

The Communicator

Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia and the Northern Territory

February 2020



Communication - The name of the game

Grand Master's new year red-letter day message: Loan paid out

In his first communication to Brethren for 2020, the Grand Master MWBro Dr Neil Jensen shared, as a priority, the bad news about the bushfires, but he also delivered good news announcing that the Masonic Homes had been formally placed in the hands of the liquidators to be wound up. He announced that the ~\$2.25 million mortgage against 254 North Terrace has been paid out, the accounts paid, tax paid and residual assets distributed.

The Grand Master wrote, "Sincere thanks to the Company Directors, the Company Secretary and Executive Assistant for their fine work in achieving this and all pro bono, by the Directors. Thank you also to all members for your patience and confidence in our ability to perform this task to your satisfaction. The Bonds have now been issued and secured against 254 North Terrace. This represents considerable savings in interest payment per year and moves us closer to

a balanced budget. The rolling \$300,000 odd yearly deficits are now a part of our sad financial history.

We continue to look for efficiencies in membership services by modernising office procedures and Lodge/Grand Secretariat administrative requirements. Information technology systems are being enhanced. Again, I thank you for your patience and cooperation. These positive changes have been a long time coming. Thank you to our Board of Management members, two Grand Secretaries, the Assistant Grand Master and all who have helped and are continuing to volunteer their services."

The Grand Master also advises that now the bonds had been issued, the refurbishment of 254 North Terrace had commenced. The Project Manager is RWBro Brenton Leitch PAGM who has now taken up office on the ground floor of the Grand Lodge.

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Appeal donations from our UK and New Caledonian brothers

The United Kingdom Masonic Charitable Foundation has donated \$150,000 to help people affected by the catastrophic and ongoing Australian bushfires. The donation will be given as three \$50,000 grants to the Australian Freemasons' Disaster Relief Funds in each of the three states most affected by the blaze - NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

The provincial Grand Master of New Caledonia Grande Loge Nationale Française, RWBro Christian Juvigny also represented his constituency in donating \$15,000 to bushfire appeals across Australia, with \$3,000 being sent to the appeals in each of the Australian Grand Lodges. RWBro Juvigny said "We decided to help you modestly by collecting from the

Brothers of the Lodges of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Calédonia and raised AUD\$ 15,000.

The representative for the Grand Lodge of the United Grand Lodge of England, Past Grand Master MW Bro David Fewster (pictured above left) was thrilled to present an additional donation of \$50,000 made by the United Grand Lodge of England to the the Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Neil Jensen, for the Grand Master's Drought and Bushfire Appeal. The expression of brotherly love and relief to the brethren and people affected in the catastrophic bushfires has been gratefully acknowledged.

MW Bro David Fewster used his meeting with MW Bro Dr Neil Jensen and other revered elder statesman, former Grand Master W Bro Lindsay Bowes AM (pictured above right) to learn of the many initiatives underway across Freemasons SA/NT. MWBro Jensen served as a Grand Deacon to MWBro Bowes and as Director of Community Relations to MWBro Fewster.

Festival tour volunteers required



Grand Lodge has been involved in the History Festival event for a number of years. Our involvement this year will be on May 1st, 2nd and 3 from 9am to 4pm each day with tours of the building and a museum display. In order to do this and give credit to our fraternity your assistance is needed. If you can help on all or any or part of a day it would assist the organisers to ensure that the visitors have a great experience.

Please contact the Grand Lodge office on 8223 1633 and give your contact details or email the same information to garypusey@hotmail.com

Silent auction and quiz night prizes sought for fundraiser

As Freemasons are brothers, so in effect family, a fundraiser is being planned to help Assistant Grand Director Darryl Jones, his wife and two daughters, all of whom required medical support.

On Saturday May 23 at Grand Lodge a Monster Silent Auction and Quiz Night will be held from 6pm. It will feature games with prizes, entertainment, drinks on sale and BYO supper.

The event is being organised by Mark Bates, Russ Mallyon and Ray Mack who would like to hear from those with items to donate for the silent auction. They are working under the banner "We are Family - Freemasons supporting Freemasons".

Those who can donate items can arrange delivery or collection with Mark on 0400 480 250, Russ on 0404 003 530 or Ray on 0418 815 2701. Tickets at \$15, of which \$5 will go to the Almoners Fund and include a raffle ticket, are already available for purchase by contacting the above.

Project team for Grand Lodge building refurbishment



The Grand Master's Task Force One has formed to oversee and manage the Grand Lodge building refurbishment. The Task Force will be actioning the comprehensive building report prepared by Andrew Klenke, Director of Swanbery Penglase architects. Pictured above at the first meeting of the Task Force are (from left) RWBro Ian McKenzie, Masonic Foundation Secretary RWBro Robert Clyne OAM, Project Manager RWBro Brenton Leitch, Grand Secretary VWBro Joe Marschall and Bro Brett Coshell.

PhD to examine Masonic influence on the Colony of SA



Bro. Henning Klövekorn has received a PhD candidature from Charles Darwin University to research Freemasonry, a first for our Jurisdiction.

The topic of his thesis will be 'Examining the influence of Freemasonry on the Colony of South Australia'.

"This will be a great impetus to reinforce our remarkable early history, which has been an integral part of forming the society we enjoy today", Mr Henning said. "I have already been supported by so many Freemasons in formulating the thesis proposal including

the Grand Director of Education, Tolun Savut, Grand Secretary Joe Marschall, Bro. Dr John Bruni, former Grand Master M.W Bro Stephen Michalak and many other Freemasons." A motion to congratulate and support Bro Klövekorn on this important work was tabled by Worshipful Master of Concordia Lodge Bro Aiden Beer-Sczesny on Friday December 13 and unanimously supported.

Grand Secretary Joe Marschall has indicated Grand Lodge will support the endeavour by granting access to the Freemasons Archive.

Henning extends his thanks to the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia and the Northern Territory for the tremendous support he has received.



MONSTER SILENT AUCTION & QUIZ NIGHT

6pm Saturday 23 May 2020
Grand Lodge, North Terrace, Adelaide

\$15

Novelty prizes!
Wear a novelty hat - male and female prizes.

Prizes for games, slide \$2 to bottle of whisky, etc. Tickets \$15 includes door prize ticket \$5 per ticket donation to the Almoners Fund. Remainder to Jones Family, a family in distress.

\$15

Bring supper to share. Drinks on sale. Entertainment.

**Donations to auction and tickets available from organisers
Mark Bates 0488 388 150, Russ Mallyon 0404 003 530 & Ray Mack 0418 815 278**

WE ARE FAMILY  **Freemasons supporting Freemasons**

Cornerstone of Scottish historical traditions celebrated



Top: St Andrews Lodge members and guests outside Grand Lodge ; Bottom from left: SW Bro Allan Thomas carries the haggis; Pipers on the marble staircase; Bro George Haig addresses the haggis. Photos: Michael Patene

St Andrews Lodge No. 19

On Tuesday 10 December 2019 the St Andrews Lodge No. 19 members held their annual Robbie Burns night to honour their long-held Scottish tradition stretching back to the issuance of their original warrant, number 555 of the Scottish Constitution.

During the preceding regular meeting, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Neil Jensen presented WBro Reginald Bodger with a five-year bar in recognition of his 65 years service to the craft. The lodge also observed silence for the recently passed W.Bro Malcolm Howie.

After the formalities, the Lodge convened in the foyer of North Terrace for the festive board. This was a very special occasion not only for the Lodge but for MWBro Jensen and Mrs Jensen as they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on this day.

VWBro Pusey invited MWBro. Jensen and Mrs Jensen to accompany him down the staircase to the awaiting congregation in the usual St Andrews manner. The Adelaide Highland Band played the Grand Master's favourite tune, Highland Cathedral, as they entered.

More than 70 guests including distinguished brethren, family, friends and prospective members attended. St Andrews Lodge

put on a wonderful spread including haggis, whisky and bubbly. The band entertained the guests throughout the evening and Bro George Haig performed the traditional haggis slaughter ceremony.

The night was a showcase to tradition and history encapsulated by Freemasonry. From long serving members being recognised for their service, departed brethren being honoured for theirs, the celebration of the sanctity of marriage and the friendly observance of the Scottish history -the cornerstone of the St Andrews Lodge.

WBro Gary Pusey

Masonic Charities first fundraiser

The Grand Master, Dr Neil Jensen and the Board of Masonic Charities invite you to its first fundraiser to raise funds for the Grand Master's Drought and Bushfire Relief Appeal. A Black Tie Cocktail Party will be held on Saturday the 21 March from 7pm at the Freemasons Hall, 254 North Terrace, Adelaide.

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Grand Master's Positive outlook for 2020 needs your support

Fundraising top priority in all areas

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The Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen emailed his "Positive New Year Message" to all Freemasons. Some points in that email are repeated here in brief because of their importance.

"Temple" update needs support

Unfortunately very few Lodges have made any voluntary contribution to the "beautification of the temple". This is a project with a budget separate from the refurbishment which centres on the requirement set out in the Dilapidation Report (brought about because, over a number of years, we neglected to maintain our building adequately). Thank you to the Lodges which have seen fit to donate money. We need not accept these buildings which present to the public as tired and old. After all, these are the buildings in which we meet, chat and learn to be positive men in society.

Emphasis on philanthropy and rhetoric

Philanthropy: The desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes.

The Masonic Charities Advisory Committee met for the first time on January 10. This represents exciting progress as we prosecute the area concept of philanthropy. One recommendation is already on the "tracing board" for the Masonic Charities Board's consideration at their meeting on Wednesday January 15.

The Directors of Masonic Charities, the Company Secretary and the Executive Assistant have prioritised their work by initially establishing a strong investment portfolio; next the distribution policy is being consolidated.

Attention will now be turned to fundraising – a requirement of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. This is a specialised field of endeavour. It will need its own budget. As a Director, I will anticipate an initial loss, as procedures are put in place, before ongoing success. This is not unusual as those experienced in formal fundraising at large company level are well aware.

Rhetoric: Language designed to have a persuasive or impressive effect.

The second of our arts and sciences referred to in the second degree comes to mind with fundraising: namely rhetoric. This science allows us to present our ideas in such order as to influence the judgement and sway the feelings of others. Your Directors, all experienced Freemasons, will be applying this science to develop a highly successful fundraising arm of Masonic Charities.

On your behalf, I extend my thanks to the Directors, Company Secretary and Executive Assistant for their devotion to the success of this company; again, all of the Directors work is pro bono (no cost).

Efficiency and cost effectiveness

Please support our teams to help our Organisation be more efficient; more cost effective; to modernise in keeping with

expectations in this era of rapid technological change; and expedient communication. Garry Holzer spoke at the Community Relations meeting on January 23 outlining the mind-blowing changes being worked out to improve communications throughout Grand Lodge and Freemasonry.

How many Lodges & Districts are needed?

Please start asking the difficult questions in your Lodges; do we need so many Lodges, and do we need so many Districts? As we have worked hard to turn our Organisation around, balance the books and refurbish North Terrace, we will now be stepping up our interest through you and your Lodges to develop a more positive image. However, to refurbish Lodge buildings costs money. The Lodges belong to you; the image belongs to Freemasonry in general. "The great oak was once a little acorn who held its ground". We can and we will.

Yours fraternally MWBro Dr Neil Jensen Grand Master

Care Committee update



Back Row: Bro Michel Patene, VWBro Bob Steart, VWBro Terry Halford, Chairman, VWRev Don Catford, RWBro Alan Price.
Front Row: Mrs. Raeleen Miller, widows representative., VWRev John Watson, Mrs. Audrey Watson, guest, Mrs. Annette Halford, scribe.
Absent: VWRev Brenton Daulby, VWBro Ray Nicholson, VWBro. Gordon Williams & WBro Maurice Easton.

The Care Committee had a very successful year with well attended meetings. We have had a few changes to the committee as VWBro John Tailby and VWBro Tony Scully retired after many years service and Michel Patane and VWBro Gordon Williams joined the committee.

The Grand Almoner Freemasons Fund has been well accepted with many brethren and Lodges supporting it. We hope to have the name Chairman of Care changed back to Grand Almoner at the April Communication. The name change has already been approved by the Board of Management. We have sent out many Get Well and condolence cards. Committee members visited sick brethren and attended funerals of deceased members.

I wish all our Brothers a happy and healthy new year.

VWBro Terence KM Halford

Quick response for urgent support for fire and drought victims



RWBro Rob Clyne OAM receiving a donation from Men in Black representatives (from left) JPG Tom Haig and Alex Martin, and (right) Will Harrison



MW Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen receiving a \$5000 donation from Southern Freemasons Inc , represented by (from left) Chairman RWBro. Richard Flashman AM PGJW, VWBro Eddie Belle and WBro Paul Watson LGR.



RWBro Robert Clyne OAM receiving a \$1500 donation raised by the social club of the Leonardi Da Vinci Lodge from Lodge representatives, Secretary RWBro Dario Priori (left) and WM Enrico Dall'Acqua (right).



The Grand Master MWBro Dr Neil Jensen receiving a donation from MW Bro Bill Jelfs, the MW Grand Supreme Ruler of Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor for SA, pictured with his wife, Ingrid, and RWBro Ray Nicholson, Grand Treasurer of the Order.

After launching the special Drought & Bushfire Relief Appeal, the Grand Master MWBro Dr Neil Jensen , announced that he will work in partnership with the Country Women's Association (SA) who have a close and direct relationship with those affected and most in need in rural communities.

The Grand Master expresses his gratitude to all individual Brethren and Lodges for their generous donation to the Grand Master's Drought Bushfire Appeal to date. The rapid and ongoing response has amply demonstrated a Freemason is one "whose heart is expanded by benevolence".

Money by donation is the primary focus of this appeal but the Grand Master is hopeful that, at this sad time for people and their communities, Freemasons across our great constitution will also show that a Freemason is "one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows, to whom the distressed may prefer their suit". Please let us talk reassuringly to as many as we can and show we really do care and recognise our duty to all mankind.

The Grand Master, through the Grand Superintendent, will call a meeting of the Masonic Charities Advisory Committee to proffer suggestions on area specific needs. He will also speak with the Chairmen of Masonic Charities and the Freemasons Foundation to request the charities add to the generous donations received from members.

Donations are still being accepted so if you are wishing to make a donation, either as cash, a cheque or EFT bank transfer, please use the details opposite. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Thank you for caring.



On behalf of Mark Master Masons ,Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of SA & NT, MWBro David Kitching presents a donation of \$2000 for the Appeal to Grand Master MWBro Dr Neil Jensen

Grand Master's Drought & Bushfire Relief Appeal

Donate by

EFT: The Freemasons Charity Fund
BSB: 015 010 ACC NO: 1101 11297

or

Cash/cheque/card: Freemasons Foundation
254 North Terrace
ADELAIDE 5000

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



FREEMASONS FOUNDATION



THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE
FREEMASONS FOUNDATION CENTRE FOR MEN'S HEALTH

Tell us what research is important to you

The FFCMH plans to canvas opinion from men on what health issues are important to them and where they think there should be a greater investment in research. To do this we will be inviting men who have signed up to our mensHealth Register to participate.

The Centre is keen to have as many Freemasons as possible, with emails, to participate in the survey, not only because of our partnership but also because of Freemasons close connections to your community.



Signing up to the mensHealth Register is easy. You may either complete the below and send it to the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health, Reply Paid 498, The University of Adelaide, SA 5005 or complete the on-line registration at adelaide.edu.au/menshealth/register

mensHealth Register Registration

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Post code: _____

Signature: _____

Sign to consent to be contacted by the Register about upcoming research projects

After your registration has been processed you will receive an email directing you to an optional health and lifestyle survey.

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

Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health
Ground Floor, 254 North Terrace, The University of Adelaide SA 5005

E: menshealth@adelaide.edu.au P: (08) 8313 0514

W: adelaide.edu.au/menshealth

National trial of free on-line exercise guide for men with advanced prostate cancer



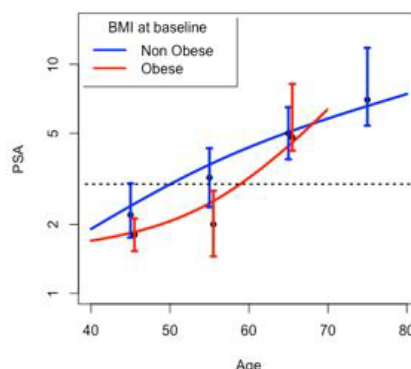
There is now strong evidence that supervised exercise not only reduces side effects of treatment, such as fatigue, but it also results in better survival of men being treated for advanced prostate cancer. Supervised, individually prescribed exercise for people with chronic conditions including cancer should only be provided by exercise physiologists, to ensure safety and effectiveness. The costs and lack of access to exercise physiology services are, however, barriers to uptake.

One of the remits of the FFCMH is to improve men's access to health services that meet their needs and preferences. FFCMH PhD candidate, Ms Holly Evans, who is a practicing exercise physiologist, is passionate about delivering exercise therapy to those who need it and she has developed a free on-line Exercise (prescription) Guide for men with advanced prostate cancer.

After three years in development, Holly and colleagues have, in January 2020, started recruiting men into a 12 month national clinical trial to formally evaluate their on-line Exercise Guide for safety, feasibility and effect. The prescribed exercise is tailored to the individual man, using inbuilt algorithms.

Obesity complicates prostate cancer risk test

Data from the MAILES study which is tracking the health of men living in the north-western suburbs of Adelaide has uncovered a new finding that may have implications for how prostate cancer risk is assessed.



Centre researchers from the population health and prostate cancer teams measured prostate specific antigen (PSA) levels in the blood of men who were normal weight and obese and found that obesity reduces PSA levels through dilution and hormonal effects. They modelled the data to conclude that there may be a delay of approximately four years before the cut-off PSA value used by GPs to suggest prostate cancer risk is reached. Cut-off values for assessing risk may need to be modified to consider the man's weight.



The First Fundraiser Masonic Charities

The Chairman, Mr John Behenna,
together with the Grand Master, Dr Neil Jensen
and the Board of Masonic Charities
invite you to attend a

Black Tie Cocktail Party

on Saturday 21 March at 7pm, Freemasons Hall, 254 North Tce, Adelaide

Masonic Charities was launched last year and this is the inaugural fundraising event designed to raise money for victims of the recent devastating drought and bushfires.

The evening will honour Freemasons who volunteered their services to help out the fire services and armed forces.

There will be music, food and refreshments.

A Freemason is recognised by the fact his heart is expanded by benevolence.

Tickets are \$75 and available by:
Ringing Sheralyn Holmes – 0439 883817
or
Online through EventBrite
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/90247210837>

All donations welcome

Masonic Charities
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Donations over \$2 are Tax Deductible

34th student scholarship awarded



From left: VWBro Graham Coulter, WBro Anthony Pahl OAM and WBro Brendon Watts of the Murray Bridge Combined Masonic Lodges with the Lodge's 34th scholarship recipient Brendon Watts, holding his certificate and cheque for \$4000.

Murray Bridge Combined Masonic Lodges

Since December 1985, the Murray Bridge Combined Masonic Lodges, which originally including Murray Bridge Lodge No 44, Lodge of Sincerity No 120 and Mypolonga Lodge No 121, have awarded an educational scholarship to a Year 12 student seeking to continue tertiary education.

The Freemason's Foundation, one of the charitable arms of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory, has matched, dollar for dollar, the amount donated by the Lodges. Since the inception of the Scholarship, this endeavour has seen more than \$40,000 awarded to Year 12 students in the Murray Bridge district.

Keeghan Davis of the Murray Bridge High School, one of several students of various schools in the district who applied, was awarded the 2019 (34th) Murray Bridge Combined Mason Lodges Scholarship.

Keeghan succeeded in achieving an outstanding Year 12 grade score and was accepted into Flinders University to undertake a degree in bioengineering, his first choice.

At a Christmas function at the Masonic Lodge Complex on Mulgundawa Road on December 21, 2019, Keeghan was presented with his Scholarship Certificate by WBro Brendan Watts, Master of The Murray Bridge United Lodge No 44, and the Scholarship cheque for \$4000 by WBro Anthony Pahl, OAM, Master of the Mypolonga Lodge No 121.

The ceremony, attended by Keegan's parents and siblings, and Freemasons and their families, was introduced by VWBro. Graham Coulter who has been the Scholarship Coordinator for 30 years.

A Christmas-themed buffet supper and karaoke session followed. Santa - accompanied by one of his longer-serving elves - made a surprise appearance with gifts for the younger attendees. During the evening, Keeghan unveiled the Scholarship Honour Board, which now includes his name.

Rainbow Girls' invitation to 90th anniversary

The Rainbow Girls organisation for girls from seven years old is providing an important requirement in the community - the importance of community service, understanding the needs of "others less fortunate than themselves" and personal development. At ceremonies they wear white dresses.

Pledge Group - 7 to 10-year-olds meet once a month for short ceremonies and participate in community service projects, fundraising and social activities organised by the older girls.

The Rainbow Girls - 10 to 20 years have more ceremonies in which they are encouraged to memorise their part thus assisting them with public speaking and confidence. The ritual for all these ceremonies is similar to Masonic ceremonies .

Rainbow Girls meet once a month and attend the Pledge meetings to assist younger members and build rapport. Meetings have been held at the Hawthorn Masonic Centre for almost 46 years and visitors are welcome to check out the historic lodge room on the first and third Fridays at 7.30pm.

Rainbow Girls Community Service projects include supporting the Puddle Jumpers, "a non-profit, non-government organisation responding to the social development needs of society's most vulnerable children and young people. We believe all kids matter and deserve the right to engage in happy and fun experiences in their life." They are currently raising funds for the Worthy Advisor's service project for Parkinson's Australia..



The Rainbow Girls Christmas meeting at which items were donated to Puddle Jumpers.

Your opportunity to be involved

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls will be celebrating 90 years of activity at a special meeting on Saturday May 16 at Grand Lodge and extends an invitation to Freemasons, their families and friends to attend.

The girls will present a history of Rainbow in Australia at 2.30pm followed by dinner and entertainment organised by the girls. On Monday May 18 the Eastern Star, members over 18, will hold an Open Installation at Broadview Masonic Centre at 6.30pm.

RSVP: rainbowgirlsoz90@gmail.com to register for the event.



Christmas hampers and free community breakfasts in the Port



From left: VWBro David Morrison-Evans of Adelaide Lodge at Seaton Aged Care Facility; hampers being delivered to the Smith Family at North Haven; and a hamper delivered to a family at Westport Primary School, Semaphore Park.

Adelaide Lodge No. 2

Christmas community service undertaken at Adelaide Lodge No. 2, started at least 12 years ago, continued in 2019. It entails distributing Christmas hampers to needy families and serving free breakfasts in the Lodge's annexe on Christmas Day. The breakfasts are prepared by courtesy of Nana's Free Food Basket which is open every Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm at Bower Cottages, Port Adelaide.

The 10 food hampers were distributed with thanks to Mrs

Balaglou, one of the 16 Lodge widows who receive the lodge's newsletters, Tales of Two, edited by Trevor Molde.

In response, she and others have donated money to the Lodge's charity account which they need not but which is received with much gratitude. Mrs Balaglou said: "Of all the organisations my husband was a member of yours is the only which has remembered me." Last year she donated \$500 and she did the same this year..

Hearing, the key to good communication

Brethren: We regularly sit, work and perform charitable works together. One of the key resources we possess is the ability to communicate effectively and engage with each other.

Our ability to truly understand each other exists in successfully conveying or sharing our thoughts, ideas and feelings. When we cannot communicate efficiently due to hearing problems we often run the risk of social frustration and losing the deep connections we make.

In brief, hearing loss is a "social loss" with reported effects of mild hearing loss impacting our quality of life creating emotional reactions such as isolation, anxiety and embarrassment.

This leads to behavioral reactions, such as bluffing, blaming and withdrawing and finally, cognitive reactions, such as confusion, difficulty focusing and decreased self-esteem.

Hearing is the "key" sense to maintain our connections with each other. Hearing loss is treatable and I encourage those who suffer to seek assistance. For those who watch others struggle to hear and engage, please encourage your brothers to seek help and become part of the conversation again.

- Bro Simon Close

Reference: Ciorba A, Benatti A, Bianchini C, et al. High frequency hearing loss in the elderly: effect of age and noise exposure in an Italian group. J Laryngol Otol. 2011;125(8):776-780

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Defibrillator donated to RSB



MWBro Richard Flashman AM of the Southern Freemasons Inc. presents a defibrillator to Royal Society for the Blind CEO Robert Dempsey (left).

Southern Freemasons Inc.

Robert Dempsey, CEO of the Royal Society for the Blind, has received a defibrillator for the society's Noarlunga offices from the Southern Freemasons Inc.

In accepting the donation from the Chairman Richard Flashman, Robert related a recent incident in which at a hotel he witnessed a man having a heart attack. He acted promptly and assisted off-duty medical personnel in applying CPR to the patient.

An ambulance was called and paramedics arrived about 20 minutes later who found the patient was not responding.

The paramedics applied a defibrillator and the patient was transported to hospital. The outcome remains unknown.

In welcoming the donation, Robert commented that if the hotel had a defibrillator any other heart attack patient would have had a much improved chance of a quicker recovery.

The unit is available for the Society's staff, clients and visitors as well as the Freemasons whose Lodges meet at Noarlunga.

Robert then visited the lodge room accompanied Richard who explained the room's features and the historic basis of Freemasonry.

Editorial Note: The Grand Master is encouraging fundraising for various projects such as the Drought and Busfire Relief Appeal and the Grand Lodge building refurbishment. Please share the information about your fundraisers with other Lodges by providing The Communicator with details.

Inspirational recipient of Top End Freemasons scholarship

One could be forgiven for thinking Ashlee Guerin, who was awarded the Top End Freemasons Scholarship in memory of Tom Usher for 2019, is a modern Superwoman. In 2019 Ashlee:

- completed her final year of a Bachelor of Midwifery degree;
- given birth to her second son Harrison;
- was President of the Student Midwives in Darwin played a pivotal role in running a fundraising midwifery forum in support of the midwives of Bali;
- continued to run her business, Ashlee Crystal Photography, which specialises in maternity and newborn photography;
- was recognised by Charles Darwin University with the Award for Outstanding Clinical Performance for Midwifery (Undergraduate);
- and of course – received the Top End Freemasons Scholarship.

Ashlee will start her 'grad-year' at Royal Darwin Hospital in 2020 and aims to continue working in the Northern Territory in the field of high risk maternity care and with midwifery for women from remote Territory communities.

"Ashlee has demonstrated inspirational commitment to her studies, her family



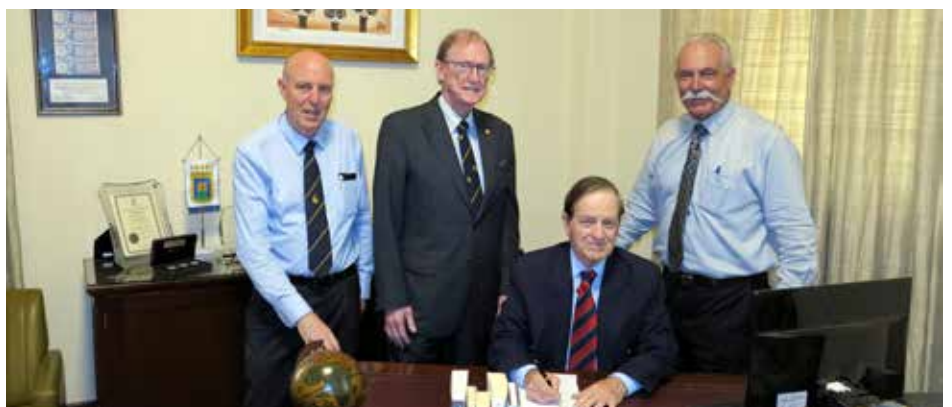
RWBro Hallenstein with Ashlee Guerin, partner Gerard and baby Harrison

and to the community in general," RWBRO Colin Hallenstein, scholarship co-ordinator in the Top End, said. "She is proof of the adage that people with goals succeed because they know where they are going. The \$1000 scholarship is provided each year through the Freemasons Foundation to a student at Charles Darwin University.

Ashlee said "The scholarship from the Freemasons has been a blessing for me this year. It is particularly beneficial during the 17 weeks of placements with no pay".

With so many balls in the air, she relies on the support of her partner Gerard, who is completing an apprenticeship in locksmithing, as well of her father and eight siblings!

Progress towards new Centre agreement



The Masonic Charities is pleased to announce that progress has been made in negotiations with the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute and major Universities across the South Australian and Northern Territory jurisdiction for a new look men's health research partnership. These Universities include its existing long-standing partner the University of Adelaide, and the Menzies Institute in Darwin (incorporating Charles Darwin University). The Chairman of the Masonic Charities, RWBRO John Behenna, accompanied by (left to right above) Board of Directors RWBRO Robert Clyne OAM, the Grand Master MWBRO Dr Neil Jensen and VWBRO Jow lenco OAM have signed a Heads of Agreement to proceed with negotiations to formalise the partnerships.

Visitor was led towards Freemasonry from a very young age

Mr Manzar Naqvi was a guest of the Hyde Park Banker's Lodge on January 16. He penned a letter to MWBro Robert Clyne OAM following, outlining what led him towards Freemasonry. We share this with you.

I am an outcome of various influences from the people who raised me, people whom I stayed with, the society I grew in and the learning I received in various cultures across the world.

As I started expanding my horizon of learning, I made sure to have two very strong principles; sticking with my ethics and morals of life.

The first principle of my life is being honest to myself. I believe if one is truthful and honest to himself, he always takes care of his opinions and matters of life. If one is honest to himself, he respects and takes responsibility for his own decisions and it is only if I believe in myself I could be honest to others and be moral and ethical to the world around.

My second principle in life is to surround myself with like minded people. George Washington once said, "I want to associate myself with good people". I believe one absorbs the energies from the people he spends time with.

I always like to be with pure souls who have strong moral and ethical standards in life and this is the reason why I always made sure to involve myself with those who value the greater good for humanity. This is the prime reason why I was attracted to Freemasons.

I always sought excellence to better myself throughout my life and I believe there is no other organisation on the planet which could carve and chisel my personality better than the Freemasons.

My quest for this affiliation with people of the highest moral and ethical standard is not new. I was first exposed to the Freemason brotherhood almost 15 years ago when I was living in New Jersey, USA.

There was a fascinating structure/compound right at the corner of my house and I used to see well-dressed men visiting it every fortnight. I was always so impressed with their warmth while meeting each other regardless of any racial, political, religious etc. biases. Then, during the nationwide catastrophe



of Hurricane Katrina, I saw those good men working days and nights collecting charities and organizing fundraisers for the hurricane survivors.

This increased my interest and I volunteered for the services where I was first exposed to the global brotherhood and their rightful principles. I adored and sometimes envied their passion, selflessness and the connection they enjoyed among them. This incident encouraged me to study the brotherhood more closely and, during my research, I

found how these impressive group of fine gentlemen are generously helping the needy all across the globe.

After 15 years when I finally decided to settle in a city (Adelaide), once and for all, the first thing I did was to contact the central lodge to bestow me the honour to serve the brotherhood.

Since my quest was true, the Master Mason of the Universe conspired me to meet Brother David Lane and Brother Gary Le Rossignol who graciously invited me to the Hyde Park Banker's Lodge to meet other fellow Masons and to know the organization from its core.

Prior to moving to Adelaide, Manzar was a Digital Marketing Communications Strategist for 18 years. In this role he worked with many global brands and organisations to develop strategic marketing and communications campaigns, creative ideas and content.

Meritorious Service Award



We congratulate WBro Graeme Evans from the Hyde Park Bankers Lodge No. 193 on receiving The Meritorious Service Award on 16 January. The Grand Master MWBro Dr Neil Jensen presented the Award that recognised many years of outstanding service to the Lodge.

Also present for the Award were RWBro Gary Le Rossignol (left above) and RWBro Robert Clyne OAM, Assistant Grand Master.



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Nov 19	Edward Richard LUCAS	Mt Gambier Lodge No. 35
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Dec 16	Maxwell Kenneth BRODIE	Enfield Lodge No. 145 Aurora Australis Lodge No. 245
Dec 22	Stanley Bruce PITT OAM	Salisbury Lodge No. 126

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