



Communication - the name of the game

New editor for re-named Freemasons newsletter

Former Editor-in-Chief at Messenger Newspapers, Penelope Forster, has been appointed Editor of the Grand Lodge newsletter which has been renamed *The Communicator*.

Penelope has received recognition for her publicity on behalf of charitable organisations from several SA governors.

As a Rotarian she was the District Governor's newsletter editor for six annually-appointed DGs, preparing their monthly publications. She received the Rotary International Ken Scheller Award "for a literary contribution to Rotary Down Under (the national publication) of outstanding merit, which best exemplifies the principles of Rotary."

Since retiring from Messenger, Penelope and her husband, Bruce, an Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, continue to publish their own monthly ballroom dancing publication called "Dancing Days"



which Penelope started in 2008; the quarterly "Infantryman" for the Royal Australian Regiment Association; and "The Herald" for Knights Templar.

She gained public relations experience working with her late husband, Darrell Hadley of Communicator Public Relations.

Penelope says: "The Communicator is one of the 'tools' provided by Grand Lodge for not only the lodges under its jurisdiction but all Freemasons.

"The aim is to provide a wide cross-section of interesting information for Freemasons and the broader community."

The publication encourages articles and photos about achievements.

Task forces managing 'scarce resources'

In a hard-hitting address Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen announced at the Elizabeth Lodge installation on April 8 that the sale of the southern section of Grand Lodge was on the agenda.

He called for all Freemasons to carefully consider the idea as more information was presented to him and passed on the members.

Dr Jensen said he had preliminary talks with interested company representatives the previous Saturday. The next move was for all board members to meet to discuss the pros and cons of the proposition.

At the Communication on April 17 he explained:

The last 12 months have seen hard work by our Grand Lodge Officers/Stewards, Board Members, Committee

Chairmen and members, Freemasons who volunteer their services, and Staff, thank you all.

The strategy has been consistent to identify and manage our scarce resources to position us favourably for a future on our terms.

When considering this strategy, please do not forget the writing on a tablet in our Hall of Fame: "Duties there are, imposed upon the present by the past, and not to be forgone". We have no choice therefore, but to move forward. I have moved forward as follows:

Six task forces formed.

The work of three of them has already been absorbed by the Board of Management.

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SAMUEL WAY PORTRAIT UNVEILED

Around 100 people attended the unveiling of the portrait of Sir Samuel Way and the renaming of the museum as the Murray Olsson Museum at Grand Lodge on April 10. Above: The artist, V. Wor. Brother Wayne Hancock; Deputy Premier and Attorney General Vicki Chapman; and Grand Master MW. Bro. Neil Jensen. The portrait has been hung in the Way Room. More page 3.

MURRAY OLSSON GRAND LODGE MUSEUM



MURRAY OLSSON HONOURED

Entering the newly-named museum are Justin Gare, Artlab Senior Objects Conservator; Andrew Durham, Artlab Director; Deputy Premier, Vicki Chapman; Murray's brother, Andrew Olsson; Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen; and Heather Brown, Artlab Assistant Director. More page 3.

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World War 1 veterans honoured

PORT LINCOLN LODGE

When I was invited to the dedication of the flagpole and the unveiling of the plaque, recognizing those who served in WW 1 from 1914 to 1918, the words on a plaque in front of old Parliament House, in Canberra, came to mind: "Look around you, this is what they fought for".

Other thoughts came to mind, such as those of the American General Douglas MacArthur, who, in his final address to the cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point, emotionally declared that: "Always there echoes and re-echoes in my ears Duty-Honour-Country".

I recalled my own childhood when the school day started by saluting the flag of our great nation; the flag flying proudly and reinforcing to us we were safe; the great obligations on our adults of duty, honour, country and freedom were being met. It is appropriate we, as Freemasons, should

dedicate this flagstaff on this site, outside of our Lodge chamber; indeed, since time immemorial, we have delivered an address to each successive Worshipful Master, or Lodge leader, on the night of his Installation, which reminds him, he is "not to be insensible to the obligations which devolve on him" as the Lodge head; obligations which involve him in ensuring Freemasons under his leadership "will be faithful to God, our country and our laws".

Twelve of your Port Lincoln Freemasons fought in the Great War of 1914-18 with one killed in action. What an indelible stamp they made on your Lodge; they put their trust in God and fought for the freedom which we enjoy. May it ever remind us, as Freemasons, of our duty to God and our neighbours. It is with a great deal of humility and pride that, with the national flag flying, I unveiled this plaque recognising members who served in World War 1 1914-18. My God bless you all.



Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen unveiling the plaque at the Port Lincoln Lodge, watched by W. M. Bro. Malcolm Schluter.

MBro Dr Neil Jensen COL (Rtrd)
Grand Master

Port Lincoln Lodge No. 45 has for more than 100 years carefully preserved and exquisite honour rolls dedicated to the 12 brethren who enlisted in the 1st AIF.

Funding was received from the Anzac Centenary Commemoration Committee for restoration work on the honour rolls, work carried out by document conservators in Adelaide. Towards the end of the centenary activities, the Lodge was successful in obtaining a grant of \$3000 for the erection of a Centenary of Anzac.

The Port Lincoln Lodge was established in 1895 and the current building erected in 1927. It is one of the most impressive buildings of Port Lincoln with the commemorative flagpole at the front of the Lodge building. - W. M. Malcolm Schluter



FOUNDER'S NIGHT - TED WHITWORTH AWARDS

Scouting tradition continues for Rovers

LODGE BADEN-POWELL

Annually Lodge Baden-Powell presents the Ted Whitworth Awards to the winning Scout Rover Crew. They consist of a shield mounted on a plaque engraved with the name of the winning crew. The crew also receives a pennant and individually a certificate printed with their name and the name of the crew.

The winner this year was the HaVaC Rover Crew. The winner is chosen by the Rover Council - not by our Lodge members. They choose the crew they feel has performed the most outstanding service to the community during the previous calendar year.

The founder of Scouts, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, was born in Paddington, UK, on the 22 February. We choose a meeting date as close to this date as possible to hold the event. Our Lodge number is 222 to represent his birthday. These meetings are usually attended by the Grand Master and this year was no exception with M W Brother Dr Neil Jensen assisting.

Also present was the grandson of Lord Baden-Powell, W Bro Michael Baden-Powell, a Past Master of Baden Powell Lodge of Victoria, and the Chief Commissioner of Scouts SA Brother Harry Long, a member of our Lodge. The Ted Whitworth Award was named after a Brother of our Lodge who joined Scouts at the age of seven and continued to serve the Scouting movement for almost 87 years until his death at 93. Brother Ted saw active service during the 2nd World War. He also served with the Government in India and was awarded the British Empire Medal. In Scouting he received the Silver Koala and the National President's Award.

In 1991 he received the Meritorious Service Award for his services to Freemasonry. Father Ted, as he was affectionately known, was a Master at Prince Alfred College and was the Assistant Chaplain at St Peter's Girls School. He was also Chaplain of Lodge Baden-Powell 222 and Prince Alfred Collegians Lodge No. 51. He held all these positions as Chaplain until his death in 2002. Our Lodge decided to name this award after him to honour such a worthy Brother in Freemasonry and Scouting.

Phillip Alderton
Acting Secretary, Lodge Baden-Powell 222.

Unveiling and renaming

Fac fortia et Patere: do brave deeds and survive. The motto of the school RWBro Murray Olsson loved and was associated with throughout his life. This association was continued by his sons, Andrew and David, whose company we have the privilege to share here today. Murray followed the motto of Prince Alfred College throughout his life and we, as Freemasons, were privileged to enjoy his company, share his infectious enthusiasm and experience, first-hand, the benefits of his work.

Norma and I thoroughly enjoyed dining out with Murray and his lovely wife, Grace; he was such a humble man with obvious strength of character, a keen and enquiring mind matched with persuasive eloquence. He was a family man who loved life and gave back as much as he could.

He enhanced Freemasonry by his presence and contributed maximally to this museum, in his capacity, as Curator.

With the help of his volunteers, he turned a multitude of medals and regalia into a meaningful collection of important historical masonic memorabilia.

RWBro Murray Olsson epitomised Freemasonry; he lived respected, and dies regretted.

I will now name this museum the Murray Olsson Museum to honour of his memory.

**MWBro Dr Neil Jensen
Grand Master**

Donation to Art Collection

The John McDouall Stuart Collection of more than 200 artifacts housed in Grand Lodge belonged to the Masonic Lodge of Truth. A donation was presented by Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen to the John McDouall Stuart Society on the day of the portrait unveiling and museum renaming for upkeep of the collection.

The John McDouall Stuart Society's patron is Dr Andrew Thomas, Australia's only astronaut, who is the great, great son of Fredrick Waterhouse, the naturalist who accompanied Stuart on his final expedition.

John McDouall Stuart became a Freemason when he joined the Lodge of Truth in North Adelaide's Belmont House on 1 August 1859.

The collection includes Stuart's Masonic Certificate and two Warden's gavels crafted from a limb of "Stuart's Tree" which stood at Chamber's Bay, Van Diemen Gulf, Northern Territory, and on which Stuart had carved his initials "JMDS" on 24 July 1865 to record the crossing of the continent from south to north.

The exhibition and the Murray Olsson Museum can be viewed on Thursdays from 10am to 2pm.

Tours can be arranged by ringing Grand Lodge on 82231633 or info@santfreemasons.org.au



Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen presents the donation to Rick Moore of the John McDouall Stuart Collection.

Sextus Propertius, an Augustan poet, once wrote, that "absence makes the heart grow fonder". He also

wrote, "fame, due to achievements of the mind, never perishes".

That prompted me to think of the Right Honourable Sir Samuel Way. We have before us a magnificent painting of our first Grand Master, MWBro The Right Honourable Sir Samuel James Way, Bart, PC, DCL, LL.D., Chief Justice and Lt

Governor of South Australia, Attorney General MW Grand Master and MW Pro Grand Master 1884 to 1916.

VWBro Wayne Hancock PGDC, (pictured) has immortalized his memory in this painting, which hangs in the Way Room upstairs.

Sir Samuel Way's great life story must surely reflect that fame to which Propertius was referring; fame which has never perished.

Tomorrow will mark 183 years since his birth at Portsmouth in England.

He has been variously described as an industrious and competent legal practitioner whose career was forwarded by fortuitous events.

This may be so, but his success, in every area of endeavour, would suggest he was a man of great drive, sharp intellect, a persuasive speaker, having strength of mind and wonderful wisdom of comprehension.

His influence was spread not only through the law, but also through society in general, via social issues, the establishment of the Adelaide Children's Hospital, the Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery, via his Church, the introduction of Shropshire sheep to Australia, and national and international issues. He may, in the words of Propertius, justly be called, a great man, who passed his days, in that, wherein, his skills were greatest. We are proud of him.

It will be a constant reminder to future generations, of the work of this great South Australian.

Wayne is an accomplished artist, pianist and teacher – another Freemason, highly respected in his own right.

Thank you, Wayne, for your initiative to provide the Freemasons of South Australia and the Northern Territory with this most generous gift.

Before unveiling the painting, please let me thank all of you for attending this function this morning, and, also thank VWBro Fred Trueman APM and his helpers for organising it.

- MWBro Dr Neil Jensen
Grand Master



***We will raise the standing of Freemasonry
by working together***

Task forces manage 'scarce resources'

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These three Task Forces of the Grand Master have helped the Board of Management but there is now no further need for them. At no time did they assume the authority of the Board of Management.

Three task forces remain:

Task Force 1 continues to ensure the Dilapidation Report on the Freemasons Hall progresses; without this report, we cannot seek refurbishment financial support from appropriate Heritage sources. The report is imminent and will be received on arrival by the Grand Secretary, for consideration, and action as appropriate, by the Board of Management.

This Task Force also works with a group of Freemasons to develop our website, not only for the purpose of leasing out our available rooms, but also Freemasonry in general in the South Australian and Northern Territory Constitution; thus overlapping the work of the Grand Secretary noted above.

It is imperative that every square centimetre of space in the Freemasons Hall be commercially leased to get us trading in the black again.

My thanks to the Brethren in this Task Force.

Task Force 2 looks continuously for opportunity to repurpose 254 North Terrace by composite development or selling the southern half of our block of land or other concepts of merit.

In order to bring the presence of our Freemasons Hall to the attention of those considering the future of the beautiful North Terrace precinct, I have invited academic and business leaders to our Freemasons Hall to raise their awareness of what we have to offer.

It is my understanding that a letter will soon come to all members from the Board of Management around such matters.

When considering the content of such letters please remember that we have debt of some \$2.25 million and will very shortly be required to pay back the principle. This debt has been present for some time. It does not fit our strategic direction for Task Force 1 to be working extremely hard to generate income, simply to have it dispersed as interest payments, let alone interest plus principle.

Food for Thought Masonic Operations:

For too long, we have operated as five separate identities and all independent of each other. However, the reconceptualising of Freemasonry in South Australia and the Northern Territory in terms of Masonic Operations is, of necessity, a slow process. We are a \$100 million organization: about 97% of that is available only for philanthropic purposes and/or held by individual Lodges/ Masonic Trusts. Two of our five entities now share an Executive Assistant and have leased out the western

mezzanine floor of the Freemasons Hall as their offices. A proposal is before the Board of Masonic Charities Pty Ltd to reconfigure that floor within the concept of a point within a circle. The brand which was Masonic Homes, obviously operating under the square and compass, well known to the public in South Australia and the Northern Territory, no longer exists.

This proposal would provide an opportunity to resurrect and enhance that brand. It would present a modern face to Freemasonry, a centre for our operations, a suitable environment for fund raising activity and community interacting. The money involved would therefore not be perceived as being used for retiring debt or for refurbishment of the Freemasons Hall for commercial use; rather for a modern and enduring face in keeping with, and worthy of, our previous iconic Masonic Homes. As an integral part of our strategy, we need to show

our communities right across South Australia and the Northern Territory that we care.

If the concept of Lodges submitting proposals through District Grand Superintendents to meet area specific philanthropic activity is accepted, then it is reasonable to assume that we will be doing just that and simultaneously raising the standing of Freemasonry throughout the Constitution. Masonic

history records that MWBro Sir Samuel Way's main focus from 1884 on, was to raise the standing of Freemasonry in the community. I commend this great man's thoughts to you.

Brethren, as we move forward, let us never forget we are a voluntary, ancient and traditional organisation; a magnificent organization of men who believe in a supreme being, are taught to have a duty of compassionate care towards each other and our neighbours; men who endeavour to address the needs of others through our philanthropic actions; that philanthropy which is defined in the Oxford Concise dictionary as, "love, practical benevolence to all mankind".

Practical benevolence embracing not only the area concept but also research and psychological services throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Within our Lodges, our companies and at individual level, let us turn our minds to developing a more meaningful and cohesive level of masonic operations. Let us show the world around us that we are not only a force for good in society, but also a worthy, and large organization of which to be a member. Let us create a demand for Freemasonry by example and precept.

Let each of us do what is expected of us: let us remember one does not need a resume to be honoured by God – he will make his own choice. May the GAOTU bless you all.



Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen and Elizabeth Lodge No. 200 members the evening Dr Jensen announced the Tasks Force arrangements.



Deputy Grand Master Arnie Narayan congratulates Worshipful Master Carl Olsson (centre) on his installation at Broadview on March 30. They are seen with members of the Grand Lodge team and The Perfect Club members before enjoying an outstanding festive board. Congratulations, ladies, for such a high standard presentation.

Photos: Darryl Thistleton.

Deputy Grand Master out and about

LODGE COPERNICUS No. 246

Committed young men's involvement augers well for future



Deputy Grand Master Arnie Narayan (left) at the Copernicus installation as newly-installed Worshipful Master Mark Pilla speaks at the Festive Board.

Lodge Copernicus No. 246 installed Bro. Mark Pilla as its Worshipful Master on May 5.

It is an exciting time for Copernicus - the only lodge in Australia working the Craft, Mark and Chapter under a single Warrant - as every office (excluding the DC and Acting Treasurer) was filled by Masons who had not been through the Chair.

It bodes well for the future of the Lodge with the majority of officers young, committed men.

Installing Master, RWBro. Arnie Narayan, Deputy Grand Master, remarked in his response to the Toast to Grand Lodge that it was clear there was clearly very strong support and genuine affection between the new Worshipful Master and his brother officers.

He also congratulated W. Bro Pilla for the exceptional work he did with his strong ritual performance throughout.

It was a great night with a full lodge room and Copernicus' usual use of lighting and candles enhancing the experience for all in attendance.

Copernicus's next meeting will feature two candidates going through the precursor to the Royal Arch Chapter Exaltation, the Excellent Master Mason ceremony.

This will be followed in July by a third degree in the Craft and their Mark Installation in August. A busy but rewarding time for the Lodge.

Steve Brown, Secretary
Lodge Copernicus No. 246
- Craft, Mark, Chapter

Diary of Deputy Grand Master Arnie Narayan

2018

- May 19: Lodge of Fidelity No. 5, Gawler
- June 12 - St Andrew's Lodge No. 19. Adelaide.
- June 20: Semaphore Lodge No. 33
- July 13: Berri Lodge No. 90.
- July 14: Lake Bonney Lodge No. 106.
- August 18: Murray Bridge United Lodge .
- September 1: Mid North Lodge No. 12 Clare
- October 8: Earl of Zetland No. 231. Naval and Military Club, Adelaide
- November 16: Eudunda Lodge no. 85. Adelaide

2019

- March 30: Prefect Cube Lodge 201, Broadview.
- April 3: Blackwood Lodge No. 93
- May 3: Lodge Copernicus No. 246. Adelaide.
- June 5: Mostyn Goodwood & Loyalty Lodge No. 18. Official visit. Adelaide

Overseas Masonic experiences

Fascinating brotherly love at welcoming Tokyo Lodge

Whenever I travel abroad, especially to a country I haven't been to before, I try to visit a Lodge. I really enjoy seeing ritual conducted in different styles and meeting new people. The ritual contains the familiar elements, but the differences are surprising and extremely interesting. I also try to visit a Lodge which meets at Grand Lodge so I can take in the architecture. Before leaving Australia for a three-week holiday in Japan, I made email contact with Tokyo's Grand Secretary (pictured with Mike) and was granted a visit to Grand Lodge and attend a meeting.

Friday 1 March 2019 was the day of the visit in the evening, which gave me most of the day for sightseeing in the area.

So dressed in a lounge suit, I grabbed a taxi and started with the Sky Tree. At 340 floors and 360 degree views of Tokyo it was were truly spectacular. Lots of photos and just soaking up the views.

Back at ground level I started a long walk through the parks and streets of Tokyo. There was something interesting to see at every turn, from the beautiful wooden shrines to the restaurants with the wonderful displays and mouth watering smells.

The compact Kei cars were everywhere. And the ubiquitous vending machines. If you can't see three vending machines, you're no longer in Tokyo. I headed in the general direction for the Tokyo Tower, but took lots of detours. I have a desk job, so the opportunity for long and interesting walk was too good to miss.

Near the Tokyo Tower, the Tokyo Masonic Centre is an impressive building converted from a military officers club, something the Earl of Zetland members could appreciate. I was introduced to the Grand Secretary, MW Yoshiharu Shimokawa PGM, who greeted me very warmly and offered refreshments after my long walks.

We chatted informally for a while then he offered the register for me to sign, which I gladly did. MW Yoshiharu Shimokawa PGM then conducted me on a tour of the building. For me the highlights were the two remarkably ornate Lodge rooms, the stained glass and marble entrance and the Grand Master's office.

One of the Lodge rooms had lights built into the ceiling with Masonic words which could be individually illuminated. This Lodge room was a converted cinema and could still be used for that function if required. Also quite impressive was the remaining officers' club room. It was tastefully adorned with Masonic words written in Japanese calligraphy. After the tour the Grand Secretary surprised me with beautiful gift of a set of pictures of the building and some Lodge-related items.

Later that evening I was introduced to WBro Atsushi Maeda GSWB, secretary of the Kokusai Lodge No. 15 Free and Accepted Masons, who guided me to the Lodge room to present my paperwork and meet the Brothers. I was introduced to the WM WBro Ryuichi Uchiba and all the other Lodge members. Again everyone was extremely friendly and welcoming and we chatted informally until it was meeting time. There was a range of English fluency among the Brothers. Some I could chat to almost freely while for others Google Translate was enough to answer questions.



The meeting was conducted in Japanese, which was a bit of a shock to me as I previously understood the meeting would be in English. It was conducted in a style I had never seen before in what I presume was the American style because of the historical influence. It was fascinating to see the impressive floor work and how the Master presented each office bearer with their collar at the start of the meeting. The WM did this while wearing a black felt hat which, in my opinion, adds a touch of style. One

member sat beside me and gave helpful explanations in English. The meeting started in the third degree, again a surprise. At one point all three degree signs were given consecutively, which again caught me by surprise. Towards the end of the meeting I was asked to address the Lodge and say a few words. I conveyed greetings from the Worshipful Masters in Australia and thanked my hosts for their friendship and hospitality. Again I was presented with gifts of a Masonic pin and torch, invited to have my photo (above) taken with the members, which I happily accepted, and invited to the festive board. during which we chatted informally.

The festive board was held at a local Chinese restaurant. The atmosphere was extremely friendly and jovial. Everyone was obviously having a great time. The quality of the Chinese food was exceptionally good, far better, if I may say, than any Chinese food in Australia. The Sapporo beer was the perfect accompaniment. I really enjoyed chatting to as many of the Brothers as possible. For those who couldn't speak English we again used Google Translate. Lots of happy Lodge Brothers enjoying more food and the company of others. People were invited to speak and when it was my turn I again thanked the Worship Master and the Brothers for their warmth and hospitality. It was a truly enjoyable end to a great experience. Every Brother was warm and friendly. I thoroughly recommend visiting Grand Lodge of Japan and particularly and Kokusai Lodge No. 15 .

Fraternal regards,
Mike Bruins, Junior Deacon
Earl of Zetland Lodge 231
and Aurora Australis 245.

Fellowship emphasis on peace, conflict resolution and rebuilding

Gary Pusey, Grand Lodge's Community Relations Chairman, has received a prestigious Rotary International Peace Fellowship.

He said: Each year Rotary International funds successful candidates to attend the International Peace Centre, Bangkok, Thailand, where they undergo a program of study relating to peace, conflict resolution and community rebuilding.

The application process was conducted over some six months and included an application, essays and panel interviews.

Twenty-five places were awarded for the June – August cohort, one of which I was offered and accepted. There were more than 700 international applicants.

The program will see me partake in field studies at the Thai-Myanmar border, where I will work with the Rohingya people in order to better understand them and their attempts to resolve the conflicts which they have been part of with the Myanmar government for many years.

I will also participate in an international field trip to Banda Aceh in Indonesia following their extended conflicts and battle for independence and the devastation of the 2005 Tsunami.

I hope this Fellowship will give me some real-world, hands-on skills and strategies for dealing with high level conflict resolution in the diverse communities of South Australia before they become problematic.

This program of study will compliment the academic study I am currently undertaking in Counter Terrorism, National Security and Disaster and Emergency Management.

I was initiated into freemasonry May 2013, current serving Worshipful Master of St Andrews Lodge. I have held no other masonic portfolios.

Before leaving Gary attended a Rotary Club of Adelaide meeting where he addressed the members for a few minutes, giving them a short background about himself and what the Fellowship involves.

Congratulations are extended to Gary
on gaining this fellowship
which has all the elements of Freemasonry.

Charity begins at home

The Craft Care Committee and I, as the Chairman, realised we had no way of helping our brother Freemasons financially when it was needed. We have a Freemasons Foundation which cannot be used to help our own Brethren. After many months of working out the best way of doing this we have formed a fund totally controlled by the Care Committee called the **Grand Almoner Freemasons Fund**. It is an internal fund and cannot be tax deductible. We are asking the Lodges and Brethren to donate to this fund: BANKSA: BSB 105 096. Ac. No: 07243640 Grand Almoner Freemasons Fund.

Terry Halford, JP, Almoner

Focus on Peter and Martin helping positive promotion of Freemasonry

I was 25 and while walking down North Terrace passed a building I had not noticed before. The front doors were open and I wandered inside. I was shortly thereafter proposed by Bro. George Barber, a family friend (now deceased) and initiated into Tea Tree Gully Lodge No. 218 on 28 September 1987 soon after my 26th birthday.

A few years later I changed careers and it became difficult to attend Tea Tree Gully. By coincidence a few months before his Grand Installation in 1994 I met M.W. Bro David Fewster and his Grand Director R.W Bro. John Newton who encouraged me to visit the Earl of Zetland No 213.

When in my 20s, I received great support from Tea Tree Gully and Earl of Zealand members. I cannot list them all, however John and R.W Brother Noel Fairweather were great influencers in those early years.

That Grand Installation in 1994, along with M.E Companion Chris Selwood, was the first in which I was involved. I was then involved with the technical aspects for M.W Brother John Stone's installation.

Another mentor in my Masonic career. However it was not until my third Grand Installation, M.W Bro G. Tucker's, I took my first Freemasonry centric photos, which are available on the Google Photos to be downloaded:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/tZUXVXb4NWBmZMA48>

I did not realise at that time by taking a few photos of Brothers we would become great friends and mentors. So how did Martin enter my life? I was part of a computer networking "club", long before most people knew the internet existed.

This guy turned up at my door as he had been told I was an expert at a particular Unix computer operating system - not quite true. However, Martin was not going to take "no" for an answer. I visited his Lodge and he mine. We three, Chris, Martin and I have been close friends and Brothers ever since.

Martin and I made a pact that after being in the chairs of our respective lodges, we would become Grand Stewards together. We never managed to line up until I said "ignore all the reasons, this is the year".

We applied, were accepted and invested as Grand Stewards in 2013 which gave us the opportunity to actively visit together, travel to many SA Lodges and enjoy our mutual interest as amateur photographers. I personally have not yet had the time or privilege to visit Lodges in Top End. Currently Martin is Grey Nomad-ding around Australia and has managed to visit a couple. From this experience I encourage every Past Master to become a Grand Steward for one year.

Martin and I had a brilliant time. Taking photos at meetings gave me the opportunity to discuss photography with Brothers who are better skilled and with their encouragement I keep enjoying taking them.

We have made available many photos via my little mailing list for use by Freemasons for the positive promotion of Freemasonry.

Please feel free to make use of them.



Update from FFCMH - the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health



Researcher in Profile: Dr Zeyad Nassar

Dr Zeyad Nassar was appointed as the 12th Freemasons Foundation Men's Health Research Fellow in 2016. The Fellowship program supports talented young scientists who have completed their PhD with 2 years of salary and mentoring and training support provided by the FFCMH to help them set up their career. Zeyad is based in the Prostate Cancer Research Group at SAHMRI, led by Professor Lisa Butler, and was appointed to FFCMH to bring expertise in pharmacology which is the study of the use, effect, and mode of actions of drugs.

Zeyad has gone on to be awarded a highly competitive Peter Doherty Biomedical Early Career Fellowship from the Commonwealth's National Health and Medical Research Council in 2018. Zeyad's research is looking at lipids (fats and fatty acids) in prostate cancer. Cancer cells are characterized by uncontrolled cell proliferation, the ability to migrate and invade into other tissues, and resistance to drugs. This cell activity requires the production of additional energy by the cell. Prostate cancer cells rely mainly on lipids as fuel to supply the increasing demands on energy. Blocking the cell machinery (enzymes) that the cells use to break down lipids into energy may be a new way to slow tumour growth and the spread of prostate cancer.

With research grant funding that Zeyad received in January 2019 from Cure Cancer Australia (2019), he is now on his way towards understanding how drugs may be able to target these lipid processing enzymes in prostate cancer.

Dietary fats and prostate cancer

Recent research published by FFCMH's Prostate Cancer Research group at SAHMRI has shown, for the first-time, the potential influence that obesity-related excess blood fats has on prostate cancer cell activity and the aggressiveness of the disease. This gives us evidence to add this to the reasons for the importance of healthy diet and weight in men.

Centre host to the inaugural SA Men's Health Awards during Men's Health Week June 10-16

The state of men's health in each State and Territory was released in a report prepared by the Australian Men's Health Forum (AMHF) during Men's Health Week (June 10-16). The AMHF is the national peak body for men's health. The South Australian report was released at a free public event held by the AMHF on Thursday 13 June and was hosted by the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health.

The speakers included Hon Tony Piccolo MP State Labor Member for Light and FFCMH Patron (pictured left below left), Professor Gary Wittert, Director of the FFCMH and Chief Executive Officer of the AMHF, Mr Glen Poole. The inaugural SA Men's Health Awards showcased and awarded community programs across SA that are doing great work to improve men and boys' health.



There were many nominees, including the Freemasons Foundation. The three finalists were i) Hart Wellbeing, run by Anthony Hart who is a men's mental health advocate and who will be a speaker at the 2019 Men's Health Business Breakfast on Sept 26, ii) The Rite Journey, a year-long Rite of Passage Program delivered in school settings which works with around 5,000 young men every year (representatives pictured right above), and iii) Rotary Men's Wellness campaign, a travelling photographic exhibition of 30 men from across Eyre Peninsula that visited towns to highlight men's mental health, educate and inform men about resources and services available, and work at removing the stigma around talking about mental health issues.

The winner was Rotary Men's Wellness campaign. Representatives Jo Clark and David Johnston (Port Lincoln Rotary) accepted the award from Dr Richard Harvey MP, State Liberal Member for Newland, who was representing the Health Minister, the Hon Minister Stephen Wade MLC.





Class of drug with potential in prostate cancer now in trial

In 2010 Professors Wayne Tilley and Lisa Buter from the FFCMH (pictured above) joined an international team from Thomas Jefferson University, the University of Michigan and University of Texas South Western Medical Centre (USA) for a research program which ultimately described for the first time how a gene (unit of DNA) called PARP, known to be involved in DNA repair, interacts with the androgen receptor, a protein that plays a pivotal role in driving prostate cancer. Lisa Buter was, at the time, being supported by a Fellowship funded by the Cancer Council and the FFCMH.



A seminal paper (left) was published in 2012 in *Cancer Discovery*, a leading journal in the field of cancer, describing the research that involved

multiple experimental models.

The research concluded that inhibiting action of this PARP gene is likely to influence androgen receptor function and therefore prostate cancer.

The FFCMH part of the collaboration examined this interaction using a human prostate tumour model that they developed and is now used world-wide.

Arising from this and subsequent international research, drugs that inhibit the action of PARP have been developed for prostate cancer. Early stage clinical trials testing these drugs in prostate cancer began in 2017-18 and continue to recruit men, including a recent trial that has begun in Adelaide.

These trials are testing whether PARP inhibitors, one of which is called "olaparib", increase overall survival in men with prostate cancer who are no longer responding to standard treatments. There are some early encouraging results from these trials.



ifarmwell website developed for farmers doing it tough

www.ifarmwell.com.au is a free, self-help website designed to support Australian farmers' mental well-being by equipping them to better cope with things beyond their control such as drought.

[ifarmwell.com.au](http://www.ifarmwell.com.au) was developed with funding from the National Australia Bank (NAB), the Freemasons Foundation and the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health. Its development has been led by University of SA and FFCMH Researcher, Dr Kate Gunn, (pictured above) who grew up on a farm near Streaky Bay and who is a clinical psychologist.

It was developed with farmers and experts from the FFCMH in behaviour change, digital health and mental health. The tool is based upon what farmers want and what research shows will help, including Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, humour and examples that farmers can relate to.

Following evaluation by Australian farmers in 2018, [ifarmwell](http://www.ifarmwell.com.au) has now received funding from the Rural Business Support agency and the University of South Australia to optimise the website for formal roll-out later this year. The [ifarmwell](http://www.ifarmwell.com.au) team, which also includes members of the Centre for Farmer Health in Victoria, are also now going to explore rural financial counsellors' experiences with interacting with distressed farmers across Australia, and use this information to optimise the methods by which the counsellors link farmers



to psychological supports such as [ifarmwell](http://www.ifarmwell.com.au), within their existing roles. The [ifarmwell](http://www.ifarmwell.com.au) website is www.ifarmwell.com.au.



2 questions GPs should ask all men

Commenting on an article published in the *Medical Journal of Australia (MJA)*, FFCMH Director, Professor Wittert told the *MJA* that "there are two questions that a GP should never miss asking – one is about erectile dysfunction and the other is about lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS)" such as getting up at night to pass urine. This is because they are both very common across age groups. Things that bother men enormously and they are both very important markers of underlying systemic disease, such as cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and depression, as well as obstructive sleep apnoea. It is not just a prostate or an age-related matter.

Asking men these questions creates an invaluable opportunity to have discussions about their health and healthy lifestyle importantly that may reduce their risk of, or even prevent these serious conditions all together.

For more information or if you would you like a Centre member to come and talk at your Lodge contact:

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From the Lodges

WHYALLA LODGE

WM, Ladies, Gentlemen, Brethren, Thank you Ladies and Brethren for this fine Festive Board and thank you W Bro Ron Spargo for your toast, and you, Brethren, for the manner in which you honoured it.

Let me start by quoting author Coleman Cox: "What did you really do yesterday that's worth mentioning?"

Well, on your behalf, I have been doing lots, including the following - last night, Norma and I attended a formal dinner in Bonython Hall, Adelaide University, featuring the Distinguished Alumni Awards and guest speaker Dr Andy Thomas AO.

We were invited, in my capacity as your Grand Master, as acknowledgment of the enormous contributions of we Freemasons make to health research in partnership with them. For a decade now, the Freemasons Foundation has funded this research in part, to the tune of \$300,000 per year.

The initial agreement expires this year and a new and expanded proposal is being considered to continue this great work on health and well-being research. Masonic Charities has an "in principle" proposal before it.

Last Saturday I participated in a meeting of the Select Committee formed by your Board of Management to negotiate the sale of the southern half of our 254 North Terrace property. Prior to this committee's formation, I had formed the Grand Master's Task Force 2 to encourage interest and opportunity; well, opportunity has knocked and now the work of that Task Force must be owned by your Board of Management. This Select Committee will continue negotiations. The President of the Board of Management will keep you informed. The Select Committee feels we must not only be looking to clear our debt, but to enhance our presence on the great North Terrace boulevard.

As with any negotiation, we must be clear on our position including, not only the opportunity cost to us, but how we can enhance our presence on the beautiful North Terrace precinct.

Having lived and worked in the country areas and in the Northern Territory, I am aware of parochialism. However, let us start somewhere to lift the iconicism of Freemasonry.

By the way, this is not Neil Jensen selling off North Terrace; its redevelopment has been on the table for years with several failed proposals. The difference now is, that the Grand Master's Task Force 2 has identified

an achievable proposal with substantially financed developers.

We are very close to receiving the Dilapidation Report on the Freemason's Hall; once available we can not only plan the refurbishment but also the funding from all sources including our own, heritage grants and donations from outside bodies.

I was advised on the weekend that we continue to increase revenue from the leasing of the various spaces in the Freemasons Hall; this is encouraging as we try to get to trading back "in the black".

We are working towards self-sufficiency of administration and self-sufficiency of 254 North Terrace.



At the installation banquet at Whyalla when W. B. Ron Spargo was installed as Master of Whyalla Lodge two unexpected guests arrived - Grand Chaplain Very Worshipful Brenton Daulby and Bro Cliff Pinkard from the Earl of Zetland Lodge.

Both esteemed brethren are senior training officers with St John Ambulance SA and were in Whyalla conducting training sessions for volunteers - and took the opportunity to pay their respects to MW Grand Master Neil Jensen and join in the festivities.

Masonic Homes are on track to wind up in June 2019 and start the process of transfer of residual assets to Masonic Charities.

Masonic Charities are investing the initial \$50 million carefully on advice of Morgan Stanley, our investment advisors. Masonic Charities will be formally launched in the presence of the Governor and other dignitaries on 21 June 2019.

We must lose no opportunity to have our magnificent Masonic Homes iconic brand moved to Masonic Charities. The public needs to perceive Masonic Charities as a caring philanthropic entity; an entity, perpetuating the great work of our Freemasons from the past; Freemasons who impacted so positively on their communities by the provision of Masonic Homes throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory; meaningful charity from their hearts and out of their pockets.

Our museum has been formally renamed the Murray Olsson Masonic Museum and the painting of Sir Samuel Way, our first Grand Master, formally unveiled in the presence of the Deputy Premier and Attorney General Mrs Vicki Chapman.

There are other initiatives, including modernisation of the Grand Secretariat and better communication of happenings to you, being unveiled. However, I beg your patience, because we are all volunteers with wives, partners, families, businesses, occupations and other community volunteer activities, as well as obligations to our Lodges.

Once headquarters at 254 North Terrace has been tidied up, we will then be able to turn our attention to assisting Lodges more. I do receive constant feedback from the Installing Officers and the Grand Superintendent and indeed informally from many of the newer Freemasons.

Walt Disney said: "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing". And that is what is happening. Thank you for listening and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless you all.

- MWBro Dr Neil Jensen Grand Master

50 years of 'amazing achievement' honored

PORT DARWIN LODGE 41

Well, it's not every day a Brother achieves 50 years in the Craft! So huge congratulations to VW Bro Richard Bowman and his amazing achievement and contribution to Freemasonry.

Richard has been in 10 Lodges in Australia and Papua New Guinea. He has been WM five times and has held office in many other Lodges such as Royal Arch to name one.

We Port Darwin and the NT Brethren are very proud and honoured to know Richard and to have him in our Brotherhood.

His knowledge and passion of Freemasonry is to be applauded.

May you have many, many more years in Freemasonry. (Left. DGS John Matthews, VW Bro Richard Bowman, WM Simon Morris)

Contributor: Philip Tedesco



DGS John Matthews, VW Bro Richard Bowman and WM Simon Morris.

Contributions welcome

Lodges are welcome to submit articles and photos for future editions of The Communicator. It would be appreciated if they were submitted in 10pt typed right across the page. Do not press "enter" at the end of each sentence just at the end of a complete sentence or paragraph.

Email subject: The Communicator and then two or three words to identify the article. Photos - separate from the text - appreciated as jps with the same subject wording. Include a caption and the author's name for publication. Include a not-for-publication phone number in case of the need for quick clarification.

Email: penelopeforster01@gmail.com
All material will be submitted to Grand Secretary Joe Marschall for approval.



Father welcomes son into his Lodge

LODGE OF FRATERNITY

The Lodge of Fraternity's Regular meeting in March was very much a father and son affair.

The Lodge's newest candidate, Bro Callan Manning, is the son of a Past Master of the Lodge, WBro. David Manning.

Callan has been attending the Lodge since he was a little boy when his father was attending executive meetings or rehearsals and would run around the lodge room wanting to get involved.

After his father moved to Melbourne, Callan remained in SA and as his 18th birthday neared he expressed an

interest in joining Freemasonry.

Lodge members thought it would be an excellent opportunity to hold a Past Masters' night so David could travel back to SA and initiate his son. The night was a huge success and "now" Bro. Callan Manning is the newest and youngest member ever to join the Lodge of Fraternity at the ripe age of 18 years and 2 days. He is probably also one of the youngest members to join in the SANT constitution.

Callan now proudly sits with five other Entered Apprentices in the Lodge.

Contributor: WBro. Andrew Wilson
Acting Secretary/Care Officer
Lodge of Fraternity 214.

Scholarships ongoing commitment

LEWIS LODGE OF BRIGHTON

Lewis Lodge of Brighton 187 members Bill Heycox, John Russell and Allan Henderson presented scholarship certificates and cheques to Seaview High School Year 12 recipients including Muteeb Al Shammary.

The students were chosen by the school's faculty, the criteria including, but not limited to, leadership, a willingness to work with others and to extend themselves beyond expectations in their workplace. The Lodge has

presented scholarships to the students for many years. The money from The LLOB is augmented by the Freemasons Foundation and assists with the purchase of school-related items for the students.

A cheque was also presented to the school's Music Department as a token of appreciation and ongoing support towards the school's student music curriculum as a result of the 2017 Freemason's Concert.



Above: Awardee Muteeb Al-Shammary with Bill Heycox (left) and John Russell. Top right: Accepting the cheque were Sam Perry, the Musical Conductor and Jessica Musson, Year 12 College Captain and member of the Schools Music assembly.

Recent Appointments

Joe Marshall as Grand Secretary

Brethren all: For the next couple of years you will be hearing from me on various subjects so it's appropriate I introduce myself.

On a personal level, I am 68, and my wife, Bev, and I have a daughter, Kellie, and a 23-month-old grandson. I arrived in Australia from Germany with my parents, now deceased, in January 1958 without a word of English between the three of us. As many of you will have noticed I picked up the vernacular quite quickly and regard myself as - demanded by my father - an "Aussie".



I commenced my Australian existence in Whyalla where I graduated as an accountant after a seven-year traineeship with the BHP. I then worked with a range of manufacturing and logistics companies in positions as diverse as accountant to finance director.

I became responsible for the Information Technology functions and then moved sideways into roles such as Corporate Financial Analyst, Project Manager, etc. I finally diverted into the areas of management and information consultancy working for several "Big Four" companies before finishing as a business consultant for Australia's largest IT systems developer, Technology One.

I became a Freemason in Melbourne in 1986 but after some time dropped out - why would a lodge make the most recent Master Mason the Tyler?

I reconnected with Freemasonry in Adelaide in the 1990s when I was approached to join Kilwinning Lodge in which I served variously as secretary, junior deacon and tyler before moving to the now defunct SA Lodge of Research in which I served as the last active Master and Secretary and then moved to the Lodge of Fraternity - a happy and contented lodge which is taking great strides on all fronts - none of which is due to me. My determination to recommence learning and delivery of ritual may stunt the growth of the lodge, but hopefully they'll tap me on the shoulder before I get in too deep.

I am active in Mark Masonry in Kilwinning Mark Lodge and was Grand Treasurer for five years. I am a member of the Mark's "subsidiary", the Mariners, and also a Royal Arch Mason in the Gawler Chapter. In the "so called" Further Orders I am a member of the Order of the Secret Monitor and a 30th Degree member of the AASR. My interest in the governance of Freemasonry was awoken by some issues which came up a few years ago and when the role of Grand Secretary arose I felt obligated to try to put my beliefs into action. Thus, being an adherent to the Grand Master's view that "the members own freemasonry", I am determined to ensure that:

- everything which can be responsibly shared with our members is shared;
- the organisation moves forward into the 21st century by implementing governance practices that allow appropriate membership control over our directions;
- our financial practices are first class;

- we are continually welcoming and open to questions and queries as to the way we make our decisions and to the ethics underlying those decisions; and
- we accept that the Organisation must change continually modernising its management practices while forever remaining loyal to its objectives.

Finally, for those who wonder what I believe them to be, this is my "personal take":

Freemasonry is the "finishing school" for men. It provides a never-ending lesson for those able to read and hear, to feel and empathise in what it is which makes for a decent and caring society.

No matter his beliefs, temporal or spiritual, the Freemason who is, polishing his rough ashlar will always be an asset to his family, faith, political party, employer, club and to society at large, because he will be guided by what he has been taught - honour, compassion, courage, respect, loyalty, prudence, temperance, honesty, kindness - and all other attributes which make for a just society.

How the teaching and experiences affect the Freemason is personal. What he learns from the Craft are the secrets which cannot be shared.

Ivor Willmott as Royal Arch Chapter 1st Grand Principal

On 18 May 2019, MWBro Dr Neil Jensen, Grand Master of the Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia and the Northern Territory, extended greetings to the newly-installed 1st Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Australia and the Northern Territory, M .E. Comp. Ivor Willmott at the Royal Arch Chapter Installation.



Photo: Peter & Martin

MWBro Jensen congratulated ME Comp Willmott on his accession to the highest office of the Order. He recalled, when ME Comp Willmott was being invested with the Sir Samuel Way Jewel, there was a time when the Grand Master of Craft was also the 1st Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. MWBro Jensen expressed his pleasure that two other leaders were now in place to relieve him of those duties.

He went on to congratulate all Grand Principals and other Officers who had accepted their heightened level of responsibility at this Installation. MWBro Jensen reinforced that "this is an exciting time in Freemasonry as we address the challenges of rapid change, digitalisation, and competing interests for potential members' leisure time. He added that he "looked forward daily to finding ways of turning these challenges to advantage, and was confident all Masonic leaders would be equally enthusiastic."

He made reference to "the Address after Closing given in all Royal Arch Chapters and commended it to all present as a template for our interaction with our God and society." MWBro Jensen closed his greetings by wishing MEComp Willmott health and strength to perform the duties of his time as 1st Grand Principal with satisfaction to himself and advantage to his entire Supreme Grand Chapter.

We will raise the standing of Freemasonry by working together

Support for special room for sick children

EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE

In 2018, Brethren of the Earl of Zetland Lodge raised funds in support of the Starlight Foundation in SA. The Freemasons Foundation supplemented the Lodge's fundraising, resulting in \$10,000 presented to Starlight in early 2019.

The funds enabled the purchase of new furniture and other physical improvements for the Starlight Express Room in the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide.

This project was a related follow-on to Earl of Zetland's charity endeavours during 2017 which raised funds for the purchase of CPAP machines for the same hospital.

The Starlight Children's Foundation established SA's first and only Starlight Express Room at the hospital in September 2011. Starlight Express Rooms are state-of-the-art spaces within paediatric hospitals designed to provide a medical-free zone where children can escape from the hospital environment and experience a welcome break from the relentless cycle of medical treatments and procedures.



In the order of 19,000 child admissions are made to the hospital each year. The Starlight Express Room, as the hub of Starlight's activities in the hospital, is incredibly important in supporting the well-being and resilience of these children, enabling them to have fun and to be distracted from the pain and stress of their illness and treatment.

After more than seven years use, the furniture and equipment in the Starlight Express Room had become worn, damaged and tired. Our contribution allowed much needed replacement of the seating and tables together with some minor physical improvements to the Room.

Starlight receives no funding from Government and relies solely on private contributions and fund raising to support the upkeep and development of its facilities.

This fundraising initiative not only embraces South Australian boys and girls who are enduring serious illness, but their siblings and parents who confront a different, but directly related, mental anxiety. While this particular initiative delivers a tangible and visible outcome by way of a 'revamped' Starlight Express Room, our fundraising activities also promote a broad awareness of the role Freemasonry in general and the Foundation in particular play in supporting the South Australian community.

Of note, Earl of Zetland is continuing its support of the Starlight Children's Foundation in general and the Starlight Express Room in particular.

W. Bro. John Teager AM
Immediate Past Master
Earl of Zetland Lodge No. 23

Breaking News - Freemasons Caring for Freemasons

The Board of Management has approved formal Terms of Reference for the operations of the Grand Almoners Committee authorising that Committee to prepare and maintain an Almoners Manual for the guidance of Lodges and Orders.

These Terms of Reference empower the Grand Almoners Committee to establish a Grand Almoners Freemasons Fund to provide brotherly love and relief to members of Freemasonry and their families. This Fund will be administered by the Grand Almoners Committee operating entirely independent from Grand Lodge.

Almoners Manual

The former 'Lodge Care Officer's & Care Committee's Handbook has been revised and named Almoners Manual which will issue to Lodges/Orders shortly. The term 'Almoner' has been adopted again as we do not fully 'Care' for people. Lodges/Orders may continue to use the term 'Care' or see fit to change to 'Almoner'.

The Grand Almoners Committee is to encourage support and benevolence within Freemasonry.

- The Almoners Manual embraces the Craft, Mark, Chapter and Mariner Orders and may be used as a guide by other Orders.

- The Grand Almoner Committee includes the Chairman, Grand Chaplains, Grand Almoners, a Board of Management Representative, interested brethren and a representative of the Widows/Partners Association.

Grand Almoners Freemasons Fund

This Fund will be administered by the Grand Almoners Committee with the day to day operations and decisions managed by a sub-committee titled the Grand Almoner Freemasons Fund Committee.

This sub-committee comprises four members from the Grand Almoners Committee -

- Craft Grand Almoner, (V.W Bro Halford, Chairman)
- Craft Grand Chaplain (V.W. The Rev. V. W. Bro Daulby, OS, OAM)
- Craft Board of Management representative (R.W. Bro Price, Treasurer)
- Member of the Grand Almoners Committee.

(V.W. Bro Nicholson, OS, Scribe).

The fund will operate by donations (Lodges/Orders and individual members). Once sufficient funds have been accumulated, the Committee will assess applications through Lodges/Orders/Almoners/Chaplains for relief for Freemasons/families in the short term.

V.W. Bro Halford, Grand Almoner, said, "While it has been a lengthy undertaking to develop the policy and bringing together the Craft, Mark, Chapter and Mariners focusing on the teachings in the NE Corner of the First Degree, "... there are some who, from adverse circumstances...", and also embracing the original 'big picture' of Clause 3.05 of our Constitution which states in part, "... to extend every kind of aid, help, relief, support, assistance, charity and benevolence ... whether associated with Freemasonry or not, the outcome is gratifying for Freemasonry in SA & NT."

The Grand Almoner and his Committee seek the support of Freemasonry with our Jurisdiction to embrace these initiatives.

A SPRIG OF ACACIA *From March 9 to May 5 2019*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Lodge No. and Name</u>
119375 Adam PERRY CRAFT P. J. G. W. CRAFT	11/05/2019 000 GRAND LODGE OF A.F. & A.M. of S.A. 010 THE BRIGHTON UNITED LODGE No. 10
108080 Albert Donald George COTTON CRAFT CHAP.	16/02/2019 118 THORNGATE LODGE No. 118
109982 Arthur William SUMSION CRAFT P. S. G. D.	27/03/2019 207 EDWARDSTOWN LEWIS LODGE, No. 207
115214 Brian Murray HASKARD CRAFT P. G..P. CRAFT	19/04/2019 000 GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. of SA 005 LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 5
109940 Jack Gilbert COX CRAFT M. S. A.	7/04/2019 207 EDWARDSTOWN LEWIS LODGE, No. 207
105002 Keith James REYNOLDS CRAFT D. C.	23/03/2019 045 PORT LINCOLN LODGE, No. 45
106680 Kenneth Alfred ATTWOOD CRAFT D. C.	26/04/2019 010 THE BRIGHTON UNITED LODGE No. 10
115907 Leonard Kenneth MILLER CRAFT D. G. Supt. CRAFT CRAFT CRAFT CRAFT	19/04/2019 000 GRAND LODGE OF A.F. & A.M. of S.A. 015 LODGE OF ST SAINT JOHN. No. 15 124 WHITTON LODGE No. 124 168 EDWARDSTOWN LODGE No. 168 235 LODGE OF ENDEAVOUR 243 LODGE NEYNELL
18160 Raymond Stanley EDWARDS CRAFT W. M.	10/5/2019 012 MID NORTH LODGE No. 13
103005 Robert William WATERS CRAFT P. G. P. CRAFT	27/04/2019 000 GRAND LODGE OF A.F. & A.M. of SA 002 ADELAIDE LODGE No. 2
09521 Trevor Charles MORRISON CRAFT W. M.	1/11/2018 214 LODGE OF FRATERNITY No. 21

Total Deceased 11. Total member Deceased 11.

Obituary: Adam Perry - 4 March 1915 - 11 May 2019

The distinguishing characteristics of a good Freemason are, as indicated in our Masonic ritual, virtue, honour, and mercy. Adam Perry was the epitome of a Freemason and possessed all of these qualities.

Adam's early years in Freemasonry are rather obscure in the Grand Lodge records as he was initiated into Freemasonry in Scotland in 1948, before coming to Australia.

Our records show he joined the Brighton United Lodge No. 10 in March 1970 and remained a member until his recent passing to the Grand Lodge above.

He joined Lodge Acacia No.1 94 in 1977 and remained a member until it handed in its warrant in 1992. He was a member of Yankalilla Lodge for six years and then joined Encounter Daytime Lodge No. 23.

He was also a member of MacDonald Mark Lodge, Bon Accord Mariners and Hawthorn Chapter, thus rendering his Masonic journey complete as a member of the Three Main Degrees in Freemasonry.

In all aspects of Freemasonry he was widely respected for his knowledge and his delivery of Masonic ritual made even more enjoyable by his Scottish accent.

Precised: Junior Grand Officer in 1982, Grand Sword Bearer, Ceremonial Officer. Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1987, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Junior Grand Warden Senior Grand Warden in 1998 presented with the revered Veteran's Jewel marking 50 years as a member of the fraternity., he had three bars added to this jewel signifying 65 years as a continuous , a member of the Past Grand Directors Group which meets once a year where stories of past events are relived over lunch and a glass of red wine.

Adam was an outstanding ritualist. His address to the Brethren at installation meetings was brilliant. The last sentence was: "Hence we learn to be meek, humble and resigned, to be faithful to God, our country and our laws, to drop a tear of sympathy over the failings of brother and to pour the healing balm of consolation in the bosom of the afflicted".

The brethren here today will be well aware of why I have mentioned that passage. The sentence well describes the character of Adam Perry. He will be greatly missed.

Grand Chaplain Very Worshipful Brenton Daulby

HISTORIAN KEEN RECORDER OF MASONIC PAST

Bro. Robert Casson's interest in Masonic History was originally inspired by the likes of Fred Martin, Terry Kavanagh and Bill Dawson, all Past Grand Lecturers. Over the years his library on Freemasonry has grown to more than 50 books. Many online publications are also preserved.

There are many items of Masonic interest preserved, including a number of "talks" given over the years.

Rob was the inaugural President of The Freemasons Historical Society and was saddened by his departure from the role for personal reasons. All the records are preserved.

Lodge St David Historian W Bro Keith Rendell also impacted his thoughts on Masonic History by the preservation of the Lodge History.

The following is self-explanatory, the Lodge Historian at Lodge St David presented a number of "profiles" on various members.

Profile presented in Open Lodge 19 May 2005

Robin Kingsley Casson, Member No.347, initiated 16 September 1976.

Rob said: "I've often contemplated that it's a pity when a eulogy is presented at a funeral the person about whom all the nice things are being said is (in all probability) unaware of what is being said. This is a bit like reciting a eulogy to someone in good health and a receptive frame of mind."

Rob was born in the Mallee town of Pinnaroo on 13 June 1941. The young Rob came to the big smoke in about 1959 and was employed at electrical retailer H.G Palmer. Like many country lads he was an accomplished footballer and played for Sturt junior grade.

Subsequently he was bitten by the speedway bug and for some years in the early 1960s rode solo at Rowley Park. He took up squash and came through the divisions to play A Grade Competition for some years. Such was the comradeship in the team Rob still meets socially with his former team mates.

He left H. G. Palmer and joined Radio Rentals in the early 1960s and qualified as a field technician specialising in white goods.

It was around this time he met Bob Leverenz who worked at Radio Rentals and who was prominent in the Australian speedway scene. Bob was a Freemason - Glenelg and Sportsman- and his attitudes and way of life made a positive impression on Rob and lead him to enquire into the organisation which attracted such men as Bob and his own father. Rob retired from Radio Rentals in 1995 from a position in the service management echelon.

Rob said: "I was initiated into Lodge St David in 1972 and Bob and I would often talk about the craft. I happened to be working on secondment for a couple of years in

UK when, in 1975, Bob wrote to me and said he was then ready to be proposed as a candidate. On my return to Adelaide I proposed his nomination which was seconded by WBro Stan Tonkin and Bob was initiated on 16 September 1976 with his passing and raising being conducted on 17 February 1977 and 19 May 1977 (28 years ago to the day) respectively."

Within the Lodge Rob was invested as:

- Tyler in March 1978 • Inner Guard in March 1979 • Junior Deacon in March 1980
- Senior Deacon in March 1981 • Junior Warden in March 1982 • Senior Warden in March 1983 and again in March 1993 • Master in March 1984 and again in March 1994 • D.C in March 1986 until February 1993.

Rob Casson's progress through the ranks of Grand Lodge to the highest of positions demonstrates a sustained and continuous commitment of service to the craft.

• Appointed Grand Steward in 1987 • Elected Grand Standard Bearer in 1988 • Appointed AGDC in 1989 serving for two years • Appointed DGDC in 1992 • Appointed GDC in 1993. • Appointed Senior Grand Warden in 1995 • Appointed Deputy Grand Master in 2000 • Installed as Grand Master in 2003.

At his installation in May 2003 MWBro Casson was making slow recovery from serious surgery earlier that year and it required great resilience and fortitude for him to prepare for, and proceed through, the ceremony. Those present at the Entertainment Centre on that day in May 2003 will recall in his address to the brethren he declared he would be fearless in making the hard but necessary decisions in the interest of the welfare of the Craft. We wish him well and pledge our loyalty to him as he begins the third and final year of his journey

W. Bro Keith Rendell, Historian, Lodge St David
Articles and photos from Bro. Casson's historical collection will be included in future edition of The Communicator.

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The Human brain is an amazing organ. It functions 24 hours a day from the day we are born and only stops when we are performing ritual



OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

History of Freemasonry still exhibited at Somerton Park



It is pleasing to report that following the June 2015 sale of Masonic Homes Ltd Village to the Stockland Group in the Somerton Park Village, Stockland has maintained a significant recognition of Freemasonry in SA & NT.

A prime example of this recognition is evident in the recent renovation undertaken by Stockland early in 2018 on the front exterior of Russell Hall. Two large

square and compasses and the title 'Masonic Memorial Village' are very prominent.

It must be acknowledged this building is subject to a Local Government Heritage Agreement, however Stockland has clearly demonstrated that the Masonic history of the village is maintained.

At the corner of Baker Street and the very busy Diagonal Road, Somerton Park, this excellent vision of Freemasonry is highly visible to all who pass by. This recognition does not conclude with this improved signage.

It was in June 2012 the Masonic Homes Ltd (MHL) undertook to renovate the units surrounding Russell Hall, the Fred Martin Building and the interior of Russell Hall, adjoining the Fred Martin building. As you enter the Hall via the front door off Baker Street, your attention is immediately drawn to an excellent symbol of the Grand Lodge of SA & NT's Coat of Arms while in the adjacent foyer three modern-style honour boards were placed, replacing three very old honour boards. These



new boards firstly acknowledge the original Planning Committee for the establishment of the Village; the second is a list of Brethren, members of the public and Lodges who contributed donations to the original project; and thirdly the members of The Board of Benevolence at the time; Masonic history which Stockland has recognised and not altered or removed.

The company has appreciably not altered or renamed those groups of units and apartments which have a strong Masonic reference - the Howard Zelling Building, the Harry Souter Building and the Malcolm McIntosh Building, which contain single and double units, the St Alban apartments so named in honour of the involvement of the Brethren of Lodge St Alban No. 38, who were prominent in their support in the early days of MHL, while the Angulong Apartments stand in recognition of the magnificent bequest MHL received in 2000.

- MWBro John Stone Past Grand Master

Oldest Lodge still in use

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, MOONTA

The discovery of copper in the north of the York Peninsula in the 1860s resulted in a sudden influx of people to work in the mines and provide associated services.

The town of Moonta become home to miners from around the world, in particular experienced miners from Cornwall in South West England.

On 20 October 1868 a meeting of Freemasons at the Royal Hotel in Moonta decided to form a Lodge to be called The Duke of Edinburgh Lodge. The owner of the hotel, himself a Freemason, agreed to the Lodge holding its meetings there.

The Warrant subsequently arrived from England and in May 1869 a meeting was called to fix a date for the opening of the Lodge. On 2 July 1869 the opening ceremony was held and W Bro C M Dunn was installed as the first Worshipful Master. The Lodge first met in the Royal Hotel and later in 1874 in the Bible Christian Church Hall, now the School of Mines building.

In September 1874 tenders were called for the erection of a Masonic hall. The tender was awarded to Rossiter and Davis on the condition the cost did not exceed £700. The foundation stone, made from a piece of granite from the Port Hughes beach, was laid in true Masonic fashion on 15 January 1875 by W Bro H. E. Downer SM. Building proceeded well and the consecration of the Lodge Room



took place on 20 July 1875. At the November meeting in 1889 the treasurer informed the Lodge all the bonds had been paid and the Lodge was in the happy position of being free of debt and had a credit balance in the bank. The Duke of Edinburgh Lodge was the first lodge in South Australia to build its own Lodge Rooms outside Adelaide and today is the oldest Masonic owned building in Australia, being continuously in use since its consecration.

On 22 November 1898 a committee was appointed to consider plans for renovating and repairing the building and lighting the premises with gas. The cost of the refurbishment amounted to £156/9/8 and was reported in the Yorke Peninsula Advertiser on 17 March 1899 as: "Moonta can now boast one of, if not the most, handsomest, lodge rooms in the colony...."

At the reopening of the Lodge on 21 March 1899, admiration was expressed on all sides at the wonderful transformation of the lodge room. This photo was taken by a member of the local police force and a Freemason, Sgt Davidson, shortly after the refurbishment. In 1903 it was resolved to secure framed photographs of the Past Masters of the Lodge to adorn the walls of the anteroom. Since then the practice has continued and the anteroom now boasts a framed photograph of every Master of the Lodge, again a talking point for the many people who visit the Lodge.

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