.au.

headache or arthritis over-the-counter drugs sparingly as they can hurt your stomach.

7. Lower intestines: just because it is barbie weather don't forget to keep up your intake of fruit and veggies to keep you regular. Poor bowel habit is a major cause of ill-health in our society.

If there is a real heatwave it doesn't matter if you don't eat much for a few days but keep your fluids up. Water is fine, and it doesn't have to be chilled. Try to get to air conditioning such as a shopping mall where you can walk around (exercise) and meet other folks doing the same thing.

This article is general in nature and should not be relied upon by any person who is suffering an illness. Any reader who has concerns about their health should consult their General Practitioner and Dr Boyd is unable to enter into correspondence on the individual circumstances of any reader.



Order of the Secret Monitor

The Purple Pages

Since the last edition of the Purple Page we have been saddened by the sudden ill health of our long serving Grand Recorder, MW Bro Bill Benham.

Bill's knowledge and expertise in the affairs and administration of our order has been invaluable and is deeply missed. Bill is making steady progress in his recovery and we wish he and Margaret all the very best for the continuation of that recovery.

Following on from the Grand Convocation and Installation in May, we would like to introduce two new faces on the Grand Conclave Team.

VW Bro Graeme McIntyre - Grand Director of Ceremonies

Graeme McIntyre was introduced to Freemasonry by his son, Dan, and joined Waverley-Palmwoods No 249 at Woombye in 2010. Dan's maternal great-grandfather was the Master of Waverley Lodge 170 in 1922. Graeme became Master of Waverley-Palmwoods in 2016.

Graeme became a Prince of Fidelis Conclave, No 19 on the books of the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor for Northern Australia and Papua New Guinea, in 2012. He was installed as Supreme Ruler of that Conclave in 2015, was appointed Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies South in 2017, and Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2018.

Graeme recently joined the Scarlet Cord, completing the 1st Grade in the Fidelis



VW Bro Graeme McIntyre

Consistory in September 2018. Graeme has been a member of Alexandra Headland SLSC for 48 years and is still an active patrolling member, competing at State and National Championships in Open Age Teams.

Worthy Bro Wayne Smith - Assistant Grand Recorder

Following the illness of our Grand Recorder, Most Worthy Bro Bill Benham, Worthy Brother Wayne Smith has been appointed to the role of Assistant Grand Recorder to take on the duties normally undertaken by Bill.

Wayne was originally inducted into the OSM in the Mt Hawthorn Conclave No 28, Grand Conclave for Southern Australia, on 30th March 1988 and admitted a Prince on 30th June 1988. Unfortunately due to work commitments he was unable to progress through the order until he retired and affiliated with Fidelis Conclave No 19 in 2015. He was installed as Worthy Supreme Ruler in 2017 and appointed as Grand Sentinel in 2018. He is also a member of the Order of the Scarlet Cord.

Wayne has been a Mason for nearly 40 years, being initiated into the Victoria Park Lodge No 48 WAC on 10 September 1979. He has been installed as master in 3 constitutions, including Queensland. Wayne is currently IPM and Secretary of Kin Kin Lodge, IPZ and Scribe Ezra of his Royal Arch Chapter and IPSR of Fidelis Conclave. In addition to these roles he also holds office in the 18th, 30th and Knights Templar orders. He is currently Secretary of



Worthy Bro Wayne Smith

The Gympie Freemasons Centre Management Committee, President of the Gympie District Masonic Fundraising Committee and Coordinator for the newly formed Masonic Development Group in Gympie.

In addition to his Masonic activities, Wayne is also an active contributor to his local community. He is President of the Gympie Region Residents and Ratepayers Association, President of his local community hall management committee, an active participant in the JP in the Community program at the Gympie courthouse and shopping centre and an active member of the local Rural Fire Brigade.

2019 Grand Convocation and Proclamation

Planning is currently underway for the 2019 Grand Convocation and Proclamation to be held in Maryborough in May 2019. Further details and a program of events will be released in early 2019.

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ROYAL ARCH News and Views

Information for all Craft Freemasons

No Zerubbabel in the Irish Royal Arch ritual!

3rd Principal East Brisbane Royal Arch Chapter. November 2018

Donald N Barry, PhD

As readers well know, English, Scottish, Australian and most other anglophone Royal Arch Freemasonry Constitutions have Prince Zerubbabel (ca 538-520 BCE) at the centre of the ritual of the Royal Arch Degree. However, I was recently surprised to discover that the Irish Royal Arch degree has the great reformer, King Josiah of Judah (640-609 BCE) as its central figure.

Irish RA Ritual and King Josiah.

Loge Recherche Laurence Dermott (<http://logedermott.over-blog.com/>, accessed 22/08/2018) asserts:

"The Irish Royal Arch Chapter as worked today, is set at the repair of the Temple under Josiah, about 620BC, and is thus more true to the Biblical text of 2nd Chronicles Chapter 34 Verses 1-14. The other two Supreme Bodies set the degree some 100 years later when the Jews [sic] having received their freedom from Cyrus (King of Persia), return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple under the leadership of Zerubbabel (this episode of Jewish history is worked in Ireland under the Grand Council of Knight Masons)."

What the SGRAC Ireland Says

I contacted the Irish Grand RA Chapter in order to confirm this. I received from the Irish Grand Chapter of Research copies of two papers, one written in 1923, the second in 1996, which, without explaining why, confirm the fact that Irish RA ritual centres around Josiah's repair of the Temple in about 620 BCE rather than Zerubbabel's ca 525 BCE rebuilding

of the Temple following the return from the Babylonish captivity (2, 3). I hope to receive further information on "why" later.

What we do

As we well know, the Queensland Royal Arch ritual describes the "rebuilding" of the Temple (Ezra 5:2, Haggai 1:14) rather than the "repair" of it (2 Chronicles 34: 10-11). Furthermore, in 2 Chronicles 34, before the Babylon exile, we find a clear reference to the discovery of the long-lost Law of Moses as depicted in the Queensland ritual. But, in Nehemiah 8: 1, after the return, only the "reading" of that Law, as distinct from the "finding" of it, is recorded.

Therefore, the *finding* of the long-lost Law of Moses as described in the SGRACQ ritual is more reminiscent of the history of Josiah than of the time of Zerubbabel.

Why Prince Zerubbabel?

This is, doubtless, why the *Loge Recherche Laurence Dermott* says: "The Irish Royal Arch Chapter as worked today, is set at the repair of the Temple under Josiah, about 620BC, and is thus

more true to the Biblical text of 2nd Chronicles" (my italics). On the other hand, given that the Craft ritual is based on the building of the First Temple by King Solomon why wouldn't the RA ritual, as an extension of the Craft ritual, be based on the building of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel? And most other RA constitutions seem to agree. Apart from the fact that the SGRACQ ritual includes the finding of the lost Law of Moses, arguably a reference to King Josiah, what, if anything else, was so special about Josiah that the Irish RA ritual should focus on him?

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Why King Josiah?

The Israeli archaeologists and historians, Israel Finkelstein and Neil Silberman (1), describe Josiah as follows: "Josiah marks the climactic of Israel's monarchistic history...his reign marked a metaphysical moment hardly less important than those of God's covenant with Abraham, the Exodus from Egypt, or the divine promise to King David" (p 275). Also, "During his thirty-one year reign... Josiah was recognized as the greatest hope for national redemption, a *genuine messiah* (my italics) " (p.275). Further, "Josiah, the otherwise forgotten king...became the patron of the intellectual and spiritual movement that produced some of the Bible's major ethical teachings and its unique vision of Israel's history" (p.276). This is an interesting perspective from Jewish scholars, untrammelled by Christian theology. They also suggest that the Book of the Law discovered by Josiah, as generally agreed by most scholars, is an early version of the book of Deuteronomy (p. 276).

The articles supplied by the Irish Grand RA Research Chapter (2,3) do not explain why the Irish adopted Josiah as the central character of their Royal Arch drama.

Indeed, ME Companion Kelly says: "...after a very considerable amount of careful research, no sound or sufficient reason has ever been advanced which would justify the most striking difference in ritual and ceremonial observance which now exists between our Irish Capitular system and that system of RA Masonry which is recognised and practised in all other English speaking countries..."(2).

It certainly appears from the comments of Finkelstein and Silberman (1), that, as a great reformer and spiritual leader, Josiah was worthy of such a role. The Irish RA Research Chapter articles do suggest, however, that the change occurred relatively late, in about 1864. Furthermore, RE Companion Walker (3) mentions, confirming the *Loge Recherche Laurence Dermott* assertion quoted above: "Incidentally, the Zerubbabel legend is not missing from Irish Masonry as it forms the basis of the Red Cross Degrees which are governed by the Grand Council of Knight Masons."

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The Two Hiram of Freemasonry

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later Hiram sent to Solomon gold and another large supply of cedar- and fir-trees; and Solomon gave him in return a present of twenty towns in Galilee. Although Hiram was dissatisfied with the present, his friendship for Solomon did not diminish; and he sent Solomon a hundred and twenty talents of gold. Hiram permitted Solomon's ships to sail with his own to Ophir (thought to be Bombay, now Mumbai - ed); and the Jewish sailors were guided by the Tyrians, who were the better mariners."

Schechter illustrates the friendly rivalry between the two kings in terms of their regular communication. "On one occasion Solomon sent Hiram riddles, asking for some in return; and he proposed that the one who could not solve them should pay a forfeit in money. Hiram accepted this proposition, and subsequently had to pay many sums, since he was unable to solve Solomon's riddles. Later, however, a Tyrian, Abdamon by name, came to Hiram's aid and propounded riddles to Solomon; and as the latter could not solve them, he was obliged to pay large sums to Hiram."

According to Schechter, legend has it that, in his old age, King Hiram imagined himself to be a god, whereupon God punished him by causing the destruction of the Temple followed by a torturous and miserable death at the hand of his stepson. A colossal limestone sarcophagus on a pedestal, located some 10 km from Tyre near the village of Hanawai, (in South Lebanon) is the supposed tomb of Hiram, King of Tyre.

Conclusion

If we fuse the history and the legend of each of the Hiram of Freemasonry we could conclude that they have many things in common, but in other respects they are poles apart. Both Hiram were Tyrians; both contributed meaningfully in their own way to the building of King Solomon's Temple; both are considered to have been Masonic Grand Masters (together with Solomon); both of their stories end in tragic circumstances. However, one was a king and the other a craftsman; one lived to a very old age while the other departed at the pinnacle of his career; but only one, today, serves in the Craft as a model of truth, honour and virtue.

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