

# Free Mason



*Integrity – Loyalty – Respect*

*One regular*  
**Step...**  
*...a mason on the moon*



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# Where is happiness?

**You get to meet many people as a member of an organisation** or when you visit similar organisations over a period of time. But what interests me is that there are so many unhappy people!

They seem to have a number of problems that are difficult to overcome – in lodge, at home, at work – and they can't understand why it is happening or how to relieve their situation.

Many times I have listened to members or visitors commenting on a poor lodge performance, things that have gone wrong, a lack of visitors or to them an unappetising supper. This makes me wonder about the effect of such negative thinking and how the ripples of that attitude could spread to others.

So I have to ask the question: 'where is happiness?'

Really, if you can't find happiness, maybe you're looking in the wrong place. Outside your home you think others are happier than you but you don't see them at their home. You forget or ignore that they also have problems and given second thoughts, you wouldn't like to be in their shoes.

How can you love life if your heart is full of envy and criticism and you don't like and can't accept yourself as you are?

One of the greatest obstacles to finding happiness is dreaming of too much happiness. Accept it piece by piece as it comes, remembering that little drops make big rivers.

Happiness is not to be found in memories or in the future. Look for it in the present because it's waiting for us here and now.

It doesn't take Einstein to figure out that a problem can only be solved by taking appropriate action. I have worried about the sometimes lack of leadership, the lack of questions or suggestions that could open meetings, make them more interesting and involve members who have been sitting quietly and wondering what to do and whether to stay a member.

Time is a problem nowadays with people trying to cope with so many commitments at home and at work.

They are finding it difficult to maintain regular attendance at their lodge, club or even social functions with the family. A century or more ago, we had leaders who invited questions and suggestions or who trialled new ideas to see the reaction and if there were benefits.

In visits to lodges, I sometimes wonder how much time it would take to have a member allocated to each visitor and introduce him during the WM's welcome. It is used overseas and makes the visitor feel welcome with possible thoughts of returning. In past years, we used to read the names of visitors at supper except at an Installation but today, we don't.

It's an old saying that a contented child is a happy child and happiness is contagious. Instead of complaining the next time you attend, do something positive. Make a suggestion, welcome a visitor, praise good work, enjoy yourself and like a stone thrown into a pond, the ripples will spread far and wide and suddenly we may have a happy world again. 🪄



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# JUNE COMMUNICATION



The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM, in welcoming members and visitors to the June Quarterly Communication at the Sydney Masonic Centre, said it was a significant night for Freemasonry as it is our annual night of reflection and renewal.

‘Renewal, because tonight is our opportunity to select the new team which will lead us into the future, and reflection, as we acknowledge the great service offered to this Grand Lodge by so many Grand Lodge Officers over the past period,’ he said.

‘Tonight, as we select those preferred for the various positions on offer, we



## GRAND RE-INSTALLATION

The Grand Lodge Re-Installation and Communication will be held at the **Sydney Masonic Centre** on **WEDNESDAY 11 September 2019** starting at **6pm**.

The events are open to all members of Grand Lodge, which includes all Master Masons. The Grand Master extends an invitation to all other brethren to attend as observers.

Brethren attending as observers are not entitled to vote on matters being considered by Grand Lodge.

need to be mindful of where we need to be and what we are trying to achieve. Of course, I would be hopeful that you would remember my theme: *Integrity, Loyalty and Respect*. I would be hopeful you would recognise we need to continue to support our Executive Council, Board of Management and its committees, the Grand Charity and the Ceremonial Team. I would be hopeful you would acknowledge the splendid work by our Regional Grand Counsellors and District Grand Inspectors of Workings, and I would be particularly hopeful that you would continue to support the magnificent work of those involved with the Grand Master’s Task Team, as together we strive to improve all aspects of membership recruitment, retention and regaining of masons. Importantly, I would be hopeful that you would all continue to reflect on your individual obligations and the principles and tenets of the Craft.

‘It is appropriate that we should reflect on those who will not be featured in this year’s appointments and I acknowledge the long and great service offered by MW Bro the Reverend Raymond Green, who served as our Grand Master for the period 1996 to 1999, a raft of other appointments and has served as a Grand Lodge Trustee for the past five years. MW Bro Green has been well recognised by all of us and, in thanking him most sincerely for his enormous contribution, we offer our best wishes to him and Jan, and trust they will enjoy good health for years to come.’

The Grand Master then announced that RW Bro Ted Simmons would be retiring as Editor of the *Freemason* magazine after 34 years in that position and that he has appointed RW Bro Richard Dawes as Editor and Chairman of the Magazine Committee.

In the past few months, the Grand Master has travelled to Temora to make a home visit to RW Bro Ron McGuirk who had recently turned 101, attended the Order of the Amaranth Grand Installation, and the Order of Athelstan Grand Installation; attended a district meeting hosted by Lodge Woollahra where a cheque for \$16,500 raised by the lodges of District 37 was presented to Randwick Children’s Hospital, received a civic reception from the Mayor and Councillors of West Wyalong prior to attending the West Wyalong Debutante Ball where Gael and he were the official guests, and attended the annual church service for the Sovereign Order of Constantine held at St Bartholomew’s in Windellama. This beautiful Church is almost 160 years old and the service was conducted by the Rev Canon Peter Bertram, Past Grand Chaplain.

‘May I remind members that the Grand Master’s Task Team is available to assist any lodge in improving its program, and indeed, any aspect of its standing. Some lodges are already recognising that we have not been delivering to all, and in this regard I highlight the efforts of The Royal Empire Lodge. This lodge has identified that if a brother’s attendance wanes, there is usually a clear reason why. Put simply, they recognise that attendance and participation go hand in glove, and if we enjoy doing something, we make a point of making the effort to keep doing it. The Royal

Empire Lodge has a number of initiatives to provide more of what brethren want, and rotating education and degree work has played out well for them. The main component of their success is involvement. Lower degrees especially can be bystanders and they are not satisfied merely to be listening to our Secretaries' and Treasurers' reports. One of this lodge's initiatives is to invite the progressive brother to prepare a 'one-pager' on his experience thus far. They are asked to be as open as possible, to ask questions, to mention their favourite visiting experience, and then to read it aloud in open lodge. Their experience is enhanced, but importantly also, the experienced brethren hear how they are perceived, and can recognise where their performance in lodge can be improved. Importantly, this type of

involvement gets the candidate to look inwardly, and isn't this what should be the case in Freemasonry,' said the Grand Master.

'I am delighted to report that the recent *One Brother to Another* Benevolence Pin fundraising program raised \$11,532 for your benevolence fund, which supports all masons in need. Charity plays a vital role in your lodge's ongoing activities, and it is wonderful to see this clear indicator of your caring attitude towards your brother masons.

In its report, the Executive Council said it intends to stream all Grand Communications on a 12 months trial from September, Facebook enquiries should be monitored more closely and we should continue 'naming rights' for the Young Achiever awards.

The Board of Management reported its approval of courses for lodge secretaries and treasurers with new online forms and a user's guide for each. The *Masonicare Caring Officer's Handbook* has undergone a major rewrite and printing of 2,000 of these books has been completed and distributed to all lodge secretaries.

The meeting was also informed the Sydney Masonic Centre has now completely replaced its air conditioning plant and ancillary equipment. SMC corporate clients and all Masonic Orders have been told they are now able to use the facility. Among other changes, level four has been altered to take two new function rooms while the Grand Secretariat has been relocated to new offices on level five. 🗑️

# Remember our principles

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM, **spoke on the principles of Freemasonry at the June Communication.**

**B**rethren, my final thrust is directed at our personal performance as men and masons. Freemasonry offers us a formula and a way to inculcate into every man, the foundations of success in life, in work and in family values. Its philosophy offers us the simple truths the world likes, and it is a great antidote to our social failings. Freemasonry awards degrees toward the personal advancement of its members, and while these are not academic, professional or trade qualifications, they do gift us with personal development, and insights impacting on our individual roles in society, to make our decisions and actions better.

In all social interactions, ask any of your partners and wives what he or she wants of the other, and I think the answer will be integrity, loyalty and

respect. Ask any girlfriend what she wants of her man, and again I think the answer will be integrity, loyalty and respect. Freemasonry can promote peace and prosperity, and what better way to prevent bullying and social violence in our community.

Brethren, I am particularly concerned about this inappropriate behaviour in our circles, and I encourage you all to call it out.

We have the resources to counteract this:

- › Our newly trained Mentors are not only to support the progress of our new masons, but they are available to support and manage all our personal issues;
- › The words of our final ode where we join in singing the words 'May we in

harmony combine', offer us the encouragement to better understand the meaning of calmly working together as one;

- › Our obligations, taken as we advance every step in Freemasonry, remind us of our duty to our tenets and principles, our fellow masons and to ourselves; and finally
- › The obligation taken by a Grand Master on his Installation states 'the very consciousness of holding a position of great power moves the cautious man to be tender and generous in exercise. To rule has been the lot of many; to rule well is the object of noble men. It is not by strong arm, iron will, or threatening tone, that obedience is best obtained, but by holding the key to the hearts of men'.

Brethren, we should all live by these Principles. 🗑️





# Salt, wine and oil

Last year, the Freemason had an article titled Corn, Wine and Oil. **An American Brother disagrees** and submitted this article to support his theory.

It is common knowledge that the ancient wages of a Fellowcraft Mason consisted of corn, wine, and oil. Many however, object to this assertion. How can corn be associated with these ancient wages when – clearly – corn was first discovered in the new world? Corn was first brought back to Europe by Christopher Columbus in the late 1400s. Since our ritual predates the age of exploration, must not any reference to corn be some sort of mistake?

The word ‘corn’ is actually Old English, and refers to any type of granular matter. Oats, wheat, barley, rye, even spices, could all be referred to as corn. When used in its verb form ‘to corn’ means to turn a substance into a grain, for example, ‘to corn gunpowder.’ Our ritual therefore, is not actually referring to kernels of corn, but to some type of old world grain.

It has become a widespread practice among most masonic jurisdictions to incorporate the use of corn, wine, and oil in the dedication ceremonies of lodges and other public buildings. The most famous of these ceremonies took place 18 September 1793 in Washington DC, when President George Washington, dressed in full masonic regalia, laid the cornerstone of our nation’s Capitol building. However, the combination of these three symbolic offerings can be traced back even further.

The principal grains of the Old Testament were barley and wheat. The Bible contains hundreds of references to corn, wine, and oil as separate entities, and over a dozen times the three are grouped together within the same passage (see end of article).

They were seen as blessings from God, used as currency, and used as sacrificial offerings.

By the Victorian Era, from which much of the language of our ritual is derived, the word ‘corn’ was often substituted for the word ‘salt.’ The verb ‘to corn’ meant ‘to salt’ or ‘to preserve.’ Corned beef, for example, contains no actual kernels of corn, but contains a very high amount of salt. In fact, if we examine the wording of our ritual, the word ‘salt’ could be easily substituted for the word ‘corn.’ ‘The corn of sustenance’ simply becomes, ‘the salt of sustenance.’ Our bodies need salt in order to survive and the meaning still holds true.

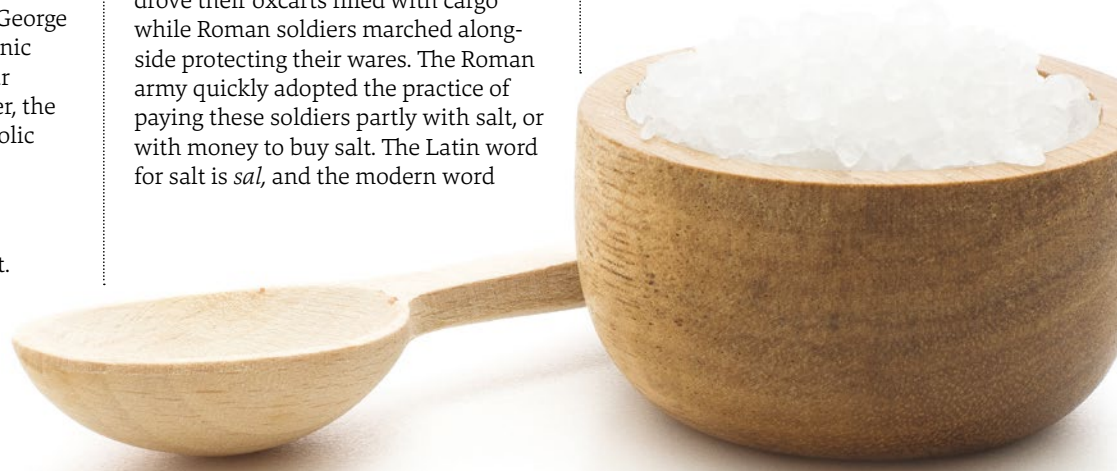
Salt was quite valuable in the ancient world. It was the primary method of preserving food, mainly meat and fish, and also served as a good antiseptic, hence the expression, ‘rubbing salt into the wound.’

One of the busiest ancient Roman trade routes was the famous Via Salaria, a road connecting the capital city to the eastern coast of what is now modern-day Italy. Along this route salt merchants drove their ox carts filled with cargo while Roman soldiers marched alongside protecting their wares. The Roman army quickly adopted the practice of paying these soldiers partly with salt, or with money to buy salt. The Latin word for salt is *sal*, and the modern word

‘salary’ derives from the Latin *salarium* or ‘salt money.’ This is probably where we get the expression ‘he’s not worth his salt.’ However, the earliest reference to this phrase in printed form does not appear until 1805 when Philip Beaver printed his book *The African Memoranda*. On the other hand, the expression ‘not worth his salt,’ could also have been associated with the ancient Greek practice of trading salt for slaves.

The word *sal* also appears in the English word ‘salad.’ Ancient Romans adopted the practice of salting their salads in order to balance out the natural bitterness of the greens.

Other references to salt used as money can be found in Marco Polo’s writings. While traveling in China in the late 13th century he noted that images of the Grand Khan were pressed onto tiny salt cakes and used as coins. Salt was so rare in the African Empire of Mali (1235–1600 CE) that it was quite literally worth its weight in gold! Ounces of salt were traded for ounces of gold, and to this day the salt trade is still practiced



in Mali. Other ancient civilizations such as the Phoenicians also traded salt, but this article only examined a few.

There is concrete historical evidence that salt was used by various ancient peoples as a form of currency. Furthermore, our ritual clearly states that a Fellowcraft Mason's wages consisted of corn, wine, and oil – wages – being the key word. Assuming that the 'corn' of our ritual was 'salt,' the assumption that a Fellowcraft Mason was paid in salt would be both grammatically and historically correct. In all probability however, the before mentioned 'corn' was probably some sort of cereal grain such as barley or wheat. It is interesting to consider though, that salt might have been part of a Fellowcraft's wages, and even if this was not the case, it certainly adds seasoning to our masonic understanding.

*Deuteronomy 11:14* 'That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.'

*Deuteronomy 12:17* 'Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, or heave offering of thine hand.'

*Deuteronomy 14:23* 'And thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always.'

*Deuteronomy 18:4* 'The first fruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him.'

*Deuteronomy 28:51* 'And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.'

*2 Chronicles 31:5* 'And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the

field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly'

*2 Chronicles 32:28* 'Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.'

*Nehemiah 10:39* 'For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.'

*Nehemiah 13:5* 'And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests.'

*Nehemiah 13:12* 'Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new

wine and the oil unto the treasuries'

*Hosea 2:8* 'For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Ba'al'

*Hosea 2:22* 'And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel'

*Joel 2:19* 'Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen.'

*Joel 2:24* 'And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.'

*Haggai 1:11* 'And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands' 🛠️



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# Mentoring for the masses

The new Mentoring system is not designed to make the job of the DGIW any easier. **It is designed to make the success of a lodge more certain.**

If we don't know specifically which items on the list are critical for each individual, we cannot meet each individual's objectives; and if we can't do that, he – will – leave.

Our candidates come with an expectation of excellence and if they do not find that excellence, they will feel cheated. After all they have paid significant fees and dues so the very least we can do is find out what their priorities really are and try to focus on those priorities. That is what the new Mentoring System does.

Use the ranking questionnaires, use the profile analysis, most of all develop and use the personal development plan.

Remember, the most important man in the room is the new candidate. He represents wealth; wealth of intelligence, wealth of new ideas and he is the future. If we find out what he really wants, and we help him grow in Freemasonry we will truly grow our lodge.

This is not easy, most really important things are not easy. But it is essential. Mentoring is difficult. It is time consuming and it is frustrating. New brethren often want to change the world. They often want to put their own mark on their work and the lodge's character. Every mentor needs to be supported and nourished by the management of the lodge. Every Worshipful Master needs to support lodge mentors, needs to encourage them, needs to acknowledge them and needs to raise more mentors to share the load.

How can the mentor's job be made easier? Not by cutting corners but by encouraging the candidates to aspire to excellence. The lodge can best assist by insisting on high-quality candidates. Not every good man is suitable for Freemasonry. Select carefully and don't select unsuitable people just to increase numbers. Frankly we have been doing that for the last forty or fifty years and our membership has plunged.

The answer is not in the hands of the mentoring scheme, not in the hands of the DGIWs and not in the hands of Grand Lodge.

It's in your hands. Insist on quality in every aspect of Freemasonry. It's in your hands.

If the mentoring scheme was closed down... If Grand Lodge went into recess for the remainder of the year... If DGIWs were abolished...

Would the new Mentoring scheme still be desirable?

YES, and it would be essential!

Too many lodges are looking for ways to make their job easier when they should be embracing a means of improving their lodge's way of life and in particular of making a candidate's experience more challenging and more valuable.

It is a truism that 'Grand Lodge does not make masons.' Private lodges make masons. Think about it. Grand Lodges in their 'blue and gold', Grand Directors of Ceremonies in their stately progress and even Grand Masters do not make masons.

You blokes in Taree, in Narromine and in Nowra do; as do over 200 other lodges across the face of New South Wales and the ACT. It is an immensely satisfying job but one full of pitfalls. Full of traps and mistakes. It must be so

because a vast majority of those who join: leave us, walk away, stop attending and stop paying dues.

And the major reason is that we are not giving them what they wanted.

Lodge mentors are for the whole lodge. Every member wishes to grow – needs to grow – and consequently every member needs to be mentored. Not just the 'newbies'.

What do they want? What will 'bind them to us' for the rest of their life? There is no magical, single item that will attract and keep everyone committed to Freemasonry, but the following are certainly on the list:

- › The mysteries of Freemasonry
- › The 'hidden secrets'
- › The friendship
- › The charitable side of Freemasonry
- › The ritual
- › The teachings inherent in the ritual
- › The history of the Craft
- › The promise of character improvement



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# Great lights – the square

The builder's square, used as a Craft symbol, is an approximation of a triangle with its apex downwards and base upwards, which is **a very ancient symbol of the soul and psychic constitution of man** and is known as the water triangle.

**T**he square is so highly esteemed among speculative masons that it is the jewel set aside for the highest office in our masonic lodges – the Worshipful Master. The square is also a guide to the whole Craft. All masons are expected to square their actions by the virtues inculcated within the square.

The jewel of the Past Master, like that of the Worshipful Master, is essentially the square. In the Grand Lodge of England, the latter bears the square simple, while the former has the figure of Euclid's 47th proposition added, to constitute what the heralds call a 'difference.'

The rank of Past Master is a comparatively recent invention and dates from a time when there were many independent Grand Lodges in existence, which accounts for variations. The officers which date from earlier times have with small variations the same jewels in all countries. The origins are uncertain, but it is maintained by the operative guild that this illustrates one of the old masonic trade secrets, namely, the method of forming a right angle by means of three rods of three, four and five units in length. It seems reasonable that the Past Master, being no longer a working mason, should be invested with the proof of an important geometrical proposition, in addition to the square, the jewel of the Master of a lodge.

In Scotland, the past master's jewel has the compasses supporting the square. In Ireland, the letter G is placed in the centre. The letter G is in English a synonym for the square, because in the ecclesiastical alphabet of the middle

ages, familiar to builders of churches, was a perfect square like the Greek gamma. The square came to be called the letter G as a gloss in early manuscripts because, being the geometrical representation of the name J-H-V-H, it was considered too sacred a word to be uttered before strangers. The identity of the letter G and the square has been masked by the modern method of suspending the square by the right angle. In Ireland, the jewel was formerly suspended by the short bar in the position known as the gallows square, which is precisely the gamma.

According to masonic tradition in the United States, the jewel of a Grand Master was formerly the same as that of a Past Master in Ireland today, and according to the tradition, this jewel was worn by the Grand Masters at the time of King Solomon. The square and compasses enclosing the letter G is used as the general emblem of the Craft in Canada and the United States. In the US, the jewel of a Past Master is a pair of compasses extended to sixty degrees on a quadrant, with a sun in the centre, like the jewel of our Grand Master.

The square is adapted to a plane surface, and belongs to geometry, earth measurement, and the trigonometry which deals with the earth, which the ancients supposed to be a plane. It's thus an emblem of what concerns the earth and the body. The square is given to the whole body of Freemasonry, because we are all obligated within it, and are consequently bound to act thereon. The square is a constant reminder to the Freemason that he should regulate his action by the masonic rule and line

which are laid down in the Volume of the Sacred Law, and that he should never forget that, just as the stone is tried and proved by the application of the square, so, by the application of the eternal and unchanging principles of morality, each action in human life is judged, and its value ascertained. The square is a symbol of Earth; the whole entrance symbolized passing of the soul from earth to heaven.

The square is introduced to the Entered Apprentice as one of the Three Great Lights of Freemasonry and to the Fellowcraft as one of the working tools of his degree. It is also one of the jewels of the lodge, and the special jewel of the Master of the lodge. It is probably the most important tool of a mason, whether operative or speculative, for it connects and more or less includes the level and the plumb rule, and it is the only tool by which the rough ashlar can be prepared and tested. Unless the ashlars are perfect the building cannot be built after any wise plan, or with strength, or with beauty. It is used to form the rude and to prove the perfect mass, and therefore it is of the utmost importance that an implement on which so much depends shall be perfectly correct.

The square is a chevron shape (inverted V), the significance of which is seen in the name given to several old hostelrys in England, namely 'Goat and Compasses.' The word chevron comes through Spanish and French, from the Latin *capriolus*, and its significance was the principal characteristic given to the god Pan and the Bacchanalian and other pagan orgies based on that cult. According to the *Merriam-Webster*

*Dictionary*, the word first appeared in English in the 14th century. Chevron derives via Middle English and Anglo-French from the vulgar Latin word *caprio*, meaning 'rafter (probably due to its resemblance to two adjoining roof beams)'. It is also related to the Latin noun *caper*, meaning 'goat,' again based on the resemblance of a V-shape to a goat's horns. 'Caper' is also an ancestor of Capricorn, the tenth sign of the zodiac, represented by a goat. The resemblance of 'chevron' to *chèvre*, the French word for 'goat' and our word for a kind of cheese that comes from goat's milk, is no coincidence, as that word derives from 'caper' as well. The simile with the square and compasses to a mason seems obvious.

The square symbolises morality, defined in our ritual as the duties we owe to our neighbour. The square symbolizes things of the earth, and it also symbolises honour, integrity, truthfulness, and other ways we should relate to this world and the people in it.

As a figure, the square teaches regulation of our actions by rule and line, and how we should harmonise our conduct by the prescriptions of virtue. It appears to have been one of the earliest geometrical figures applied to any practicable purpose. Hence it became of great importance with the first masons, which it still retains in our lodges, and is an emblem of morality and justice.

It is an instrument used by practical masons in the erection of purely material buildings which cannot endure forever, but must pass away, in time, as do all physical things built by human hands. Therefore, it fittingly symbolises mortality; that which cannot endure.

The square is an emblem of morality, and instructs us in the golden maxim, 'do unto others as you would that others should do unto you.' It teaches us to apply the unerring principles of moral science to every action of our lives, to see that all the motives and results of our conduct shall coincide with the dictates of divine justice, and that all our thoughts, words and deeds shall harmoniously conspire, like the well-adjusted and rightly-squared joints of an edifice, to produce a smooth, unbroken life of virtue.

The square symbol underscores the potential duality in everything and



Square and compasses carved into part of the foundation stone on a masonic hall in Lancaster, UK.

encourages balance; the square is comprised of straight lines, and those fixed lines invite a feeling of stasis, fixation and immutability.

Resting upon the Sacred Volume, the square is a symbol of the human soul generated out of the divine word which underlies it. That soul was created square, perfect, and like everything which proceeded from the Creator's hand was originally pronounced 'very good,' though invested with freedom of choice and capacity for error. 🛠️

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# The four cardinal virtues

As an Entered Apprentice we are introduced to the four cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice in the second last paragraph of the first tracing board lecture, **however thereafter little more is ever said about these four very important attributes** so essential in our daily life and relationships with others.

The identification of these four cardinal virtues is attributed to Aristotle, an ancient Greek philosopher, who is recorded as living between 384 BC and 322 BC, nearly 2,500 years ago.

It is also interesting to note that most of the ancient cultures and religions in history have included in their teachings similar attributes to be maintained by their members and followers. As a consequence one could, in the words of that well known educator, Julius Sumner Miller, ask 'Why is it so?'

*...one must undertake a good course of action.*

Considering that these words were originally established to describe the expected behaviour of individuals at that time, an investigation of their usage

and meaning in to-day's society, as provided in Wikipedia is fascinating;

1. **Prudence**, also known as practical wisdom, is the most important virtue for Aristotle. In war, soldiers must fight with prudence by making judgments through practical wisdom. This virtue is a must to obtain because courage requires judgments to be made.
2. **Temperance**, or self-control, simply means moderation. Soldiers must display moderation with their enjoyment while at war in the midst of violent activities. Temperance





## Raising awareness

concerning courage gives one moderation in private which leads to moderation in public.

Within the NSW jurisdiction there was an era when new lodges would include in their names the word 'temperance' – they were lodges where alcohol was banned and in some instances, members of the liquor industry were barred from membership. However it is many years since this was last recorded.

3. **Courage** is 'moderation or observance of the mean with respect to feelings of fear and confidence.' Courage is 'observance of the mean with regard to things that excite confidence or fear, under circumstances which we have specified, and chooses its course and sticks to its post because it is noble to do so, or because it is disgraceful not to do so.' Concerning warfare, Aristotle believes soldiers are military and political heroes. War is simply a stage for soldiers to display courage, and is the only way that courage can be exemplified. Any other action by a human is simply copying a soldier's ways; they are not actually courageous.

4. **Justice** means giving the enemy what is due to them in the proper ways; being just towards them. In other words, one must recognise what is good for the community and one must undertake a good course of action.

When it is considered how widely these attributes are disseminated in other cultures and religions, it could be concluded that these fundamental characteristics should be discussed more widely if we are to be the best that we can. 🏰

Left: a woodcut of actresses portraying the four cardinal virtues in the *Ballet Comique de la Reine*, performed on 15 October 1581, during the reign of Henry III of France. It was written as part of the wedding celebrations for the Duke de Joyeuse and Marguerite de Vaudemont. From left to right are Fortitude, Justice, Temperance and Prudence, carrying their symbols of a column, scales, a goblet and a serpent, respectively.



An initiative by RW Bro Owen Parry to **raise awareness of Freemasonry by donating one hundred Freemason branded rugby balls** to amateur rugby clubs across the state, has been generously funded by Grand Lodge's Board of Management.

**R**W Bro Parry contacted brethren who are involved in rugby clubs to help hand out the balls, because the trial is more successful by involving Freemasons who are active members in the rugby clubs. This gives potential masons someone familiar to talk to about Freemasonry.

Drummoyne, Oatley, Balmain, The Oaks, Taree, Central Coast, Eagle Vale, Lane Cove, Hornsby, Newcastle, and Penrith rugby clubs have received balls.

This type of charity spending is a cost-effective way of raising the profile of Freemasonry amongst one of the most beneficial demographics – active, team and voluntary-orientated men – whilst also assisting local sporting clubs.

The cost of the balls was under \$1,600. The cost per branded ball decreases as the size of the order increases. If your lodge is interested in donating balls

to a local rugby or soccer club and would like to pool funds with other lodges, please contact RW Bro Parry on 0466 545 044. He will be happy to coordinate a combined purchase to reduce costs. 🏰

Check out *Regional Roundup* for stories of individual lodges donating footballs to their local clubs!





# A story from the heart

This speech, with names changed for privacy reasons, was given at **the recent A Start in Life awards presentation day.**



**H**ello, my name is Denise, mother of children Jake, Dick, Barry and Larné who have been fortunate to be lucky recipients of support from *A Start in Life* (ASIL).

I'd like to open my speech with a couple of quotes from Dr Craig Challen, who with Dr Richard Harris were honoured as 2019 Australians of the Year for their heroic efforts to help save the lives of 12 young soccer players in Thailand last year.

Dr Challen said 'We've raised a generation of children who have too little sleep, poor nutrition, poor physical activity, poor coping skills and because of digital devices are more disconnected with physical relationships with people. We have to turn this around!'

'Kids need to find their "inner explorer" by taking a few risks, challenging themselves, getting grazed knees and stubbed toes ... making them robust and confident and helping them find their boundaries and test their own limits.' He asked for parents to give their children enough rope to do that.

These words make perfect sense and inspire so much hope!

Hope... when all seemed too hard, is what *A Start in Life* has offered my family. Benevolence! The kind willingness to help families like ours has helped turn an insurmountable struggle into a much more manageable challenge throughout many of the children's

academic years. This support has helped me steer the children in the right direction, while reducing the financial burden and stress.

In 2004, I had to leave my job after 20 years. I found it hugely challenging to provide for my young family without any other family support, while caring for the children's grandfather and paying a mortgage. After reading an article about the ASIL program I decided to apply to give my children greater opportunities than I could provide.

Jake 20, Dick 17 and twins Barry and Larné, 14, were all at Primary school when our relationship with ASIL began.

We were living a simple, modest life in our little cottage. It was a home full of love and sunshine. We took much joy in furnishing our home from 'salvaged treasures', mostly found on council clean-ups, from op shops and at garage sales ... an interesting, resourceful way of living that we still enjoy today.

The children share a love for sport, the outdoors and music. All four played competitive rugby league throughout their school years, including Larné who currently plays with an under-16 girls team. Larné was team captain and was awarded Player of the Year in both boys' and girls' competitions. Dick made it through to the junior development squad and also captained his teams. All the children have represented the district in state Oztag; Jake and Dick represented NSW and Dick played for Australia in the Pacific Island Cup.

Little Athletics filled many summers... Jake representing the state in sprints, cross-country and field events. Other sports included soccer, trampoline, touch football and basketball. Support from ASIL made it possible to be part of many of these teams.

Being involved in club sports has helped increase their motivation and improve their self-confidence. (A strong body encourages a strong mind.) The friendships formed have been invaluable, helping the family remain strong and connected.

As a parent, having a hands-on role in the sporting clubs has been a positive experience.

The many representative sports involved many trips over the years, travelling on 'the smell of an oily rag' as far as Gympie in the north and the Mornington Peninsula in the south, taking in many small towns in pursuit of sporting amenities. These car trips involved lengthy family discussions, debates and 'music all the way.' This was quality family time!

The children have enjoyed school life ... all excelling in their particular interests. Keeping up with school fees, technology costs, excursions, camps, music tuition, sport fees, uniforms etc. can be overwhelming when multiplied by four. My role as a full-time parent, carer and sports taxi driver placed limits on my capacity to work. With assistance from ASIL, the children have been able to feel comfortable in their learning environment, with access to computers, new uniforms and

shoes. It meant they could fit in and feel confident. Learning became easier.

Barry, in particular is very serious about his school work; achieving high marks in all of his subjects, coming first in music, art and home economics and representing the school in the Zone Spelling Bee. He is always conscientious. Last year Barry suffered a terrible third degree burn in a kitchen accident but has now fully recovered. Despite losing a lot of study time, he stayed on top of his grades.

In addition to the financial support, the emotional support provided by the ASIL team has been fabulous! The team have taken time to assist the children to overcome difficulties and meet their objectives. Great job Jason and Georgina! Thank you very much.

The children have enjoyed the pen friendships from some of their kind sponsors. Dick's pen pals shared the adventures of their two dogs, Rory and Gyp and Dick responded with details of his adventures.

Eight years after first applying for assistance from ASIL the children have matured into resilient, independent young people. The family trips are now few and far between, particularly now that the older boys can drive and have their own cars. Barry, Dick and Larné play football, whereas Jake skateboards any chance he can get.

Barry and Larné are in Year 9 at high school, working towards what 'they'd like to be one day'. Barry, a keen fisherman and ocean lover (as is Larné), has dreams of becoming a marine biologist. Larné

feels there are too many options and she needs to narrow the field. Dick decided to leave school after completing year 10 last year. He placed an ad 'looking for an apprenticeship...' stating he would be a decent, hardworking young man seeking a future and was offered an apprenticeship as an Aircon/refrigeration mechanic; enrolling in TAFE.

Jake graduated from Year 12 in 2017. He is in his second year at Wollongong University studying a Bachelor of Creative Arts in Music with hopes of a career in the music industry.

Life has been positive in our home and I am proud of the progress the children have made... nobody has been stagnant... we have kept moving, with the support from *A Start in Life*.

Last year I was re-employed as a full time casual which is a step towards greater independence for us. I hope, by this time next year to be working full time again. The future looks fantastic!

My basic goal is to have healthy, happy, well-rounded, responsible children who are productive members of society. When asked, their goals are similar: having children of their own one day, finding a good partner, surrounding themselves with nice people, buying a home, being healthy... simple, realistic goals which I am confident they can achieve as they spread their wings and fly off on their own.

My advice to them is to never give up if you really want to achieve something, put the work in, see it through, give it your best shot! Be kind and keep your social conscience. Look after yourself

and your fellow man. If other people do not match these ideals... continue to improve yourself.

My children have been fortunate to have so many positive role models in their lives and they have such a passion for what they do. They play sport not for medals but for joy. The friends they keep and the happiness in their hearts indicate lives well lived.

I believe that without such wonderful role models, the support, love and genuine care shown to my family by the community and the generous, selfless people who work with, and donate to *A Start in Life*, they would not be the people they are today. My family and I are forever grateful for this. Thank you for your support and generosity. 🙏



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# A progressive science



It was another successful annual Supreme Council Meeting in June for the **Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite** for Australia (AASR).

**A**s the only national Australian masonic body, the meeting in Sydney attracted members from all states and Territories of Australia for a number of events which catered to all members of the order and their partners.

The nine members of Supreme Council 33° for Australia started the week's proceedings with the first of several business meetings held in the board room of the NSW Masonic Club. These meetings consisted of long days of deliberations, discussions and decision-making to ensure the smooth running of the order. The Supreme

*The Supreme Council  
farewelled Most  
Illustrious Brother  
Colin Mander...*

Council farewelled Most Illustrious Brother Colin Mander from among its ranks and welcomed Most Illustrious Brother Greg Goding as the Regional

Commander for the Region of Southern Queensland.

A number of events were organised so that all members of the order, regardless of their masonic rank could attend. Members of the order witnessed the Perfection of a candidate in the Sydney Sovereign Chapter, using the Universal Ritual at a meeting held at the Sydney Masonic Centre. The next morning members attended the Installation meeting of Prince Charles Edward Stuart Sovereign Council 30°, where Illustrious Brother Tony Craig 31° installed his successor, Eminent Brother Neville Mison, 31°. This meeting also staged an



The ANZAC Memorial tour



exemplification of the French AASR first degree initiation conducted beautifully by members of Lodge France. This was followed by the usual sumptuous refectory of Prince Charles Edward Stuart Sovereign Council. A number of members followed this with a tour of the newly refurbished ANZAC Memorial.

The Masonic Club again hosted welcome drinks with a meet and greet in the beautiful surroundings of the Reagh Bar on Wednesday evening.

All members of the Rite had an opportunity to meet the members of Supreme Council and listen to their responses to questions on notice put to them at a question and answer session. This was preceded by an excellent presentation entitled *Back to the Basics* by the newest member of Supreme Council, M Ill Bro Greg Goding, 33°.

The annual 33° meeting was held on Thursday evening at the SMC where five members were promoted to the Thirty-third Degree to commence their five year term as District Commanders. This included Very Illustrious Brother David Sully, 33° who commenced his term as District Commander of the Sydney Central District in Region 1.

### AASR Ladies

Once again the events organised for the ladies were an outstanding success; they included a fish'n'chips dinner in the Reagh Bar on Tuesday, a scrumptious high tea in the Adam Room on Wednesday and the Ladies Dinner on Thursday evening. This year they aren't telling us what they did... but they are looking forward to next year.



Before



After - Our five new District Commanders

### The AASR Gala Dinner

The week concluded on Friday evening with the Gala dinner of the Rite, held within the magnificent walls of Cellos Restaurant. Once again, the guests were entertained by performers of the highest calibre, Soprano Alex Blandino wooed the crowd with her beautiful voice and

Daniel Tambasco (our performer from last year and new member of the Craft) stunned the crowd with a cameo with Alex in a series of duets. Masterful singing by two extraordinary talents!

Thank you to all who made the week such an outstanding success! 🗑️

## Dr. Dion's Brainteasers

**Q:** "The attorney is my brother," but the attorney took the stand and denied having a brother under oath. Who is lying?

*A good lawyer looks beyond the surface!*

**Want to know the answer?** Ask Dr. Dion Accoto next time you see him at Lodge, or email him. Contact details are on the inside back cover of this issue!



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# Who's on first?

**Abbott and Costello** exist in the public mind as an almost 'Siamese twin' double act.

**W**illiam Alexander (Bud) Abbott was born in 1895 in New Jersey, into an entertainment family. His father was an advance man for travelling acts and his mother was a bareback horse rider for Ringling Bros circus.

Abbott dropped out of school when 15 and almost immediately signed onto a ship bound for Norway! Eventually he worked his way back to the US and

Detroit where he worked in back office roles in burlesque. In 1918 He married Jenny Mae Pratt (stage name Betty Smith) and the marriage lasted for the rest of his life – 55 years. While continuing to work as the treasurer of the National Theatre in Detroit he began to gain experience as a 'straight man' and his reputation grew.

In 1931 he moved back to New York and whilst working as a cashier at the Casino Theatre, Lou Costello's straight man fell ill and Abbott stepped into the gap. Instant success; thunderous applause; and the duo of Bud Abbott and Lou Costello was born.

Initially they worked the burlesque and vaudeville circuit until 1938 when they got a breakthrough gig on the Kate Smith Hour radio show. At about this




time they created their most famous comedy routine, *Who's on First?* which turned a simple mix up over a baseball line-up into a side-splitting gag. The routine was eventually memorialised at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. To this date Abbott and Costello remain the only figures in the hall who are from outside the game.

During World War II Abbott and Costello made numerous successful films in Hollywood with perhaps the most successful being, *Buck Privates* which grossed more than \$10 million – a record at the time. After the war their popularity declined as they made increasingly low-budget movies with forgettable names.

The team split up in 1957 and Lou Costello died in 1959.

Both Abbott and Costello had major tax problems with the Internal Revenue Service and wound up virtually broke. Abbott started over with a new partner, Candy Candido, in the 1960s and set off on a national tour, including Las Vegas, but the act failed. In 1966 he voiced his character in a cartoon version of their television show. His health deteriorated badly in the late 1960s, he had always suffered from epilepsy, and he died in 1974.

Bud Abbott was a proud mason and his career epitomised the sharing of happiness. 

Left: legendary 'straight-man' Bud Abbott in *Abbott and Costello meet Frankenstein*.

Above: advertising poster for the same movie.





# Happy seniors

**Members of the Seniors Club** enjoyed another monthly luncheon at the NSW Masonic Club during August.



Seniors Club members at the NSW Masonic Club

**P**resident RW Bro Graham Berry OAM gave a warm welcome to those attending who were mostly from Eastern Suburbs lodges.

'This club within a club is not restricted in its membership and is open to all Sydney masons,' he said.

'In fact, we are looking to boost our membership and would gladly welcome new applications.'

The seniors group was formed shortly after World War II and meets on the fourth Monday of each month.

To become a member, applicants must be a financial member of the Masonic Club, aged 55 or more and

have been a current lodge member for a minimum of one year.

'We welcome any inquiry about joining our happy group,' said RW Bro Berry.

*In fact, we are looking to boost our membership...*

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# Some words of encouragement



**‘God is our refuge and strength.’** These are the opening words of Psalm 46, which encourages us to put our trust in God, and acknowledge that even in the most difficult situations, **we may find help and strength far greater than that provided by our natural resources.**

Over two thousand years ago, these words were written and read by people looking for what we in our time still look for: strength and help to face the challenges of daily life. Life is God’s gift, and through that gift we are able to cope with whatever confronts us day by day.

Most of us face life with courage and gratitude for all that we have in our present era. We live in a world full of great opportunities, embodying those which appeal to us, and those which fit neatly into our talents and interests. It is not surprising that when we meet as masonic members we acknowledge God as one who leads and guides us. This is apparent at the opening of our ceremonies, whether at a local level or at a meeting of Grand Lodge, when our

*May we continue to act with honour to the Craft and respect for our leaders.*

Grand Master will call for an appropriate prayer as we open the lodge. At the conclusion of the business—perhaps hours later—it is customary for a closing prayer to be said by one of the Grand Chaplains. Thus we begin in the

presence of God and conclude in that presence before we leave the lodge room for further fellowship in the meal which follows—a time when a prayer of thanksgiving is uttered before we eat and drink together. A closing prayer is a fitting way of bringing our ceremonies and fellowship to an end.

For those of us who serve as Grand Chaplains (or Chaplains at a local level in our masonic meeting) it is our privilege to invoke God’s presence and help in our masonic meetings. We appreciate the response from our brethren as we share in this solemn part of our ceremonies. May we continue to act with honour to the Craft and respect for our leaders.

Remember God is there for our refuge and strength.



## Queen’s birthday honours

The United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT extends congratulations to the following recipients who have been recognised in the Queen’s Birthday Honours.

- OAM RW Bro Jack McNaughton  
Lodge Benjamin Pryor 709
- OAM RW Bro Robert Peattie  
Lodge St James 45
- AM W Bro James Glissan  
Lodge Sir James Hardy 1046

- OAM RW Bro Roger Donsworth  
Lodge West Epping 731
- OAM RW Bro Douglas Grigg  
Lodge Edinburgh St John 38
- OAM Mrs Faye Dunn  
Wife of MW Bro Noel Dunn OAM



# What's in it for *my* lodge?

**It's fine and good to see the GMTT doing stuff for Twin Towns, Guyra, Narromine, Bland and Wagga Wagga** but what can it do for little old Lodge Howick? \* We feel forgotten and neglected!

**F**air question! We know that Lodge Howick has been proactive and has sorted out its roofing issues and the potential financial hurdles of the heritage roof tiles.

So, the Grand Master's Task Team is eager to help you with the next steps. We don't have unlimited funds so consider the following ideas.

- A. A paint job. A couple of coats of paint has made Guyra look pretty terrific and we have provided Bland with 73 litres of paint and that's work in progress.
- B. Council may not allow you to attach an illuminated LED square and compasses to your heritage building but you might erect a frame in the forecourt and fix the square and

compasses to it. The frame could also bear an illuminated meeting notice board. It would attract attention and be really informative.

- C. A few giant pots out front would enable you to grow some native bushes – something green and drought-resistant to 'soften' the bricks and mortar façade of the Howick Masonic Centre.
- D. And with a bit of negotiation you might 'open it' with an evening cocktail party and the Grand Master might even come – think of the PR opportunities! 🧰

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We have used a fictitious lodge name to protect the innocent!



## Calling lodge Secretaries!

If you have ideas to improve your lodge and think the GMTT may be able to assist, please visit this webpage: <https://www.masons.org.au/boards/task-team.html>

# District Education Officers

**For many years several experienced masons have proposed that Lodge Education Officers should be invested.**

It is perhaps now too late because many lodges have difficulty in filling the 'traditional' offices let alone worry about an Education Officer. In other lodges there is nobody with the knowledge or skills to take on the role of LEO. Until lodges increase their strength the role will have to be filled at District level.

One can only hope that within every District a brother can be found who has the skills needed and is willing to fill the role of District Education Officer.

Such a man needs to have some knowledge of masonic philosophy, history and symbolism. He need not be an absolute 'guru'. But he does need to have some knowledge and interest in the subjects. Of course, he can fill gaps in his knowledge via the Grand Lodge Library and the internet (with due care regarding the latter).

If the Board of Management agrees with this concept it needs to put plans in place to ensure that at the next 'intake' of DGIWs the role of DEO is 'writ large'. It needs to be addressed at the time of selection of the new DGIWs because to do it after the selection process is to invite a further delay.

Remember, it is the Master's duty to 'employ and instruct the brethren in Freemasonry' and the instruct bit is getting purely lip service – if that – in many, if not most, lodges. 🧰



# A dog's life!

The Grand Master and Gael were welcomed to the RSPCA ACT Shelter, and have the following message: 'Enough *neighsaying*, this is the time to get out and support them right *meow*'. **The need to support the RSPCA is greater than ever before!**

In early July the Grand Master visited the RSPCA ACT shelter where over 3,300 animals were cared for in the past year including over 800 dogs, about 1,800 cats plus livestock, horses and other wildlife. The purpose of the visit was to present six local charities with cheques from Masonicare's latest partnership with Dramatic Productions which raised almost \$3,000.

The funds were raised through the *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Story* production which took place in April and was enjoyed by hundreds of visitors all who contributed through their ticket purchases to these worthy causes: *Dainere's Rainbow, Givit, Soldier On, Newborn Intensive Care Foundation, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children Canberra* and of course RSPCA ACT. All of these charities and six others will enjoy the support of Masonicare and Dramatic Productions at the October presentation of *The Producers* starring Daryl Somers.

The Grand Master together with Gael and representatives from Dramatic Productions and other charities toured the facility in Weston and met some of the best natured animals including some that had been at the shelter for over a year waiting for their permanent home. Next time you consider getting a four-legged companion, consider heading down to the shelter and adopting before looking for a breeder.

Puppies and kittens are always fun to have around, but many cats live into their late teens and dogs to their mid-teens, so many people who would enjoy having a pet as a loyal companion often don't for fear that the responsibility will be left with their family. This is where adoption can bring about great benefits, the lifestyle and mental health improvements that come from having a pet are well documented.

Amy Willow and Toby were both dogs left at the RSPCA. Amy Willow was a bewildering cross breed and Toby was a golden retriever, they were six and seven when a lady in her mid-sixties came into the shelter looking for a new companion. Amy Willow had been mistreated, malnourished and uncared for, Toby had been the same but had a more stoic personality.

# Support the RSPCA

Here's your chance to support RSPCA ACT in the Masonicare Manpower Raffle!

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- › **2nd Prize** – 50 hours of Manpower (valued at \$1,500)
- › **3rd Prize** – 4 VIP experience tickets to Dramatic Productions *The Producers* starring Daryl Somers (valued at \$500)

Tickets cost \$5 each, with all proceeds going to RSPCA ACT. Tickets are available from [www.masonicare.org.au](http://www.masonicare.org.au).

**Draw closes 30 September 2019.** Full terms and conditions are available on the website.



Amy Willow and Toby were both taken home by this lady, Toby first and Amy Willow a few days later, after a few weeks both dogs stopped cowering under furniture, after a month both enjoyed the space of the backyard. After several months Toby was enjoying long walks with his new owner, Amy Willow who was still scarred from her previous life wouldn't go past the street corner. Persistence was the key in this case; day by day, week by week the walks got longer. Now three years later Toby and Amy Willow have settled into their new life of luxury, enjoy their hearty meals – including fresh vegetables and meat – relish long walks and have that sparkle back in their eyes. Amy Willow

and Toby will be with their new owner for many years to come and this is only made possible by the work of the RSPCA without which these animals may never have known the joy that life in a home full of love can bring.

Every animal, like every human, has their own personality and their own story. It is through these stories we learn the importance of supporting the RSPCA and the importance of the work they do each and every day. You can help us support the RSPCA through volunteering at the local shelter, by taking your animal to the annual million paws walk and by buying a ticket to our Manpower Raffle. Enjoy great prizes and support this most worthy cause. 🐾

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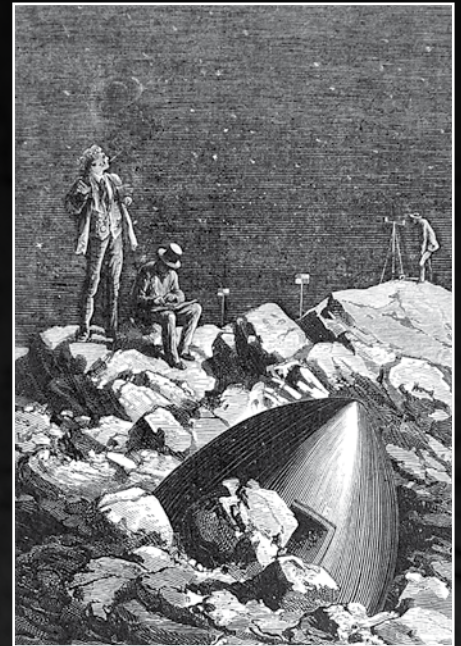
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# Space: *the final frontier*

**Amazing!** The first thoughts that come to mind about space are the television series of **Star Trek and other science fiction programs** which have proved widely popular particularly over the past fifty years.



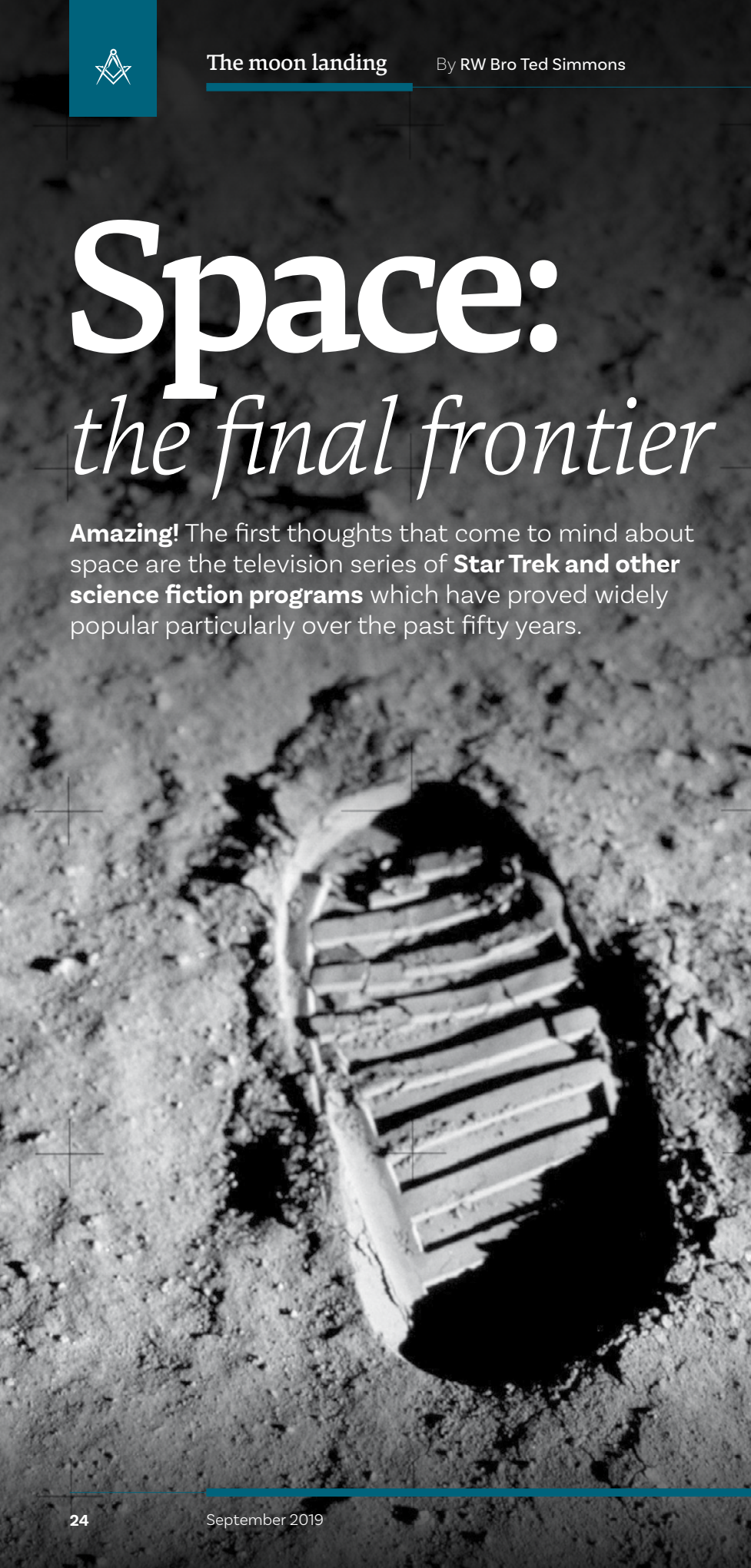
**W**hy fifty years? Because in July this year, celebrations were held to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission, which culminated in man's first landing on the moon when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin took their first lunar steps with Michael Collins as their command module pilot.

But the word 'amazing' was selected because that is the only word which can describe the mind of French author, poet and playwright Jules Gabriel Verne who was born in Nantes, France on 8 February 1828, nearly 200 years ago, and who stunned the world with his visions of the future before his death on 24 March 1905.

Widely regarded as one of the fathers of science fiction, Verne, in a world which was still at the horse and buggy stage, forecast space ships in flights to the moon, submarines (*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*), circumnavigation (*Around the World in 80 Days*), exploration (*Journey to the Centre of the Earth*), as well as rockets and space satellites.

**Left:** The famous image of Buzz Aldrin's footprint on the moon - part of an experiment on the lunar regolith.

**Above:** A very different vision of lunar experiments as imagined by Jules Verne!





His father intended for Jules to become an attorney and sent him to Paris to study law but Jules became involved in literature and instead published short stories and scientific essays. In 1862 his first extraordinary journey (*Five Weeks in a Balloon*) was published and became an international best seller. He quit his job at the stock market to become a full-time writer and in the next 40 years produced more than 60 works. During the 20th century, his works were translated into more than 140 languages as well as the production of a number of successful films.

The selection of Jules Verne to feature in this issue is to reveal his remarkable imagination and the even more remarkable comparisons between Verne's rocket ship to the moon and Apollo 11.

In his books *From the Earth to the Moon* and *Around the Moon* there are so many similarities it is hard to believe they were written 154 years ago. But Verne based his calculations on the ancient laws of physics and astronomy.

For a blast-off site he chose a location in Florida which was about 225km west of Cape Kennedy and aimed his capsule towards the position where the moon would be, the same as Apollo 11.



Jules Gabriel Verne, 1828-1905

In his book, Verne again predicted events of the future when he described the blast-off as 'An appalling unearthly report followed instantly such as can be compared to nothing whatever known, not even to the roar of thunder or the blast of volcanic explosions. Spectators obtained a momentary glimpse of the projectile victoriously cleaving the air in midst of the fiery vapours.'

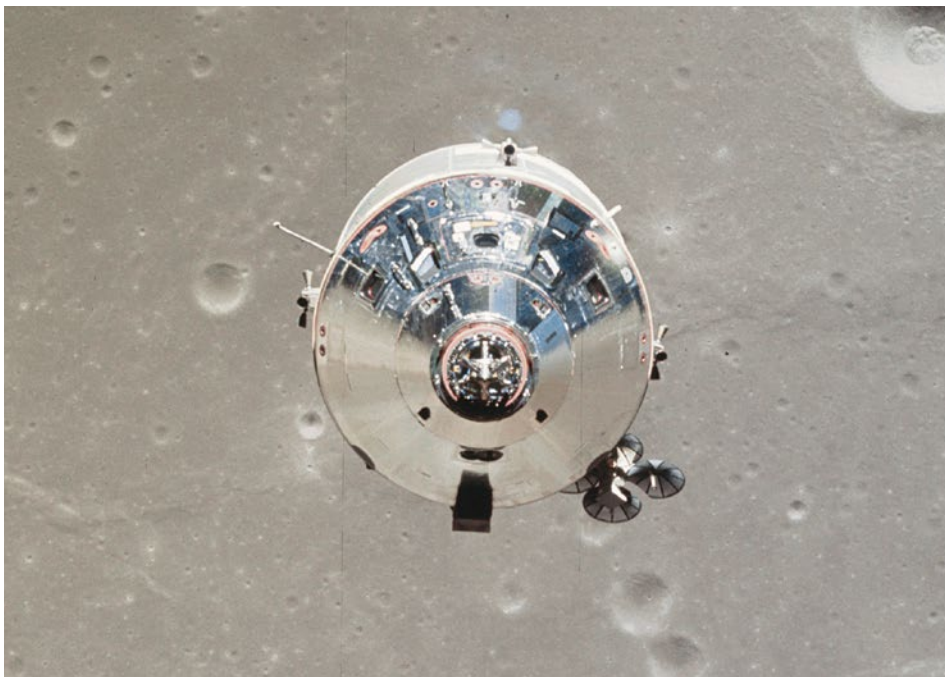
His conical capsule was 4.5 metres high and 2.7 metres in diameter and was named *Columbiad* while the Apollo 11 command vessel, named *Columbia*

was 3.2 metres high and 3.9 metres in diameter. Verne allowed 97 hours 13 minutes 20 seconds for the capsule to reach the moon while Apollo's time was 103 hours 30 minutes.

Again, displaying his scientific genius, Verne estimated the initial velocity for the capsule to be at 36,000 feet per second while the American counterpart's velocity was estimated at 35,533 feet per second.

After a successful blast-off, the three (Verne) astronauts, two Americans and a Frenchman stepped off their couches to celebrate with a bottle of red wine. The astronauts in both capsules experienced weightlessness and *Columbiad* orbited the moon several times, often at the same height as *Columbia*.

But it was not all play as there was work to be done and records to be written for history. Numerous photographs were taken by crew in both capsules to capture the lunar surface. Verne's imagination allowed his crew to map the Sea of



Above: Jules Verne's bullet-shaped capsule *Columbiad* as described in *From the Earth to the Moon*, after which command module *Columbia* was named.

Left: The Apollo command and service module *Columbia* orbiting above the surface of the Moon.

## The moon landing

The crew of the Apollo 11 mission to the moon. Left to right: Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin.

For more on the masonic career of Buzz Aldrin, see the March 2017 issue of *Freemason*.



Tranquility where Armstrong and Aldrin went one better with their famous 'one giant leap for mankind' walk.

To conclude the voyage comparisons, both capsules landed in the Pacific Ocean and the spacemen in each case were rescued by an American warship for transport to the mainland.

Jules Verne was not a mystic or a freak. In the era of the mid-19th century, the world was undergoing change, steam engines and other transport inventions were making their appearance and Verne took the opportunity to write his adventure stories based on scientific fact and a remarkable imagination.

Fast forward to 20 July 1969 as the Apollo 11 crew blasted off from the Kennedy Space Centre on their momentous voyage which ended decades of effort and planning. It was just as fiery as that written by Verne.

*Verne, in a world which was still at the horse and buggy stage, forecast space ships in flights to the moon...*

The spacecraft had three Saturn booster stages with five engines in the first stage using 33.8 million Newtons of thrust or 160 million horsepower lasting two minutes and 40 seconds and using 1,762,719 litres of liquid oxygen and kerosene.

Apollo 11 had eight million working parts and 91 engines and when loaded with propellants weighed 2,768 tonnes. The mission had a final cost of \$320 million.

Can you remember where you were when Apollo 11 reached the moon and the astronauts stepped on to the surface? There have been millions of words written about the voyage, films made, radio and TV specials in all parts of the world.

As they would say in Latin – *quo vadis?* Plans are in place in different countries for further space exploration, people still look at the stars with questions in their mind, do other planetary systems have life?

Space – the final frontier but no longer where no man has gone before. 🚀

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# award-winning care

Carol, Kevin and CEO Chris Mamarelis presenting the MyLife model of care to the Royal Commission into Aged Care.

## How you can support initiatives that improve the lives of senior Australians

The generous support of our sponsors and donors help us to continue innovating in the wellbeing space, including through our MyLife model. The support helps us to make Best Week wishes like Marie's come true for our residents and clients. No matter how small or large your gift is, it will truly make a difference and help us fulfil our purpose of delivering care services that enhance wellbeing and quality of life for older people. Chat to us today about making a difference.

### Whiddon had the privilege of presenting our award-winning relationship-based model of care, MyLife, to the Royal Commission into Aged Care.

In June, CEO Chris Mamarelis joined Kevin, the husband of Whiddon Largs resident Marie, and Whiddon Largs Leisure Officer, Carol, for the hearing in Perth.

The Commissioners wanted to learn from aged care providers that are demonstrating best practice in the sector and hear more about the successes our organisation has gained by implementing a person-centred care approach.

The trio gave evidence from their own perspectives around the positive impacts of MyLife, which was introduced across the organisation in 2015 and closely aligned to the organisation's strategic vision.

Chris spoke about how MyLife enables employees to build strong and deep relationships with the people we care for, which in turn enables us to really get to know and understand residents and clients alike, as individuals with unique life experiences and care needs. He highlighted that MyLife moves away from a clinical task-focused approach, to a more holistic one that embraces quality of care through wellbeing, enablement and social connection.

The Royal Commission learned how our care model enables Whiddon to partner with the families of our residents and clients, like Kevin, who shared how it has had a positive impact for him and his beloved wife.

Kevin and Marie's relationship with Carol blossomed through the MyLife model's innovative 'buddy' system that offers consistent rostering and a process where both parties get to know each other really well.

The couple recently experienced a 'Best Week', jam-packed with their favourite activities and tailored for Marie by her buddy - Carol. By understanding what matters most to Kevin and Marie, Carol was able to deliver a very special and meaningful experience for them both.

We were incredibly proud to shine a light on our MyLife model and to receive positive feedback from the Commissioner who acknowledged that the evidence provided was a 'breath of fresh air'.

The Commissioner also highlighted the Royal Commission's interest in models that may be used to improve people in aged care across the system and stated that Whiddon is one that they will be taking into account.

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# interACTION *in action*



Presenting the cheque to the Fragile X Association of Australia

## \$6,000 for Fragile X

Over eighty members and friends attended the Galston Garden Club where they were joined by Wendy Bruce, Executive Officer of the Fragile X Association of Australia and her husband Michael, and W Bro Henry Gibson, the WM of Lodge Ku-ring-gai No. 1033.

This was a true collaboration between

organisations and Sue Montgomery, President of the Garden Club was invited to join in the presentation of the cheque for \$6,000 to Fragile X. W Bro Henry Gibson spoke on behalf of all involved in the fundraising committing to continue to support the sufferers and their families through ongoing support.

## Democracy sausage supports charity

The Grand Master and brethren of Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew donated \$2,000 to Home in Queanbeyan through running an election day BBQ in front of the lodge building that was used as a polling place; thousands of people were treated to a look at the many historical artefacts as they moved through the building to cast their ballot.

Home in Queanbeyan provides much needed supported living for people with mental health issues and provides an environment in which people with mental health difficulties can thrive.

## Being prepared

Lodge of Truth, together with Braidwood Community Bank, Lions, Apex and 1st Braidwood Scouts all donated funds, matched by Masonicare to provide an all-terrain wheelchair to South Coast and Southern Tablelands Special Needs Unit of Scouts.

The wheelchair, for use of any scout in the region who requires assistance with mobility, was purchased after the local Scout Group sought support to raise funds within the Braidwood community. The Wheelchair, one of two now owned by the Special Needs Unit, will be available to



Presenting the all-terrain chair to the Scouts Special Needs Unit

all scouting units in the region as and when the needs arise.

Phil Crutchley, leader of the Special Needs Unit, said, 'We are an inclusive

organization; whether a scout has a disability, or they've just broken a leg or other injury, they can access this equipment and still participate in all facets of scouting.'



# 8,000 Reasons to thank a Freemason

L-R: DGIW VW Bro Matt Harding, RW Bro Alan Williams, (background VW Bro Harry Lavender), VW Bro Robert Drysdale, (background Bro Chris Stephens, VW Bro Bill Krantzcke) Bro Col Biscoe, (background W Bro Luke Kerin, Bro Andrew Garth).

## The Mid North Coast Cancer Institute at Port Macquarie has eight thousand reasons to thank Freemasons.

Representatives of masonic lodges throughout the Hastings and Macleay valleys visited the campus bearing a gift of \$8,000, which will help support the families of children going through cancer treatment.

For the past seven years, Freemasons have given their generous support to a cause close to the hearts of masons and to the community who gets behind their fundraising efforts. This year's gift brings the donation total, since 2012, to \$66,000.

Association spokesman Luke Kerin thanked Masonicare, and Freemasons from Wauchope, Port Macquarie, Laurieton, Kempsey and Trial Bay for

working hard over the past year, selling raffle tickets – rain, hail or shine – in support of families with children who have cancer.

'It is a privilege for the Freemasons to return to the cancer centre each year in support of a cause that resonates with us all,' Mr Kerin said.

'It's not hard to imagine the anguish and stress parents, grandparents, siblings and friends feel when a child has a cancer diagnosis.

'That's why this fundraiser is supported by our local communities every year. People just understand and have empathy for families who have a lot on their mind at this time, which can be even more stressful when the family involved also faces financial hardship.'

# Thanks Lodge Morisset

W Bro Maurice Pearson proudly presented a cheque for \$3,130 raised by the members of the lodge and supported through the Masonicare Interaction Grant Program. Margaret Jensen from Sailability graciously accepted the donation that will be used to purchase portable radios and other safety equipment.



L-R: Margaret Jensen, Sailability Toronto-W Bro Maurice Pearson, Master of Lodge Morisset, VW Bro Stephen Brown, Masonicare Representative.

# Masonicare Charity Jewels

Has your Lodge Management Committee considered making a special presentation of one of these beautiful Masonicare Charity Jewels to a deserving brother at your Installation meeting?

One of the jewels could even be presented to the incoming/outgoing MCO at an appropriate time or at the festive board. Jewels can only be purchased by the lodge and are not tax deductible in compliance with ATO 'charity' regulations. Funds raised from the sale of jewels go to The Benevolence Fund.


**These Jewels make great presentations! Contact Masonicare for more information.**





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# Have **your say**

## Time to discover



Perhaps the most important journey in Freemasonry is the path to enlightenment, or education.

Using the working tools in each degree, each candidate is given the opportunity to take regular steps in his search for knowledge, and by improving himself, help others.

However, outside the lodge room, where is there a place for brethren to study the Fraternity, its history, symbols and rituals?

The Discovery Lodge of Research No. 971 provides just that opportunity.

Founded by Grand Master Dr C U Carruthers in 1913, it began its days as the "Sydney Lodge of Research No. 290" and was dedicated on 20 March 1914.

Its By-Laws clearly set out the lodge objectives which are: 'the study of Freemasonry, particularly its History, Symbols and Legends, and the dissemination of knowledge by the reading, discussion and publication of papers dealing therewith'.

These objectives remain the same today as they did in 1914, although not all brethren are highly skilled researchers, writers and disseminators of discovered material. The first WM, RW Bro J C Highway in his Installation Address stated: 'In a lodge of this nature it appears to me that we require three classes of members: Those who can teach, Those who can criticise justly and Those who can listen and learn. Some may be fortunate enough to belong to each class, some to two, but every other brother should be able to listen and learn...each class is necessary for the welfare of the lodge.'

In other words, there is a place for all of us!

The Discovery Lodge of Research is open to all masons and meets during March, June, August and November, commencing at 7pm at Grand Lodge the first Thursday of

*...outside the lodge room, where is there a place for brethren to study the Fraternity...*

the given months. The lodge does not seek candidates, it is a meeting venue where masonic lectures or papers can be delivered and research topics discussed.

Discovery is a member of a regional group of Research Lodges known as the ANZMRC, or Australia and New Zealand Masonic Research Council; its periodical newsletter is called the 'Harashim' which includes a fine collection of masonic papers that can be readily accessed on line.

The Lodge Facebook page has more information or better still, join them at a regular meeting. There is always a place for those who can 'teach', 'criticise justly' or simply 'listen and learn'.

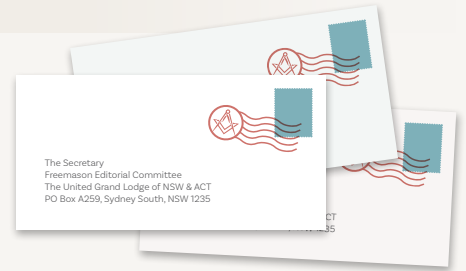
**W Bro Wayne McPhee**

The Discovery Lodge of Research No 971

## Our Grand Lodge 'Communication'



We call the quarterly meeting of our Grand Lodge a 'Communication' which is a most unusual term for an assembly. It is a truly masonic instance of the use of terminology that is atypical, remarkable or even wrong as a deliberate method for drawing the attention of the reader to a veiled allegory.



The use of the word 'Communication' as the title for our Grand Lodge meetings is to tell us that the primary purpose of these assemblies is not the enactment of constitutional changes, nor the announcement of appointments, but rather to provide a forum of communication between the Grand Master and his brethren.

The innovative trial of the live-streaming across the jurisdiction of the proceedings of a Grand Lodge meeting is the use of 21st century technology to give a new aspect to the word 'Communication' in the title of our quarterly meeting and we must thank our Grand Masters, MW Bro Jamie Melville and Derek Robson AM for an improvement in our system and a lesson in careful reading of any masonic text.

For those brethren who perhaps have never attended a Grand Lodge Communication, let me remind them that communication is always a two way dialogue - never only a monologue. If arising from your novel and welcome participation you have new ideas and comments to make or questions to ask, do not hesitate to put these forward. Any and every brother is free to raise any masonic issue that may be on his mind by writing to the Grand Secretary who will direct the matter to the appropriate person, committee, board or college to ensure that an answer is forthcoming and returned. It is a system which may appear bureaucratic but ensures that the original question will be considered by the most suitable person in the field.

Let the term 'Communication' therefore not be merely a nice word for yet another boring meeting, but rather an invitation to a meaningful event that will assist you to understand the many factored organisations that administer the Craft for the participation and benefit of all its brethren.

**RW Bro Dr Frank Radcliff CMH**  
Lodge Harold Herman Unity 428



The Ann Street Temple in Brisbane

## More news on Brisbane



Quite a number of times I entered the revered halls of the Ann Street Temple in Brisbane. I note that the commentary at the bottom left of the excellent picture of the façade mentions Lange Powell as 'Architect from Atkinson'.

If I may elaborate on the name and timing: During the temple construction period 1928 to 1930, Lange Powell was in partnership with the Brisbane firm of architects - Atkinson Powell and Conrad. He was there from 1927 until 30/09/1931, although mainly for the Brisbane General Hospital. They continued as joint venture architects for the Hospital Board until 1939.

The firm continues as excellent hospital architects to this day throughout Australia and beyond, as then Atkinson Powell and Conrad, to Conrad and Gargett, and now to Conrad Gargett Architecture. The firm celebrated their 125th Anniversary recently, and I was in their employ for around ten years.

**Bro Peter Gibbon**

Lodge Eastern Suburbs

## Thanks Richard



I want to congratulate Richard Dawes on his article in the June edition on 'How big or small should a lodge be?'

Your question concerning a lodge's objective was an excellent opening. The deeper I get into my masonic career, the more I suspect many brethren possess a vague 'notion' of Freemasonry, but are unable to describe its

purpose, mission, vision, values or objectives in any coherent or meaningful way.

They don't have to be fast talking salesmen, but how do you attract the men we seek if you can't articulate your organisation's purpose, at least in brief? My humble experience, having asked only several members, not 400 like Richard, is that most stumble over the answer, or snap into a shallow regurgitation of 'a peculiar system of morality ... etc' More alarmingly, many lodges (the collective intelligence) seem unwilling to even discuss, let alone identify or plan, ways to manifest the values and principles which we claim to revere.

I can't help feeling there are many good men in our organisation who, tragically, have never been prompted by their mentor (if they realistically had one), or guided by their lodges, to contemplate and/or act upon the deeper meanings and realities to which you elude. As you've said, ritual is the backbone, but is only the start of the journey; the deeper rewards start with the body of a lodge showing brotherhood towards their new candidates. You're spot-on too when you say that smiling or shaking hands once a month doesn't constitute brotherhood.

I also think that at some point in a lodge's growth/evolution, it is obliged to extend benevolence outside its walls to the broader community. Some do this very well, but it requires appreciation, planning and effort - in short, dedication - by individuals and the lodge proper. Planning doesn't need to be complex, but the five year budget most hold up as their business plan isn't useful. Unfortunately, most lodge planning sessions seem to be merely confabs which achieve little except leave brethren frustrated that nothing is getting done. The GMs Task Team is a fantastic initiative and your work to continually improve mentoring within the organisation is to be highly commended. Perhaps GL can find some experts to help lodges actually identify their objectives by developing and implementing meaningful, strategic and operational business plans (with deepest respect, current guidance is thin).

Sorry if I sound disillusioned, I'm not really, but I won't deny I find it difficult to keep going at times, knowing we have to constantly sell our core message to ourselves. I love my Freemasonry and with people like you fighting the good fight, we will surely get there.

**Bro Michael Jasny**

Secretary Lodge Wagga Wagga



# Call on me!

**I am always available and happy to talk about Freemasonry - either to existing brethren or the community in general.**

You don't have to take my word for it, speak to Lodge Bland about my visit to West Wyalong earlier this year. I was graciously accorded a civic reception and as a result Lodge Bland received great publicity.

Subsequently, Lodge Bland is once again getting candidates and this 'new blood' is going to take the lodge into the future.

I regularly attend Installations, District meetings and other masonic events somewhere in NSW or the ACT. I can easily use these occasions to attend any meeting and speak to community leaders about Freemasonry.

**I say again, call on me for support!** 



# Support NeuRA

Masons again stepped forward **to show their support and generosity in raising funds** to provide financial help for Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA).

**T**wo cheques totalling \$4,000 were presented after a collecting period lasting four years involving members of the Rose Croix Chapters and Councils in the District of Sydney South.

The District Commander, V Ill Bro Theo Lianos, accompanied by various members, presented a cheque for \$3,000 in memory of the late RW Bro Jack Hely and another for \$1,000 on behalf of the members of the district.

The ceremony was held at the research centre and the cheques were received by Professor George Paxinos, senior principal research scientist and Alicia Flynn, research assistant.



L-R: V Ill Bro Brian Cooper 33°, Alicia Flynn, research assistant; Sue Lianos; V Ill Bro Theodore Lianos 33°; Grant Simpson, foundation director, Em Bro Paul Smith 31°; Margaret Smith; Professor George Paxinos, senior principal research scientist.

NeuRA has been conducting a campaign titled 'Standing Tall' which seeks to improve the balance of people and reduce the number of falls and is open to people aged 65 or older who live in the Sydney metropolitan area.

It says falls are very common in older populations with one in three people over 65 having a fall each year and about half will fall again, with a quarter of all falls resulting in injury.

Their program offers an individualised and evidence-based approach to

fall prevention and involves a home-based program. This includes balance exercises, brain training if required to help you think quicker on your feet and behavioural therapy to address low moods or concerns about falls.

NeuRA points out the program is free, the exercises can be done at home and volunteers are making an important contribution to medical research. Any person interested can make contact by calling 02 9399 1888 or email to: [standingtallplus@neura.edu.au](mailto:standingtallplus@neura.edu.au).

Most Worshipful Brother Mark Winger Grand Master warmly invites Freemasons and their partners to the Installation of Right Worshipful Brother Graham Wrigley Deputy Grand Master as Grand Master at...

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# Q&A

## Why do Grand Stewards wear red collars and aprons?

**When the UGL of NSW was established in 1888 it followed English practice as regards regalia and very slight alterations were made. Our *Book of Constitutions* provides that a Grand Steward's collar shall be of crimson ribbon with silver cord and button in front. The apron is the same as a PM, but is lined with crimson and edged with crimson ribbon and the badge of office in silver on the centre of the bottom of the apron.**

Prominent masonic authors have suggested that the English Grand Lodge in choosing the colour of its clothing, was guided mainly by the colours associated with the Noble Orders of the Garter and Bath – the blue of the Garter and the red of the Bath.

The distinctive red apron was conferred upon the Grand Stewards in 1731 when Grand Lodge 'in taking notice of some irregularities in wearing Marks of Distinction' and rectifying the same ordered 'that those brethren who are Grand Stewards shall wear their apron lined with red silk and their proper jewels pendant to Red Ribbons. That all those who had served the office of Steward be at liberty to wear apron with red silk and not otherwise.'

Bernard Jones, in his *Freemasons' Guide and Compendium* wrote that

in Freemasonry red (also referred to as crimson and scarlet) is the emblem of faith, fortitude, divine love and magnanimity and in its suggestion of blood, martyrdom.

## What precisely is a tenet?

**Any organisation devoted to some moral or religious principle must subscribe to certain essential matters. There are four words to describe such established precepts: doctrine, creed, dogma and tenet.**

The first three relate to fixed maxims. A tenet however is more provisional in nature, it is a precept with capacity for change. This conforms to our idea that Masonry is a progressive science. It allows Masonry to move forward, remaining in relationship to current demands without breach of ordinance.


A good example of masonic progression is the abandonment of the former strict secrecy that was the rule in respect of all matters relating to Masonry and the adoption of a policy a) to inform people generally of the broad aims and principles of Freemasonry, b) to create greater respect for the Craft to enable us to extend its influence, c) to generate enthusiasm amongst our own brethren so that they may 'walk tall' in the community and be proud to acknowledge themselves as Freemasons.

## A question of secrecy

**In the past, masons have been regarded as some sort of secret society. Is that still the situation?**

Until recent years, our policy was to be rather discreet about ourselves, our community work and our membership. But times have changed and so have we.

Today, masons will often talk freely about their work and their membership. Lodge rooms are often opened to visitors and enquiries about masons and their valuable community work are always welcomed.

Masonic Centres now hold an 'Open Day' where visitors are escorted through the building, shown the lodge room and ask questions. Information, although not always correct, can be found at libraries and by use of internet searches. If you have a question, ask a mason or contact the United Grand Lodge of NSW/ACT. 



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# A return to Fiji

W Bro Geoff Ferguson and his wife Judi **thought they had completed their task of helping schools and children in Fiji** but it seems one more invitation could not be resisted.

**A**fter giving practical and financial help over a long period of time with visits to Fiji, they accepted an invitation to assist a kindergarten with 300 children, one class each of 150 in the morning and the afternoon.

‘We have worked with the headmaster Nitya Gounder at two other schools and W Bro Sitivini Yaqona from Lodge Fiji has also been a great help. The lodge supports a lot of schools and school children in Fiji and has advised us where help was needed,’ said W Bro Ferguson.

He also spoke about a visit to the original capital city of Fiji – Levuka on

the island of Ovalau to see the original lodge building which was destroyed by fire in 1987.

He said the temple was finished off in the highest quality Fiji hard wood but the ceilings, walls, floor boards, all the history of the lodge with minutes covering 110 years were all lost. He visited the local library to seek information regarding the lodge building but was unable to get any details and had to leave without any information on the lodge or the building.


‘Levuka has a national heritage order over it and nothing can be altered so the lodge building will remain as it is forever,’ he said.

W Bro Ferguson said there are parts of the history of Freemasonry that have been forgotten for over 300–400 years and this is the base we came from.



Geoff and Judi at the old lodge building

‘The early history was never explained to us, perhaps one lodge member should be helped in learning different parts of early Freemasonry and another member another part. To me the history of the lodge was the most important part but sadly I was unable to learn very much as no one seemed to be interested.

W Bro Ferguson commented: ‘The destruction of the building in Levuka shows that physical masonic history can easily become lost and the Grand Master’s Task Team should be congratulated in their efforts to preserve our significant regional buildings and much of our masonic culture!’ 

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Lodge Mayfield Daylight No 493

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Inside the ruins of the old lodge building in Levuka

WHAT'S ON



# Watch your step!

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For those who qualify for a funding package under the National Disability Insurance Scheme the full cost of installation and ongoing maintenance may potentially be covered.

'Don't be afraid to ask for information. The more questions you ask, the better informed you are. People are concerned they will be pressured by salesmen to sign on the dotted line but we don't take that approach,' Hughes said.

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# A masonic heritage

Just a short walk up Sydney's Castlereagh Street in the Central Business District **is a distinctive heritage building which housed the original NSW Masonic Club.**

The seed for its creation began in the early 1800s. A progeny of the Masonic Movement which grew out of medieval guilds and became well established in Europe by the 17th century, the first Australian Masonic Lodge was constituted in 1820 under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. By 1888 there were 186 lodges in NSW, four of which amalgamated to form the United Grand Lodge of NSW, under Grand Master Lord Charles Robert Carrington, Governor of NSW.

Arising from the Australian Masonic movement was the formation of the NSW Masonic Musical and Literary Society on 15 September 1893 by 12 enthusiastic Masonic musicians whose objects were espoused by the tenet 'formed by Freemasons, for Freemasons and directed by Freemasons'. The group met at the 'Spartan Room' at the Stoddart's Royal Hotel, in Glenmore Road, Paddington. It was not long before membership grew

and necessitated a move to premises at Paddington Town Hall. In 1897 the Club published the first masonic magazine in the State called *The Gavel* which was later replaced by *The Freemason*.

From its inception the Masonic Club became the rallying point for all 'good' masons and a central meeting place 'where all points of interest could be freely and fully discussed, where information on masonic matters could always be gained, and where true fraternity could be cultivated'. The first president was W Bro Duncan C. McLachlan who presided over a 'stout-hearted committee' of 18.

The early years were anything but smooth sailing. "The assets at the time were nil and the responsibilities heavy", Bro James King wrote in 1910. With such a big committee there were many conflicts over some issues but that did not stop the Club from progressing. The

Articles of Association of 1906 registered a rapid increase in membership which dictated a move to a larger and more central location, occupying the ground floor of the premises known as the Australian Chambers at 289 Pitt Street.

With further growth, the Club in 1909 purchased land at the rear of 216-222 Pitt Street, Sydney and erected a Club Room. In 1925 it purchased a property for £43,000 from the Commercial Travellers' Association. Shortly afterwards it sold adjacent land including the Pitt Street frontage for £50,000 and property immediately to the north and south of the present building to provide sufficient funds to build and fit out 11 floors for Club facilities.

The NSW Masonic Club building was designed in 1925 by Claude William Chambers, Founding Member of the Queensland Institute of Architects and President of the Royal Australian



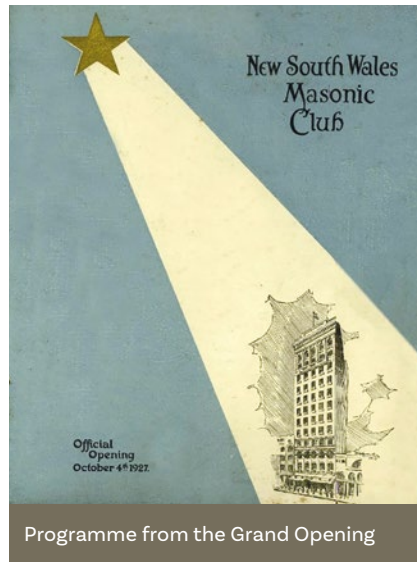
The early days of the NSW Masonic Club (centre)

Institute of Architects from 1916–18. Bro John Heatley was the builder.

Originally part of Port Jackson and settled by the Cadigal, the land was amalgamated from two grants of 1840 to George Legerson, Thomas Bowers and Richard Williams, later acquired and converted to Torrens title in 1914 by the Commercial Travellers Association of NSW.

The building in Castlereagh Street, Sydney, commenced in 1926. The well-articulated sandstone façade was added at great expense to add resale value to the building. When completed, not only was it the first high-rise reinforced concrete construction but also the tallest building to be built in Sydney, offering uninterrupted views to Sydney Heads from the top floor. On 12 September 1927, President Bro H.L. Askey received the key from architect Chambers and formally opened its doors to the members. The Club was officially opened by the Governor General W Bro Lord Stonehaven on 4 October 1927.

The NSW Masonic Club maintains its significant presence in the streetscape and, historically, reflects a significant period of urban growth during the 1920s. Gentlemen's clubs reached their peak in the inter-war period with the existence of the University Club, the Union Club, The Royal Automobile Club, and the Tattersalls Club, among others. But the NSW Masonic Club withstood



the test of time and today is one of only two such original Clubs to still exist in Sydney from the inter-war period, the other being the Royal Automobile Club.

The NSW Masonic Club features a flat roof and a sandstone façade with trachyte facings at ground level. It was built in a style that became 'a subject of intense discussion', being variously described as 'Classical Revival' or 'Commercial Palazzo' style, no doubt referring to the grand order pilasters to the first and second floors and again on the 10th and 11th floors. The projecting balcony on the 10th and the cornice about the 11th floor are supported by

console brackets as is the arched section of the awning at street level. Façade windows are steel framed with case-ment sashes. The side elevations are rendered masonry featuring steel framed windows, set into projecting bays up to the fourth floor. Fifth floor windows are circular.

Original internal features included modern, state-of-the-art facilities including a fire alarm system and a unique vacuum cleaning system which enabled four floors to be cleaned simultaneously. The apparatus was in the basement, next to the wood fired boilers, and discharged the dirt directly into the sewer. The awning at street level added, including the moulded soffit, defines the entrance which led to an elaborate foyer of marble floors and timber wall panelling.

Spaces were configured to accommodate an elegant boardroom, a library and card room, a snooker room, a double story social hall on level two with a wrap-around balcony, a magnificent dining room (now called Cellos), a main bar taking up the majority of the ground floor with a Ladies Waiting room, two levels of Members' lodgings, four floors of commercial leases, a rooftop terrace leased out to tobacconists, solicitors and a tailor. There is no mistaking the Adamesque style of the present dining room with its framed medallions, floral garlands, engaged pilasters and ornate



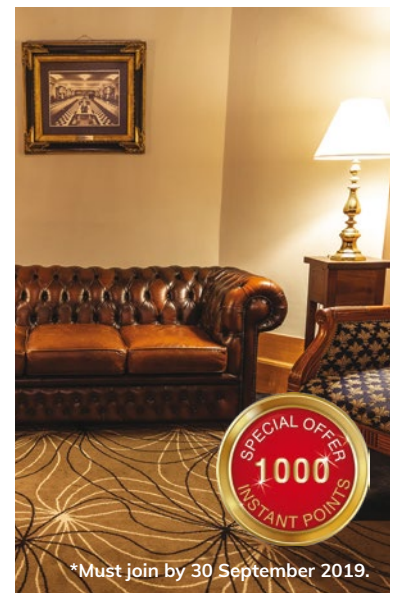
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cornices, mostly painted in white with rich gold accents. Distinctive features include stone-tiled floors and a terrazzo floor on the first floor inscribed with the masonic symbol, polished timber joinery throughout the principal rooms, iron and timber balustrades in stairs and beveled edge glass in doors and highlights.

By 1938 the Club had a membership of nearly 5,000 led by five Board members and run by a staff of Freemasons, with assets of over £250,000. It earned the reputation of being the largest Masonic Club in the world.

Further alterations and additions were carried out through the years by architects H.E. Seagraves (1938), T.W. Hodgson and Son (1944-1970), and restoration work by Club architect John Moorcroft. The building functioned exclusively as a club for masons until the early 1980s when the Board determined that in order to continue to flourish, the Club should make changes to the facilities. In 1984, the top six floors were de-licensed and subsequently converted to hotel accommodation for the use of the general public and re-named The Castlereagh Inn. The Masonic Club's elegant marble-floored foyer and lounge area leads on to hotel rooms, public dining rooms, a newly refurbished private dining room, and meeting rooms.

The present Castlereagh Boutique Hotel was named in approximately 1992–93, is wholly owned, operated and staffed by the NSW Masonic Club, has 83 bedrooms and has achieved a 4-star rating, catering to repeat clients, receiving reservations from overseas and interstate as well as from within NSW and the ACT. It is open to the public and offers moderately priced boutique accommodation for discerning Freemasons and members of the general public who seek to be within reach of the amenities in Sydney's CBD. The Hotel also holds regular functions to coincide with diverse events including Opera seasons, Mothers' Day and Christmas, which have attracted many guests.

The Boutique Hotel is now the life-blood of the NSW Masonic Club, supplying the revenue needed to operate the Club and carry out important restoration work to various parts of the premises. Renovations and refurbishment of all accommodation rooms are presently being undertaken to set the benchmark for future room designs with improved layout, functionality and a respectfully modern décor in keeping with its heritage significance.

The NSW Masonic Club maintains its strong visual presence in the Sydney streetscape. Many of the rooms continue

to be used for their original purposes, while sensitively adapting others to the changing needs of its members and the general public. Intrinsically, it continues to live by the original ethos of the Club. The spirit of the Masonic, Music and Literary activities remain strong to this day. The Club continues to move with the times without losing its sense of history. 🏛️

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# Regional roundup



Lodge of Truth No 26

## Braidwood's Bimillennial

**The second Wednesday in June, 2019 saw the Lodge of Truth, Braidwood on the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales tyle for the 2,000th continuous occasion.**

A cold night mattered little as the brethren of Braidwood lit the open fires and prepared a hearty meal in the South for visiting masons to help celebrate the occasion, in addition to undertaking a Second Degree for its daughter lodge, Queanbeyan St Andrew.

Other visitors on the night included Lodge Capitol, Lodge Ethos, Lodge Caledonia of Canberra, The Goulburn Lodge of Australia and lodge William Ross.

Among the oldest of the country lodges in NSW, Lodge of Truth originated as No 1183 under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England on 20 March 1860, when W Bro David Patterson opened the first regular meeting.

Braidwood Lodge of Truth brethren and visitors at the conclusion of the 2,000th meeting

Remarkable activity was a keynote of the lodge's early history with 19 candidates and five affiliates present at the first meeting.

At the lodge's centenary meeting in 1960, it had 82 subscribing members and at this meeting the tradition of reading the minutes of the corresponding meeting 100 years prior commenced.

With over 160 years of history, the lodge continues to support local charities, schools or individuals requiring assistance. We are grateful for those past and present worthy brethren and look forward with confidence to further advancement in the principles of Faith, Hope and Charity.

### Lodge Wyaldra No 238

## Lodge Wyaldra Watches

**It was an interesting night in May when Lodge Wyaldra invited Lodge Highway to conduct their meeting in the Wyaldra hall.**

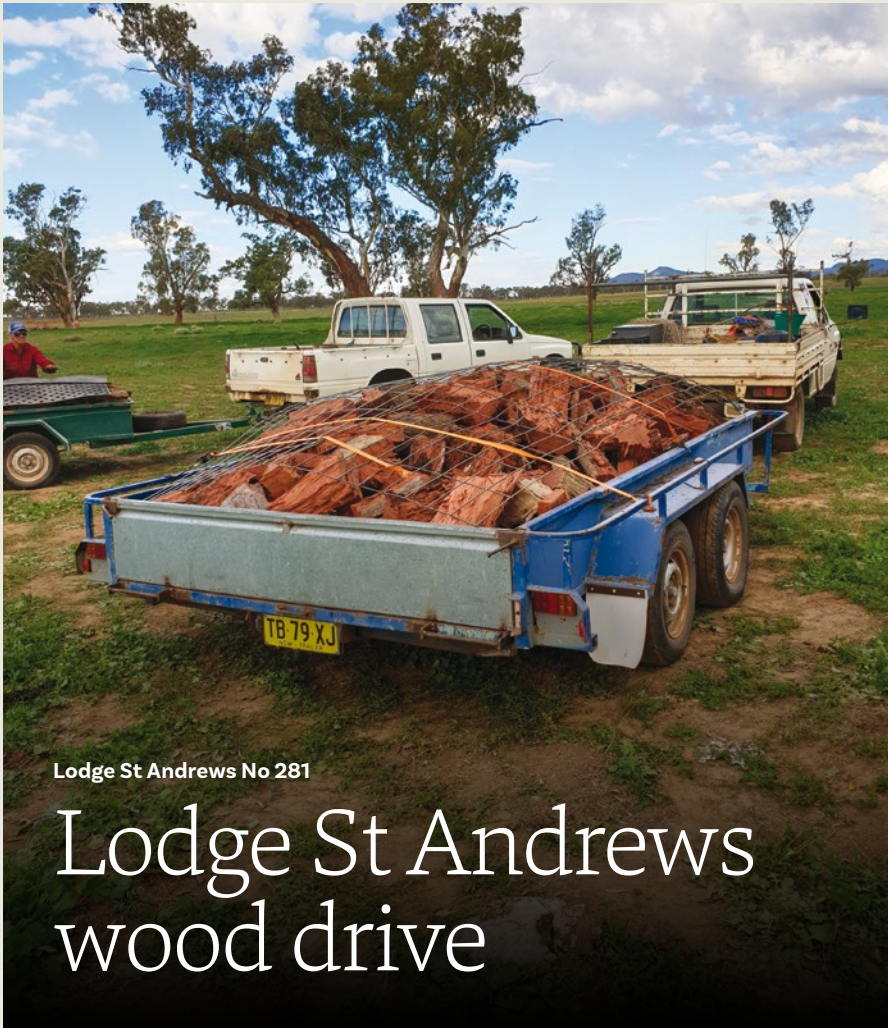
They arrived and showed us how to do it, especially with their meticulous suit attire. Wyaldra members enjoyed being guests at our meeting hall and were educated on the history of their lodge.

Guests arrived from Mudgee to witness the event and one of them, W Bro Dave Mayson was their education officer who gave a talk on the stone Lewis and its meaning to non-operative masons.

After the meeting, brethren adjourned to the Post Office pub for food and drinks and it would seem everyone had a good time.



A demonstration of a stone lewis



Lodge St Andrews No 281

## Lodge St Andrews wood drive

**Lodge St Andrews held its annual wood drive in May in which brethren cut and load firewood for sale and to be raffled through the winter months.**

'We rely on local farmers to allow us onto their property and often we will cut a load for our host to show our gratitude,' said the WM, VW Bro Bob Dixon.

The event was well attended with twelve members and three visitors, one of whom was the latest applicant for initiation. The WM's daughter and her partner also volunteered their time and vehicles for the day. Lodge secretary, VW Bro David Jones transported two tractors, a bench saw and a block splitter to the site on Saturday.

'First up, all signed on and a full safety induction was held. Then all hands on deck. The more senior members were tasked with setting up camp, boiling the billy for "smoko" and cooking the sausages for lunch. Those who had chainsaws took

Lodge St Andrews filled several trailers with wood to raffle and donate over the year.

to a fallen log while others picked up fallen branches for the bench saw. One of the teams processed the big blocks through the block splitter.

'Over the day we loaded a table top ute, four car trailers, four 8x5 trailers and two 6x4 box trailers. We estimate about twelve tonnes of wood,' said VW Bro Dixon.

On the June long weekend the local Vintage Machinery group held their annual rally at the Manilla Show Ground. This is a major event on the Manilla calendar and the lodge supplies the wood for camp fires and steam engines. They also raffle a trailer load of firewood over the weekend with many of the brethren involved by driving vintage cars, tractors and trucks in the parade.

### Coffs Coast Freemasons Association

## Coffs gives to the arts

**The Woolgoolga Art Group (WAG) is a volunteer, not-for-profit organisation that supports artists and crafts people in the local area. WAG offers classes in art, crafts and pottery to their members and the public at their gallery in Woolgoolga.**

Over recent years the art gallery building has needed to be upgraded to comply with modern building standards. The Coffs Coast Freemasons Association has been assisting WAG by donating the BBQ profits from several Art By The Sea and craft fairs organised by WAG and held annually on Easter Monday.

'The CCFA has contributed towards the costs of upgrading the toilets to become wheelchair accessible. This year the CCFA donated another \$700 towards the cost of upgrading the studio fire doors to be compliant with both fire and accessibility requirements' said Treasurer Renita King. 'We really appreciate the contribution by the CCFA which has enabled us to carry out these improvements.'



L-R: WAG Treasurer Ms Renita King being presented a cheque by CCFA PR Officer Mrs Carolyn Boyden



Lodge Temora No 168

# A proud family

Four generations were present at Lodge Temora when RW Bro Hack Hetherington OAM was presented with his 60 Years Certificate.

Members, wives and families were invited to attend and after the lodge was closed the families were invited into the lodge room to witness the presentation by the DGIW VW Bro Brian Morgan.

It was a relaxed and enjoyable evening and the night proved a great success.



L-R: Grand daughter Clair Reid, Great grand daughter Lily Reid, Hack Hetherington, daughter Sally Hurst, Grand son Alex Hurst, son-in-law Darryl Hurst

The Order of the Eastern Star

# New leadership for the Eastern Star

Sister Blanche Watt and Brother Paul Smith were installed as the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy

Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Australia together with the Worthy Grand Office bearers and

Assistants for the term 2019-2021 at the 17th biennial session in Adelaide in early June.

Sister Watt and Brother Smith look forward to leading the Order for the next two years, which will involve visiting OES Chapters in all States, as well as business meetings and social functions.

They thanked all attendees and those who donated to Cure for Cancer, their charity for this term.

Lodge Helensburgh No 566

# A medal for Robert

Lodge Helensburgh honoured member W Bro Robert Bradford at their May meeting with a 50 Year certificate and medal.

L-R: W Bro Dennis Booker (WM), W Bro Robert Bradford, W Bro Richard Holloway (DC)





Lodge Cessnock No 252

# Kicks for kids

**Freemasons Cessnock have donated 40 new footballs to local sporting teams and schools as a part of their ongoing community support program.**

The aim of the program is to deliver meaningful items or assets to community groups, schools and sporting teams.

W Bro Max Katz-Barber said 'Charity is at the heart of what we are as Freemasons. We delivered several footballs to

Cessnock junior rugby league, Cessnock rugby union and Pokolbin rugby with this essential equipment.

'Freemasonry has been an underlying part of the community since 1907. Our past members have been involved in setting up and supporting community organisations like the Cessnock Jockey Club, Co Op societies of the past plus the Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Masonic nursing home to name but a few.



Main: The grateful recipients of Lodge Cessnock's football donations.

Inset: A close-up showing the logo printed on each ball.

If you would like to know more about Cessnock masonry like our Facebook page @lodgecessnock.'

Forster Great Lakes United No 994

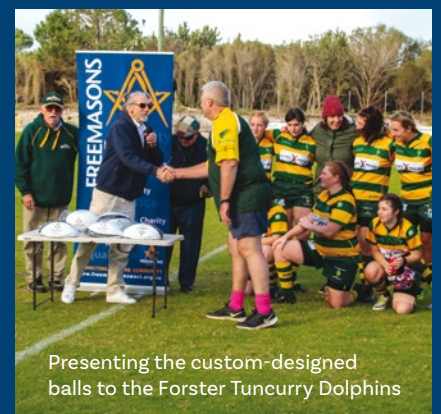
# Forster footballs

On Saturday 22 June VW Bro Bob McCallum, the Worshipful Master of Forster Great Lakes United along with W Bro Tony Hook and Bro Bob Lansdowne presented five Rugby footballs emblazoned with the square and compass to

**Mr Damien Daczko, President of the Forster Tuncurry (Dolphins) Rugby Union Football Club.**

This great initiative was started by RW Bro Owen Parry in conjunction with the Board of Management of the United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT who generously funded the Rugby footballs.

This type of charity involvement is a positive way of raising the profile of Freemasonry amongst one of the most beneficial demographics, active, team and voluntary orientated men, whilst also assisting local amateur sporting clubs in the district.



Presenting the custom-designed balls to the Forster Tuncurry Dolphins



# Unity member honoured

**VW Bro Maxwell Tavener of Lodge Unity was presented with the OAM at the Australia Day Honours for his service to Veterans and their families.**

Bro Max joined the Navy in 1963 and saw service in Vietnam before retiring in 1984.

He was DGIW 2010-12, was named Citizen of the Year by the local council in 2004 and is currently Honorary President of the local RSL.

At the May meeting, RW Bro Kevin Mortimer and Bro Stuart Cleghorn were presented with their 60 and 50 Year Certificates by the DGIW, VW Bro Wayne Jones. RW Bro Mortimer was initiated at

Proud certificate holders.

Gilgandra in April 1959 and affiliated with Lodge Unity in 1987 and has been the secretary for the past 14 years. Bro Cleghorn is the Senior Deacon of the lodge and was initiated by RW Bro Roy Cowley in January 1969. Among those present were RW Bro Cowley who was initiated in May 1956 and is the Lodge Treasurer, VW Bro Geoff Monley was initiated in January 1958 and is the Tyler and VW Bro Charlie Gibbon who was initiated in 1957 and delivers the First Tracing Board.

**Lodge Merrylands No 479**

# Another year for Bro Tomas

**Congratulations to Lodge Merrylands and W Bro Edison Tomas on the recent Re-Installation.**

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM was in attendance and accompanied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and a fine delegation. All had a wonderful night with the Merrylands brethren and their visitors.



The GM presents Bro Tomas with his certificate upon the occasion of his recent Re-Installation.

**Lodge Ku-Ring-Gai No 1033**

# A young mason steps up

**Lodge Ku-Ring-Gai entered new ground at its installation at Turramurra Masonic Centre in May when it installed Bro Columbus During as the new WM.**

Records indicate it was the first time a young mason had come through the ranks of the lodge to take the chair. It was a great evening with fine words from the GM's representative RW Bro Dr Graham Piper.

**Lodge Twin Towns Daylight No 436**

# 130 years of service

**Father and son, Herb and Bruce Young, were presented with their certificates of services to Freemasonry for 80 and 50 years respectively on Wednesday, 24 July at Lodge Twin Towns Daylight.**

W Bro Herb Young is 102 year old and joined Freemasonry at Lodge Birkenhead in 1939. After serving in New Guinea during the WWII he returned to Lodge Birkenhead where he became Worshipful Master and initiated his son Bruce. Today, they are both active members of Lodge Twin Towns Daylight and Herb had the honour to present the certificate to his son 50 years after initiating him.

RW Bro Les Hicks attended the event and summed it up: 'it really was a special day for our old mate Herb. He was extremely excited to be among his masonic family on this very special occasion ... Well Done Herb!'

Herb's 100th birthday celebration was attended by many members of the lodge together with Herb's extended family, members of the RSL and the local bowling fraternity.



# Welcome to our new members

**AL MOMANI**, Jawad . . . . . Bankstown Daylight Lodge 996

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Lodge Balranald No 214

# Go, Rusty!

At the August meeting of Lodge Balranald, the WM, RW Bro Peter Jackson presented a 60 year service Jewel and Certificate to W Bro Rusty Bodinnar.

Bro Rusty has been Treasurer of Lodge Balranald for 28 years and the finances of the Lodge couldn't be in better hands.



W Bro Rusty Bodinnar (left) and RW Bro Peter Jackson



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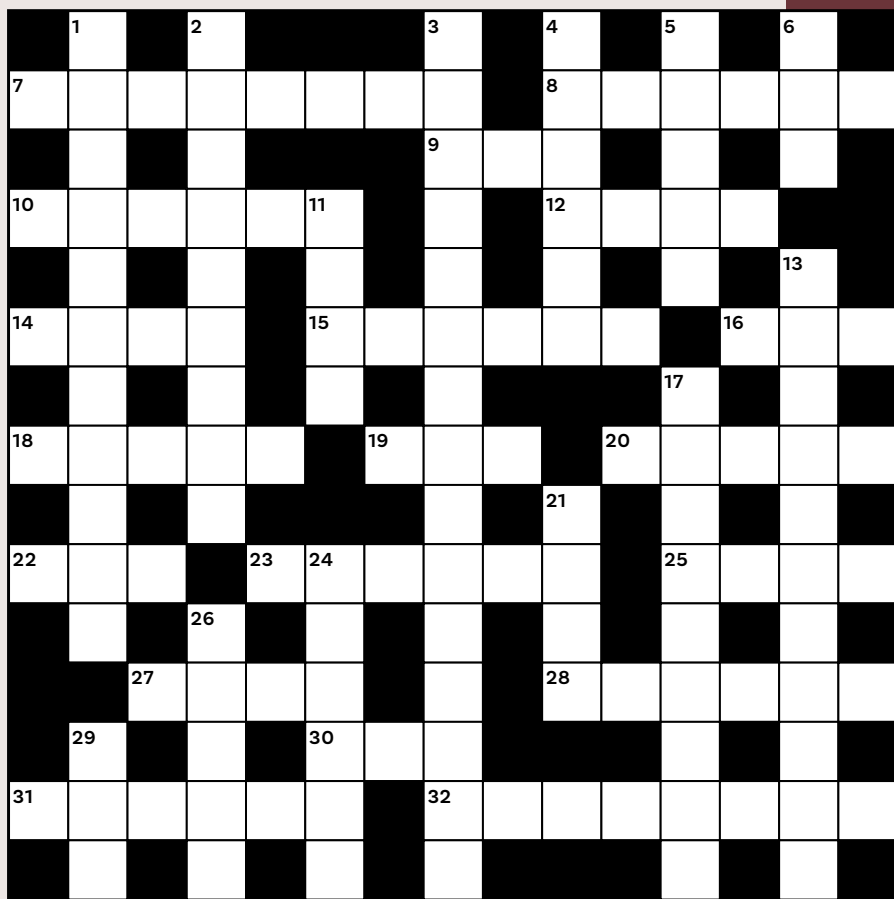
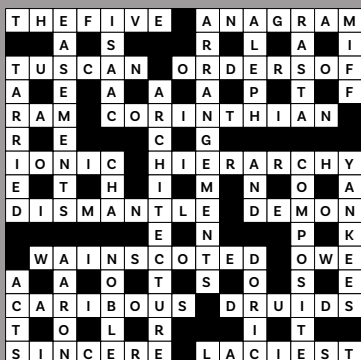
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## Across

- 7 Famous entertainer from Ramsgate (8)
- 8 See 1 Down
- 9 See 10 Across
- 10, 9 Across & 17 Down - What pomegranates denote (6, 3, 9)
- 12 Bridesmaid has a few Roman dates (4)
- 14 Large jug found in a brewery (4)
- 15 Being haughty and presumptuous shows up with pity (6)
- 16 & 13 Down - Where the GM is Governor-General or the Governor, he may he appoint a? (3, 5, 6)
- 18 & 25 Across - Strangely I'm emptier at a time when TV channels have the largest number of viewers (5,4)
- 19 Epoch recorded core temperature (3)
- 20 Intends to convey resources (5)
- 22 See 6 Down
- 23 Character of say mother? (6)
- 25 See 18 Across
- 27 Heaven also leaves out an old Arkwright (4)
- 28 Silent characters arranged to join up (6)

30 Bubble and squeak includes meadow grass (3)

31 His ale brewed by this lady (6)

32 XIX from 12 Across (8)

## Down

- 1 & 8 Across - The second step (6, 5)
- 2 Name a firm involved with a powerful central computer (9)
- 3 Porch attendant at Grand Lodge guards turnip van layout (5, 10)
- 4 Doctor did a CT, for a devotee (6)
- 5 Eager to be in accord (5)
- 6 & 22 Across - Counterbalance or light the blue touch paper (3, 3)
- 11 Possessive determiner in some way our grammar requires (4)
- 13 See 6 Across
- 17 See 10 across
- 21 A lake by itself and nothing more (4)
- 24 It's either rough or perfect (6)
- 26 Order of architecture with scroll shapes on either side of the capital (5)
- 29 11 down in archaic terms (3)



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# a matter of *Etiquette*

### Toasting precedence

**What a great night! Our ladies are with us, so is the Grand Master. Time for my toast to the Ladies and Visitors.**

**My father told me always to mention the ladies first. My secretary told me to mention the GM first. The WM has done really well tonight...!**

### Help! What's the correct protocol?

*Answer:* The WM is the ruler of the lodge and should be mentioned first, the Grand Master mentioned as a point of courtesy and the proposer can then proceed to his main task of welcoming the ladies and visitors.



### Do you have an **etiquette question?**

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