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Communication - The name of the game

Options outlined for future of iconic heritage-listed Grand Lodge



The historic Grand Lodge Freemasons Hall building on North Terrace. Photo: Marek Lambert

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When I walk in through the doors of Grand Lodge from North Terrace and look along the tessellated flooring and up to where the stairs turn inviting you to join your brethren in the lodge rooms above, I often pause to take in the beauty of Freemasons Hall. I can not help but think how many have gone before and how many may walk those halls in future.

There can be no denying the run-down state of the Freemasons Hall that was noted in the April 2018 specially commissioned Dilapidation Report, prepared by a Heritage Architect. It estimated an immediate expenditure of just short of eight million dollars to make safe the northern building housing the Hall of Fame and the southern building containing the Great Hall and the Sam Jacobs Room. This revelation was attributed to 26 years of inappropriate maintenance and neglect. Real estate in such a state is not marketable unless by "fire sale".

Action was immediately initiated which resulted in the issue of bonds to pay out a \$2.25 million dollar bank debt (the bank was knocking on the door); to make operational AF&AM Nominees Pty Ltd the trustee of the Freemasons Hall Trust established on 19 May 2010; issue bonds; form the Grand Master's Task Force One to prioritise and get on with the work; and have AF&AM Nominees Pty Ltd prepare professionally researched options for presentation to all Freemasons in SA & the NT to consider.

This document discusses those options.

Land is obviously a valuable commodity. They aren't making any more of it, especially not in the Adelaide CBD. The location of the Freemasons Hall is perfectly situated across from the University; within reach of the Wine Centre; Adelaide Botanic Gardens; Lot Fourteen which will become home to the new Australian Space Agency; the Australian Institute for Machine Learning; Stone and Chalk Adelaide as well as the Aboriginal Art and Cultures Centre.

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Should we have a presence in Adelaide City or should we move out of the city?

This letter is to all Master Masons; options will be clear cut; members should dominate this discussion not the Lodges. We are taught we are all equal in Freemasonry and must respect that.

This is what the options will set out; the Brethren will then make their own decision. We are looking here at an iconic presence on an iconic boulevard in an iconic city. As a review of the organisation has proved, the benefits of liquid assets never seemed to be uppermost in the minds of many previous administrations; if they had, bearing in mind the enormous membership we had until the mid fifties, we could be flushed with liquid assets.

The task of AF&AM Nominees Pty Ltd as trustee of the Freemasons Hall Trust is to explore the economic viability of each of the three options. We are searching for tenants for the existing building and ways to increase our income from the site and, despite the COVID - 19 virus world pandemic, we have options at this time. We are seeking offers from the market to purchase the whole or part of the site; additionally, we are looking for partners to construct a building on the rear two thirds of the site.

There are a number of reports which need to be prepared before we can have a meaningful discussion with the market. We need engineering, planning, aviation and heritage reports before we can proceed.

As these reports become available they will be released to you and also the market. A public tender process will then occur to judge whether there are parties interested in purchasing the site or working with us to develop the site.

At the close of the public tender, a report will be prepared containing everything we have learnt and it will be put to you, the brethren, for a decision. The Grand Master will be requested to call a Special Communication to discuss the report and the road ahead where every brother may attend and have input into the choice. Following that meeting we will then hold a postal vote where we will each have one vote to decide how we are to proceed. Equity and access for all Master Masons are important in this decision making.

I see a bright future for Freemasonry, a discovered foundation of humankind and it will always remain as such. Like the Freemasons Hall, through constant wear, Freemasonry needs investment and refurbishment. I am excited by the task ahead and we will be strengthened by the opportunity to work together to build our future. I ask that you put your shoulder to the task. I ask you to use your unique experiences to help make the right choice for our future.

Most of all I ask you to see our best potential and make it a reality. We must live life forwards. Let's begin.

VWBro Henry Davis, Grand Registrar,
Chairman A.F. & A.M. Nominees Pty Ltd Trustee
to the Freemasons Hall Trust





Vale Past Grand Master MWBro Lindsay Bowes AM



On Thursday 13 August 2020 MWBro Lindsay Burton Bowes AM passed away peacefully just short of his 99th birthday. MWBro Bowes was Grand Master of the Freemasons of South Australia and the Northern Territory from 1988 to 1991. He was a remarkable gentleman who commanded respect in all company.

I first met Lindsay at a Lodge meeting when he was Grand Master. He was accompanied by the man whom he had

invited to be Deputy Grand Master, MWBro Don Alexander AM PGM. My office in his ceremonial team was that of Junior Grand Deacon. His leadership exuded competence; he was very organised, purposeful, quietly encouraging, yet authoritative. He had served in the Army in the 2nd AIF in World War 2 and reflected the self-disciplined approach of the soldier during ceremonial duties.

MWBro Bowes was a very senior leader in the public service and was the architect of Work Cover. He brought his administrative and leadership abilities to Freemasonry. During his term as Grand Master, he applied his organisational skills to great effect in our ancient fraternity.

We were thrilled, last year, to have him attend the launch of Masonic Charities, our major philanthropic arm of Freemasonry, as one of our distinguished guests.

MWBro Lindsay Bowes epitomized Freemasonry: he rose to eminence by merit; he lived respected and dies regretted.

Vale to a Brother whom every Freemason who had the privilege to know him, respected him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this period of great loss.

MWBro Dr Neil Jensen
Grand Master

Revised By-Laws presented at Darwin Lodge of Remembrance



RWBro Rob Clyne OAM PAGM and his wife Leonie travelled to Darwin to be with the new Junior Grand Warden RWBro The Hon Dave Tollner as he conducted his first Installation.

This special event was in his own Lodge as he Installed Bro Steven Doherty into the Chair as Master of Darwin Lodge of Remembrance No 182. It was a wonderful celebration of Freemasonry and RWBro Tollner, ably assisted by a GL Installing Team led by WBro Gene Truran as the AGDC, gave a memorable performance. RWBro Clyne said it was a privilege to be present and he appreciate being invited to deliver the Address to the Master.

Bro Clyne also used the occasion to present the Lodge with its revised By-Laws. He also presented WBro Doherty and the Installing Officer with a new Grand Lodge tie on behalf of Masonic Charities and RWBro Les Moody PAGM with an AGM's neck jewel on behalf of the Grand Master MWBro Dr Neil Jensen.

Pictured above with RWBro Clyne OAM PAGM displaying the new By-Laws is the Installing Officer RWBro Dave Tollner JGW, the new WM WBro Steven Doherty and members of Darwin Lodge of Remembrance.

Duties there are imposed upon the present by the past and not be forgone



The Grand Master at the wall of remembrance, Grand Lodge

Lest we forget: VP Day message from the Grand Master
On Saturday August 15 we witnessed a very moving ceremony to commemorate the anniversary of VP Day (Victory in the Pacific 75 years ago) in the War Memorial in Canberra.

I was reminded of the sacrifices made by so many gallant women and men who placed their lives on the line to defend the freedom which we enjoy.

More than 700 Freemasons from this constitution served in World War 1 and almost 10% of them were killed in action or died from wounds. Freemasons contributed to the war effort in other tangible ways: "One hundred pounds to the Belgium Relief Fund; one hundred pounds to the Grand Lodge of France to help distressed families; and a donation of an

ambulance to the "Military Authorities in England".

It has been written that this war had a profound effect on Freemasonry.

"These effects were reflected in a closer and deeper feeling of dependence on each other, a greater desire to continue to serve the community at large and a more comprehensive understanding of the basic teaching of the Craft and of the principles on which the Institution is founded": A History of Craft Masonry in South Australia.

We have, of recent time, been catalysed by these great men to get going and show the world we are worthy custodians of their great ideals. We have awakened and modernised; we have begun to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing society; its values, its interests and its need for instant communication; we have broadened our philanthropy, not only geographically, but also philosophically.

We consider the long view through research, healthier futures for children, and discussion on ethics; we address the short view by provision of resource for fire proofing South Australia, provision of buses and aged care beds, helping new settlers integrate, and training 6,000 people in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. All this is over and above the charity work of individual Lodges.

The ceremony on August 15 not only reminded me of the end of the suffering of World War 11 in the Pacific but also the inscription on the Memorial Tablet in our Hall of Fame:

"Duties there are imposed upon the present by the past and not be forgone".

MWBro Dr Neil Jensen

GM's bushfire appeal to support prevention

A strategic review to decide on the allocation of the funds donated to the Grand Master's Bushfire Appeal towards helping fireproofing South Australia is being undertaken by CFS Chief Executive Officer, Mark Jones, and Director of Operational Infrastructure and Logistics, Mr Lee Watson.

The review follows discussions earlier this year with the CFS representatives of the Board of Management of the Freemasons SA & NT and the Masonic Charities.

Grand Master MWBro Dr Neil Jensen expresses his sincere thanks for the donations from all individuals and organisations throughout Australian and international jurisdictions with special note for the support given by brothers in Freemasonry, namely:

- the United Grand Lodge of England - \$50,000
- the Grand Lodge of New Zealand - \$6000
- the Grand Lodge of New Caledonia - \$3000
- the Supreme Council 33rd Degree of NMJ, USA - \$15,900
- the Grand Lodge of Denmark - \$6,600
- the Southern Freemasons - \$5000.

Lodge of Research resurfacing

A number of Master Masons wishing to study the core principles of Freemasonry are working towards re-establishing the SA Lodge of Research.

Spokesman Bro Alan Wright said: "We have a planned approach, ritual and research plus visits, when we are able to, of interstate and overseas lecturers, with a working program that will interest all who wish to study and give their own views on many Masonic subjects."

Those sincerely interested in becoming a member of the Lodge are welcome to contact Bro Alan Wright at: acwrightis@outlook.com or Bro Henning Klovekorn at henning@klovekorn.com.





Grand Master updates matters under consideration

The Board of Management of AF & AM Inc met on August 5 to consider various matters brought to my attention.

Results:

- The choreography of our three Degrees and Installations has been amended during the period of the COVID-19 virus world pandemic to permit work to begin again within the respective Government guidelines. The Grand Secretariat will communicate the changes.
- The two nominees for Grand Master - David Booker and Robert Clyne - have submitted a one page policy statement which every Master Mason will have received.
- We continue to address rapid communication with on-line up-to-date facilities.
- The October Conference and Communication will be streamed on-line with electronic voting and no proxies other than at the conference by Lodge representatives. Postal voting will be available for those not on-line.
- At this stage about 4% of the membership decides outcomes on important issues. This is not consistent with equity and access in the modern era. Also, current Government restrictions continue to make it impossible to invite an unrestricted number to attend in person for a Communication. We must go on-line for the benefit of all.
- Future Boards of Management will need to ensure a debate around more permanent changes when the COVID-19 virus world pandemic is over.
- The 1300 (one three hundred) Freemasons phone number has been registered to facilitate a more efficient new phone system. The Grand View data base is being installed to give accurate and almost instant data response; and office procedures continue to be streamlined. These economies and efficiencies were long overdue.
- The MMXXI Membership Promotion launched on 1 June 2020, with ability to apply on-line and other IT initiatives, has resulted in Freemasonry SA & NT being on the cusp of a 4.5 % net increase, better than anywhere in the world as I understand it. This enthusiasm is spread across many areas, not just the city. Well done everyone. Please remember this promotion complements the work of Lodges AND it is the responsibility of each Lodge to ensure meetings are interesting and members stay active.
- I conducted a second Communication to invest the Junior Officers and Stewards within restrictions;
- Hosted a Bastille Day Celebration - SA&NT has a close association with the Grand Lodge of France since the time of the first World War. Our representative is PRWBro Ray Nicholson OS;
- Chaired Freemasons Centre for Male Health and Well Being Ltd board meeting with Professors Smith (Darwin), Wesselingh (SAHMRI) and Wittert (Adelaide University);
- Visited Ardrossan on 24 July to present a cheque for \$40,000 for two bed licenses so aged care residents can remain in the area when older and infirmed; and visited

the beautiful Ardrossan Lodge room;

- Facilitated discussions on Ethics (morality - the definition of Freemasonry) with relevant bodies;
- Attended discussions on the shared Masonic services rather than have three silos in the same building;
- Attended discussions with the Hon John Dawkins, Advocate for Suicide Prevention and advisor to the Premier;
- Took part in online conference of the content and user group for the development of the Freemasons online self-help mental health tool. Four people committed suicide in the past hour.
- Prepared matters relevant to AF&AM Nominees Pty Ltd, 254 North Terrace, and Moonta buildings and Masonic Charities Pty Ltd (philanthropy);
- Discussed media and promotional activities and attended to daily routine duties

As I contemplate this devastating Covid-19 world pandemic and come to the last eight months of a 59- year journey of self-discovery in Freemasonry, I am reminded of the following quotes:

What we have to learn to do, we learn by doing - Aristotle,
Greek philosopher

Study the past if you would divine the future - Confucius,
Chinese philosopher

Even God cannot change the past - Agathon, Athenian poet/
playwright

Freemasonry: the oldest and greatest fraternity. We invest in
people - United Grand Lodge of England.

MWBro Dr Neil Jensen
Grand Master

Board of Management honours for Grand Master

At the August meeting the Board of Management congratulated Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen on two motions moved by the Deputy Grand Master RWBro Malcolm Schluter. The first being to honour Dr Jensen on being awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners for his devoted service to the College over many years.

The second motion was "That the Board congratulates the Most Worshipful Grand Master and commends him for the many initiatives which are driving us forward and which are now being reflected at so many levels and importantly that critical area of a revival in interest and membership at a level unheard of anywhere else in the world".

Technology updated with Ten Gigabit Adelaide’s 10Gbps data



Upgrading of safety switches and lighting and the installation of the 10 Gig backbone fibre for the Grand Lodge building are (from left) Matthew Heaven, Director, Clean Power Electrical Group; Ryan Mann, Freemason & Sales & Business Development Manager, Clean Power Electrical Group, and Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen.

A fast internet, which is both reliable and secure, is currently being rolled out throughout Grand Lodge.

The building was recently connected to Ten Gigabit Adelaide, a revolutionary high-speed, high-performance fibre optic data network. Work is currently being undertaken by the Clean Power Electrical Group to ensure the fibre optic cabling is made available to all Masonic offices.

This network will enable any business located in the building to share and receive high volumes of data at phenomenal data speeds.

The transformational network will also unleash a wide range of new possibilities for any business wishing to lease office space within the building, providing a distinct competitive edge over businesses that are not connected to the network.

Bastille Day surprise conferment for French representative



Past Junior Grand Warden PRWBro Ray Nicholson OS (second left) with (from left) RWBro Malcolm Schluter, Grand Master MWBro Dr Neil Jensen, RWBro Robert Clyne OAM, and RWBro Gary LeRossignol

Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen had a surprise in store for VWBro Ray Nicholson, the representative of this Grand Lodge for the Grand Lodge of France, at a Bastille Day reception at Masonic Charities.

Dr Jensen conferred on Ray the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden

for his valued contribution to Freemasonry at many levels.

Speaking his first greetings in both French and English he said: “Today is a significant day. In France it is Bastille Day, the 14th of July. It is significant because it is the day of national celebration in France.. “I would especially like to welcome Mr Ray Nicholson and his wife Mrs Jocelyn Nicholson. Ray is the representative of the Grand Lodge of France at this location.”

Dr Jensen addressed Ray: “Please convey to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of France my fraternal greetings. Our two countries have enjoyed a long relationship of mutual support and recognition. Today is another example of that as we come together to enjoy this special celebration.

“Many of you will know the words, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity are the national motto of France. They come from the time of the French Revolution when the people of France were forging their identity.

These words resonate with Freemasons throughout the world and mark a common bond so I ask that we toast Freemasonry around the world with the common bond: liberté, égalité et fraternité.”



Report from the Grand Master's Task Force One



RWBro Brenton Leitch (pictured above) advises that the Task Force One team continues its work on building maintenance. A recent building report concluded "The building is in good condition given its age and history of limited maintenance, there are a number of issues of concern and areas long overdue for maintenance and upgrade".

Initial attention of the Task Force has been on Governance matters and matching the building condition report line items to budget lines, developing reporting structure, and setting up authorities and processes for undertaking work. Some of this work requires the services of a heritage architect to guide us through the heritage building approval system and in sourcing grant funds to finance some of the planned work.

The highest priority though has been addressing urgent safety issues (including the recently completed ventilation box on the South wall).

The Grand Superintendent of Works RWBro Iain McKenzie takes a keen interest in the Masonic Buildings throughout

the state including Freemasons Hall on North Terrace and is on the Task Force One team. In this role Iain (pictured below) has initiated improvements to the switch boards, investigated storm water management on the site as well as reviewed of the fire safety systems in the building.

In addition the Task Force One team has delineated the work needed to repair and improve the appearance of the North Terrace building. This work includes repairing the damaged render, repairing drains and down pipes as well as cleaning the grime from the building, and resealing the membrane floors of the balconies and flat roofs.

Preliminary trials have been completed to identify the render mix, and the best solution to wash the grime off the render and the material options available, to seal the membrane floors.

The next stage of this project is to call for tenders and then appoint the prime contractor for the external work.



New fraternal tie as Masonic Charities fundraiser



A new fraternal tie, featuring the new Freemasons SA & NT logo, is available for purchase for a Masonic Charities fundraiser.

The tie design incorporates the belt that is etched into the glass doors leading into the Grand Lodge Building on North Terrace, Adelaide.

The ties, made with quality fabric, are \$40.00 each .

Proceeds of sales will go towards the charitable support of organisations across SA and NT.

The ties are available for purchase at the Masonic Charities Trust office on Level 1 of the Grand Lodge Freemasons Building on North Terrace. Alternatively, orders can be made by contacting the Masonic Charities Fundraising and Brand's Ambassador, Ms Kerrell Shelton by email at:

kerrell.shelton@masoniccharities.org.au

or phone on Mobile: 0428 326 661.



Update from the FCMHW est 2020

The Centre has now signed off on all agreements between the founding research partners: the Masonic Charities, the University of Adelaide, the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute and the Menzies School of Health Research (NT). Discussions are underway with other potential partners. In August, the FCMHW Ltd, the entity established to manage and support the partnerships and govern the administration of research funding and key performance reporting, was endorsed as a deductible gift recipient charity. With the first year of funding having now been allocated to Menzies School of Health Research, the FCMHW (NT Division) is now operational. The Division has appointed Anthony Merlino as a Research Assistant, Jahdai Vigona is the Centre's

Research partners



first Indigenous Trainee to start shortly, and on the 21 August, interviews were held to appoint the first FCMHW NT Division Research Fellow.

The inaugural FCMHW PhD supplementary scholarship has been awarded and leading research from Centre members has received media attention. Over the coming months there will be a transition of affiliation reported in the media and in scientific forums from the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health to the Freemasons Centre for Male Health and Wellbeing. An official announcement and launch of the new Centre is pending lifting of current COVID-19 restrictions.

Dr Neil Jensen, Chairman
Board of Directors, FCMHW Ltd

First FCMHW PhD Scholarship awarded to Alex Brae



The Centre is pleased to announce that the inaugural PhD supplementary scholarship award recipient is Mr Alex Brae from the University of Adelaide.

Alex completed his Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Honours) Degree in psychology and neuroscience in 2018 at Flinders University. He received a Research Training Award from the Commonwealth Government to undertake a PhD in male health help seeking at the University of Adelaide in 2020. The FCMHW SA Division has awarded Alex a supplementary scholarship to support his studies. His supervisors are Professor Deborah Turnbull (Uni of Adelaide) and Dr Ian Zajac (CSIRO).

Alex's interest is in the field of evolutionary psychology, and specifically signalling theory, used to describe and analyse animal communication. He aims to use a signalling theory framework to investigate male help-seeking behaviour from the perspective of both the signaller and the signal receiver. He is particularly interested in the signal receivers response, particularly that of medical and mental health professionals. Alex's goal is to improve health services to better pick up on and intervene when there are signals of distress by males.

Centre's research features in Daffodil Day promotion



The latest published research by Cancer Council SA Senior Research Fellow Professor Lisa Butler (pictured above with Dr Zeyad Nassar) was recently profiled by the Cancer Council to help promote Daffodil Day on 28 August, and published in the Advertiser. Lisa leads the Centre's prostate cancer research program based at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute and the University of Adelaide.

Lisa's research has found that prostate cancer cells can be stopped in their tracks by targeting the fats they rely on as fuel. The fats can either be taken up through our diet or be generated in the cancer cells themselves. The laboratory studies recently published in *Molecular Cancer Research* and *eLife* have shown that depriving cells of the enzyme, called *DEC1* responsible for regulating the quantity of fat they need to survive, causes them to overload and die.

Lisa's teams research provides the ground-breaking opportunity to take drugs that are used to block fat metabolism, already used for conditions such as angina, and repurpose them for prostate cancer treatment. It is hoped that clinical trials will soon be undertaken which may lead to the use of these drugs for the treatment of prostate cancer.

Recent scientific contributions led by Centre

Publications in scientific literature (author, title, journal)

- Prof James Smith et al. Fostering transnational research partnerships to advance men's health. In: The American Journal of Mens Health. July-Aug 2020.
- Prof James Smith et al. Dudes are meant to be tough as nails': The complex nexus between masculinities, culture and health literacy from the perspective of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males - Implications for policy and practice. In: The American Journal of Men's Health. May-June 2020.
- Ms Layla Bunjo et al. Sleep duration moderates the relationship between perceived work-life interference and depressive symptoms in Australian men and women from the North West Adelaide Health Study. In: International Journal of Behavioural Medicine. 2020.
- Dr Zeyad Nassar et al. Caveola-forming proteins and prostate cancer. In: Cancer Metastasis Reviews. June 2020.
- Ms Phoebe Drioli-Phillips et al. 'I feel abused by my own mind': Themes of control in men's online accounts of living with anxiety. In: Qualitative Health Research. July 2020.
- Profs Gary Wittert and Rob McLachlan. Editorial: Covid-19: Spiking a focus on men's health. In: Obesity Research and Clinical Practice. Jul-Aug 2020.
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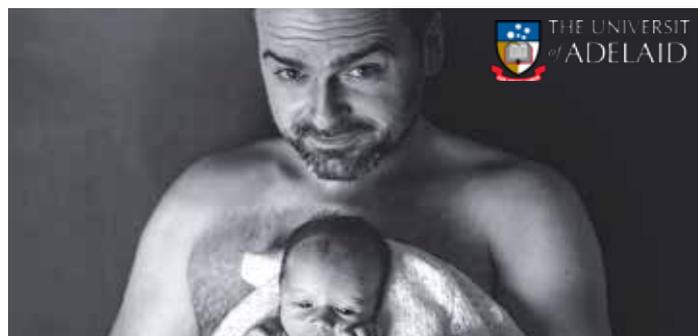
- Prof Gary Wittert: COVID-19 deaths more common in men due to health system imbalance. The Advertiser. Aug 19, 2020
- Prof Lisa Butler: Big fat solution to beat prostate cancer from SAHMRI researchers. The Advertiser. Aug 24, 2020.
- Professor Gary Wittert. Mornings with Leon Compton. Hobart ABC 'It's a marker of bad health': Why testosterone levels don't just go down with age. 6 Aug 2020.

Awards

- Ms Rianne de Heus, the 2020 FCMHW Visiting Research Fellow, received an award from the Hypertension, the official journal of the American Heart Association, for her paper 'Blood pressure variability and progression of clinical Alzheimer disease', in July 2020. Her research paper was selected as one of the top papers for 2019 in the category of clinical science. Co-authors on the article were Rianne's supervisors including FCMHW Research Fellow, Dr Phillip Tully and Prof Jurgen Claassen, from Radboud University Medical Center, the Netherlands.



Men aged 18-45 years needed for fertility study



The Freemasons Centre for Male Health and Wellbeing is seeking healthy men aged 18-45 years, living in Adelaide, to assist in a study aimed at improving sperm and fertility screening for men. Men will be required to provide a semen sample on up to 4 occasions over 6 months, undergo a finger-prick blood test and complete a healthy lifestyle survey. A fertility test result will be provided free of charge with the first sample and men will receive a \$30 Coles Myer Card for subsequent donations.

To participate or receive more information about the study, please email menshealth@adelaide.edu.au or ring and leave your contact details at 8313 0514 and a member of the research team will contact you.

Healthy men aged 18-70 years sought to develop blood test



UniSA researchers are developing a test that may be used in the diagnosis of different cancers. To do this, they are asking healthy males, aged 18-70 years, who are non-smokers with no known cancer or blood diseases to help them by donating 10ml blood at the UniSA Clinical Trial Facility (North Terrace, Adelaide). Donors will receive a \$20 payment.

To participate or receive more information about the study phone 8302 2097 or email: litsa.karageorgos@unisa.edu.au.

For more information or if you would like a Centre member to come and talk at your Lodge, please contact:
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Grand Almoners Fund gaining support for Freemasons



Centre back: VWBro Terence Halford, Chairman of the GAFF presenting a certificate of appreciation to WBro Alister Hope (displaying certificate), Master, and members of the Mid North Lodge. Back row: WBro Murray Stottle; VWBro District Superintendent Alan Williams; WBro Christopher Clarke, IPM; RW PGW Bruce Thomas. Front Row: RW PGW Graham Clarke, Lodge Organist; WBro Mark Hill, SW Master Elect; WBro Tren Vine, Past Master; WBro Grant Hovey, Past Standard Bearer; and WBro Kenneth Porter, Past Master.

At the inaugural Annual General Meeting of the Grand Almoners Committee on 14 July, Grand Almoner VWBro Terry Halford reported good progress is being made particularly with regards to the Grand Almoners Freemasons Fund (GAFF).

The review date was 31 December 2019 covering the first six months of operations but the AGM was delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions. At the date of the review the GAFF's account balance was \$4,240.41 and, after providing financial assistance to two Brother in need, donations have since increased to nearly \$12,000.

A number of milestones have been achieved over the past year which augers well for the future of the GAFF, Freemasons helping Freemasons.

The scorecard is as follows:

- Developed an Almoners Manual for the four Orders, Craft, Mark, Chapter and Mariners
- Approval of the Manual by the Boards of the Orders
- Craft Board of Management approval of the Terms

of Reference for the conduct of the Grand Almoners Committee

- Establishment of the Grand Almoners Freemasons Fund, with a stand-alone subcommittee authorised to operate independently of Grand Lodge to assess applications for financial assistance from Lodges/Orders for Freemasons
- Change of name from 'Care' back to 'Almoner' supported by the Board of Management
- Financial support provided to brother who encountered misfortune
- Mid 2020 donations to the GAFF passed \$10,000

The financial support of the GAFF by Lodges/Orders and individuals is very much appreciated. Two brethren provide periodic EFT donations which provide ongoing contributions to the pool of funds. Most recently, VWBro Halford, was presented with a donation from the Mid North Lodge (pictured above).

Donations may be made direct to the GAFF Bank SA Account BSB 105 096 Account 070 243 640.

Rainbow in view again for girls at Hawthorn



Meetings of the Rainbow Girls have resumed at Hawthorn Masonic Centre on the 1st and 3rd Fridays monthly at 7.30pm under the strict Covid-19 restrictions.

For further details please contact Lorraine on mobile 0417 082 631 or email:

lrrainbowgirls74@gmail.com.

Girls 11 to 20 years old are welcome regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.

The lessons encourage members to be strong in spirit and kind in heart, respectful toward nature, and giving toward all



Past superintendent, ex-serviceman and photographer to have 70-year Bar added to achievements



VWBro Don Watson with Deputy Grand Master RWBro Malcolm Schluter at Don's Port Lincoln home

VWBro Don Watson, a Past District Grand Superintendent, who was initiated into Port Lincoln Lewis Lodge No. 198 in 1950, is soon to be presented with his 70-year Bar.

Don, born in 1928, says it was a time "when men were men and women were mighty glad to know 'em!"

While serving in the Occupation Forces in Japan for three years he took a series of photographs of the devastation caused in Hiroshima.

His son, Rob, has compiled the photographs into an ABC news item which may be found by searching "ABC news - Watson."

On returning to Port Lincoln after his overseas Army service, Don established a men's wear store which flourished over the years and is still operating today under Rob's management.

Don, who still lives in his home overlooking Boston Bay, is cared for by Rob.

Don has followed the precepts of Freemasonry in his personal and business life over the years and is a highly valued member of Port Lincoln Lodge 45, Lodge Sirius 133 (Cummins), Eyre Mark 40, Commander Eyre Mariners and Past First Principal Eyre Royal Arch Chapter 19 and he is held in high esteem by the local community.

Courtney winner of historic education scholarship grant



Courtney Waters with (left) proud grandfather WBro Ralph Billey and Freemasons Foundation Executive Director, Robert Clyne OAM

Courtney Waters, granddaughter of WBro Ralph Billett, is this year's winner of the Fax Bequest Education Grant.

The \$1,000 grant is to assist a child or grandchild of a Freemason to further their education.

Courtney, having graduated from Cornerstone College at Mt Barker, is now studying a Business Degree in innovation and entrepreneurship at the University of SA and is looking forward to entering the fashion industry in a management role. The Fax Bequest was originally established in 1883 by Bro Thomas Fax of the United Tradesmen's Lodge.

Originally hanging in Freemasons Hall, Flinders Street, the magnificent portrait of Brother Thomas Fax hangs near the Simpson Room in Freemasons Hall.

His Masonic legacy is still felt to this day. Thomas Fax was born in 1802 and initiated into United Tradesmen's Lodge in 1856, and although Lodge Treasurer, never became the Worshipful Master.

He died in 1884 and a bequest from his will established the Fax Fund, believed to be 1/6th of his estate and valued at \$693.45.

The fund grew steadily and in 1948, the centenary of United Tradesmen's Lodge, had grown to \$4,852. By 1982 it stood at \$23,792 and today it has grown to around \$110,000.

Income from the Fund is to assist the education of a child, grandchild, niece or nephew of a brother or deceased brother of any Freemasons Lodge in SA or NT.

The United Tradesmen's Lodge surrendered its Warrant in 2000 with the bequest administered by Lodge Pentalpha. The Trustees of the Fax Bequest Fund Trust appointed the Freemasons Foundation as Trustee in 2017.

An application form is available from the Freemason Foundation.



The portrait of Thomas Fax in the Grand Lodge

A 22-volume set of the ZOBAR on loan from local synagogue



Rabbi Kaminsky with Bros Stewart Allan and Steve Brown with the Zohar volumes in J. R. Robertson Masonic Memorial Library.

A complete set, comprising 22 volumes, of the Zohar has been given to the J. R. Robertson Masonic Memorial Library at Freemason's Hall by Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky of the local Beit Shalom Synagogue.

The Zohar is the literary foundation of the Judaic Kabbalah mystical philosophy. The volumes in Aramaic with English translation cover a wide range of topics including the Torah, Jewish mysticism, mystical cosmology and psychology.

Rabbi Kaminsky had previously conducted a tour and discussion session with Freemasons some years ago as part of the Middle Chamber lecture group and was recently approached by members of the informal Freemasons' Lunch Lodge to assist with information on the Kabbalah. This led to a series of online lectures being presented for the Beit Shalom congregation to which a number of Freemasons were invited.

At the end of that series, Rabbi Kaminsky made the generous offer of the complete set of the Zohar on permanent loan to the Freemasons during lunch with Bro Stewart Allan of the Glenelg Lodge No. 118 and Steve Brown of the Lodge of Copernicus.

Fundraiser now January 2021

The fundraising efforts planned by We are Family, including co-ordination, continue apace, however, given the ongoing impact of COVID-19, the organising committee thought it timely to provide an update.

We had hoped to hold our fundraising evening in September but regrettably severe constraints on the numbers we would be allowed would directly impact on the potential success of the event.

On this basis, the decision has been made to postpone it until the end of January 2021 – the hope being by that date we will be able to all come together for this important event.

The organising committee members thank you for your understanding in these uncertain times. We will provide further updates as we progress to the re-scheduled date.

Russell Mallyon

Adelaide Combine Lodges active in community



ACL Secretary Mrs Jocelyn Nicholson presenting the Grand Almoner VWBro Terry Halford with the donation to the Grand Almoners Freemasons Fund.



From left: RWBro Ray Nicholson and Jocelyn Nicholson presenting a donation to Cancer Care Centre Board members Sue Ross and Therese Covington.

The Adelaide Combined Lodges has been operational for just over 50 years. In more recent times, the number of Lodges involved has reduced due to closures but their brethren and their Associate Member groups have made great efforts to raise funds through the sales of cinema tickets and distributing the income to worthy causes.

The Adelaide Combined Lodges has been able to support organisations and individuals through these fundraising endeavours. The Adelaide Combined Lodge's Committee resolved that support be given to the initiatives of the Grand Almoners Freemasons Fund, Freemasons Supporting Freemasons, and the Cancer Care Centre of Unley. The Cancer Care Centre is a place of help, hope and understanding, supporting those living with cancer.

Donations of \$1,250 were given to each of these recipient organisations recently.



Focus on fire warning one of Glenelg's community concerns



Glenelg 117 Care Officer WBro Jim Crack (left) presenting the thermal camera to Morphett Vale CFS Captain Kym Cavallaro.

After the 2019 bushfires Glenelg No.117 donated FUR K2 thermal cameras and a truck charger to the Eden Hills CFS, the McLaren Vale CFS and to the Kangaroo Island CFS and SES who opted to share their camera.

The K2 delivers detailed thermal images at 160 x 120 resolution and is equipped with FLIR's patented Multi-Spectral Dynamic Imaging (MSX) technology which significantly enhances image quality, allowing firefighters to see key structural details in a variety of environments.

Glenelg Lodge, in corporation with the Freemasons Foundation, has been active in supporting various charitable institutions over the years most recently to including Ronald McDonald and Kidney Health Australia but the thermal cameras donations to the various CFSs and the SES were "solo" efforts.

VWBro John Tailby, Secretary

Kingston meat raffle supports Memorial Hospital



RPAGM Robert Clyne OAM with VWBro Stewart Meyer, Grand Superintendent at the presentation of an ice-making machine

Kingston Lodge SE Lodge members responded to the call for an ice-machine for the Soldiers War Memorial Hospital in Kingston by setting about raising funds most notably through their famous meat raffles.

After raising \$2,500, the Freemasons Foundation stepped in with another \$2,500. The ice machine was embossed with a plaque and presented to the Hospital's Director Ms Nicole Pink.

WM Morgan Trennery, who was installed into the chair of King Solomon in October 2019, and Lodge members were pleased Robert was able to join them at their first meeting following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

Mariners' combined meeting provided support for growth



A rare evening was arranged for brethren of the Mark and Mariners on Friday 7 August 2020 when two meetings were held in the same venue on the same night - Lodge Copernicus No. 246 (Mark) and Adelaide Mariners No. 1.

The evening opened with the Copernicus Mark Lodge - the first meeting since the pandemic-related lockdown included an inspirational lecture by WBro Marcin Stankiewicz. His topic was the Mark tracing board, investigating its connection with Masonic ciphers found on it and the tracing boards in other Craft degrees.

The Acting Worshipful Master for the night was VWBro Barry Burr.

Once that meeting had closed - and after a rapid room change - VWBro Barry Burr, Adelaide Mariners' Worshipful Commander, took the Chair and conducted the meeting which included the joining of a number of Copernicans.

It was fitting that Barry was in the Chair for both meetings as it was his idea for the collaboration and combined meeting to provide support in terms of membership and attendance for the Mariners. A plan could be adopted by other Mark/Mariner Lodges perhaps.

Bro Steve Brown
Secretary

Lodge Copernicus No. 246

New ambassador to promote fundraising & brand



The Chairman, Directors and staff of the Masonic Charities Trust are pleased to announce the appointment of Kerrell Shelton to the position of Fundraising and Brands Ambassador. Kerrell commenced, part time, on 1 July 2020.

Kerrell has 20 years of fundraising, advertising and event management experience. She has enthusiastically embraced her new role with a detailed plan and has quickly become a vital part of the Masonic Charities Trust team, building the Charities' profile and through fundraising initiatives.

Kerrell has also worked as a mental health nurse, and has already applied this experience to help out with the Masonic Charities funded mental health initiative with the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide.

Kerrell has two daughters, Claudia, a registered nurse and Isabelle, a primary school teacher. She enjoys spending time with her family, socialising with friends, and the outdoors bike riding, walking and paddle boarding.

Kerrell looks forward to meeting Freemasons, their families and others over the coming months.

Branding for the Riverland Mallee Coorong network bus



The Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen handing the bus over to Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network CEO, Wayne Champion

Aged care residents in the Riverland who are wheelchair bound have had, up until now, to rely on wheelchair accessible taxis to get around, which are both expensive and inconvenient meaning less time out in the community.

But now, thanks to a \$170,000 donation by Masonic Charities, the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network has acquired a 14-seater, 2-wheelchair access bus. This will provide residents freedom that means so much.

The bus was officially handed over to the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network, by the Grand Master and member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Charities, Dr Neil Jensen, on the 24 August in Renmark .

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Champion, said the bus will have a major impact on those in their care and expressed his gratitude for this generous donation from Masonic Charities "This bus will greatly benefit our aged care residents, with wheelchair access making community visits and social outings easier and safer for all residents requiring transport".

New venture seeks books and volunteers to benefit charities



Deputy Grand Master Malcolm Schluter and Kerrell Shelton from Masonic Charities sorting through donated books for the bookshop

It's a good opportunity while life is far from normal to clear out those books in perfect condition on your shelves that wont be read again and could be better used to help set up a second-hand bookshop at Grand Lodge. The location of the bookshop is still being determined.

Donations may be left at the Masonic Charities Office, Level 1, Grand Lodge or collection can be arranged for large quantities by contacting Kerrell Shelton on 0428 326 661 or kerrell.shelton@masoniccharities.org.au.

Funds raised will go towards Masonic Charities philanthropy. Volunteers are also needed to assist with collecting, cataloging, and/or setting up the bookshop.

Those interested in volunteering can find a "Volunteer Form" on the Masonic Charities website <https://masoniccharities.com.au/get-involved/volunteer-form>.



Support for healthier futures for children in remote areas



Captain Starlight entertaining children in the Northern Territory (Nb. Photo taken pre-social distancing.)

Monique Littlejohn, Starlight Children's Foundation's State Partnerships Manager SA, recently met with Sheralyn Holmes, Masonic Charities' Executive Officer, and Sonya Peterson, Administration Assistant, to discuss details of Masonic Charities' \$275,000 donation in support of Starlight's Healthier Futures Program.

The official presentation of the funds is being planned.

The Healthier Futures Initiative is a collaboration between Aboriginal Health clinics supported by the Government and the Starlight Children's Foundation, and supported by Masonic Charities.

The initiative supports doctors, nurses and other specialist clinicians who are trying to improve the health and well-being of those living in regional and remote communities.

Working directly alongside their medical colleagues, who are focused on the detection and early treatment of chronic health conditions, Captain Starlight creates a space in remote

communities where children and families feel safe and comfortable interacting with clinical services.

Aboriginal children have some of the highest levels of preventable chronic disease in the world and die from an avoidable health condition at more than three times the rate of non-indigenous children. In some cases families travel more than 100km to visit the medical teams in Community and must wait for hours before being seen by the doctor.

Captain Starlight transforms the healthcare experience into a celebration by providing performances and one-to-one interaction with children before they are seen by doctors. This helps to transform fear and anxiety about their appointment to positive anticipation, joy and laughter through positive disruption.

As of late July, Medical teams were once again visiting clinics in regional and remote Aboriginal communities throughout SA and NT.

Licence adds two more beds to country aged-care facility



The Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen and Mrs Norma Jensen with Sandra Kehoe from the Ardrossan Aged Care Centre

The Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen and Mrs Jensen travelled to Ardrossan, accompanied by Masonic Charities personnel, to present a cheque for \$40,000 for two bed licences to the Ardrossan Community Hospital and Aged Care Centre.

The donation allows the facility to extend its number of aged-care places to allow people to stay in their local community and be close to family and other social networks. Mrs Higgs, the wife of a resident in care, said that the donation will make a very big difference to the quality of life of members of their community.

In his address Dr Jensen said: "Today we have come to strengthen your ability to address the health needs of the people who contribute so much to the happiness and longevity of your beautiful town. Freemasons have always been positively involved in the development, administration and welfare of our communities. President Theodore Roosevelt is quoted as saying: 'far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing'.



The Sprig of Acacia

May 05	Peter Allan MARTIN	Mostyn, Goodwood & Loyalty No. 18
June 14	Kevin John DEMERY	Witton Lodge, No. 124
June 16	Robert John SEAL	Elizabeth Daytime Lodge No. 228
June 18	Dr. Allen Ewart GALE	Adelaide Lodge, No. 2
July 04	Donald Norman HAMILTON	Mt. Gambier Lodge, No. 35
July 13	Raymond Walter SCOTT	Mt. Gambier Lodge, No. 35
July 13	Francis John JONES	Darwin Lodge of Remembrance, No. 182
July 21	Leslie Bruce DIXON	Lodge St. Alban, No. 38
July 28	Hedley George HALL	Mostyn, Goodwood & Loyalty No. 18
July 28	Jeffrey BUCK	Lodge of Endeavour No. 235
Aug 06	Gerald Leslie FREEMAN	Quorn Lodge, No. 59
Aug 13	Lindsay Burton BOWES AM	Lodge St. Alban, No. 38
Aug 20	John Carr IRVINE	Adelaide Lodge, No. 2

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