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Communication - The name of the game

Governor announces much needed life saving initiative for St John Ambulance and Masonic Charities



The Hon Hieu Van Le AC (front left) and CEO St John SA Mr Mark Groote accompanied by Masonic Charities Board of Directors (from left) the Grand Master MWBro Dr Neil Jensen; Bro John Behenna; VWBro Joe Ienco OAM; MWBro Robert Clyne OAM; and Deputy Grand Master RWBro Malcolm Schluter.

St John Ambulance SA has been awarded a \$600,000 grant from Masonic Charities SA & NT for a three-year program which will see 6,000 people trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in SA and the NT.

The cheque presentation, which took place at the Freemasons Grand Lodge in Adelaide on May 13 was attended by His Excellency, The Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, the Governor of South Australia and Deputy Prior of St John Ambulance SA.

St John Ambulance SA Chief Executive Officer, Mark Groote, expressed his gratitude for this generous grant enabling the pursuit of their vision of creating stronger communities through first aid, making it part of everyone's life.

Administering CPR can often be the difference between life and death in the crucial minutes before help arrives, which is why it is so important everyone is trained in this lifesaving skill.

The CPR training will be delivered to Freemason Lodge

members as well as the public in both metropolitan and regional areas of South Australia and some parts of the Northern Territory. The courses will be delivered at Freemasons Lodges and St John first aid training centres.

Grand Master MWBro Dr Neil Jensen responded by quoting in excess of 30,000 people die in Australia every year from 'out of hospital' cardiac arrest. Freemasonry SA & NT hopes to help address such catastrophic health events by providing the resources to train 2,000 people across South Australia and the Northern Territory, from Mt Gambier to Darwin, and points east and west, every year for the next three years.

In addition to funding the CPR training, the grant allows for each participant of the program to receive a St John and Masonic Charities co-branded first aid kit to equip them with the necessary supplies to remain first aid ready at home.

The CPR courses are expected to start later this year.

COVID-19 ANZAC Day Youtube Ceremony

With the inability to attend ANZAC Day Dawn Service Ceremonies on April 25 caused by the Covid-19 restrictions it was decided Grand Lodge needed to do something to mark the occasion.

Masonic Charities Executive Officer Sheralyn Holmes became the filmmaker for the Stand To Ceremony. In a remarkable effort at such short notice and with no previous experience, Sheralyn spent Easter Monday teaching herself how to put a movie together with music, addresses, historic black and white photos and the other ceremonial segments including readings, hymns and prayers. Freemasons were notified of the details so they could view the commemoration on the morning.

On the day, the camera was placed on some post office boxes in the Grand Lodge foyer (right) and recorded.

Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen wrote the script and the others involved in the ceremony were WBro Group Captain Rtd John Teager AM PM (above right); Deputy Grand Master RWBro Malcolm Schluter; Past Assistant Grand Master RWBro Robert Clyne OAM; Masonic Charities Trust Chairman Bro John Behenna; and Masonic Charities Trust Administrative Assistant Sonya Peterson.

The emotional ceremony may be viewed at: youtube on <https://youtu.be/PfQaKTOmV1U>



New logo features floral emblems of both SA & NT

Grand Lodge keeping North Tce commuters up to date



Members will note the new stylised logo which has floral emblems of both South Australia and the Northern Territory. It also includes 'a point within a circle'. The new emblem is more inclusive and uses traditional features.

A version of this emblem may be seen above the entrance doors to Grand Lodge. The emblem will be used to further enhance our fraternity. This is just another example of Freemasonry on the move. The words of Abraham Lincoln: "I walk slowly but I never walk backwards"



Grand Lodge has been keeping city commuters up-to-date with community involvement signs on the front fence. At left the display encouraging "Courtesy, calmness and staying safe" during the pandemic and above, for ANZAC Day.



Masonic Charities donation for suicide prevention initiative

Recognising the huge need for improved access to mental health support, especially for isolated communities, Masonic Charities has made a \$650,000 commitment to support a mental health initiative in partnership with the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide.

The initiative will develop and implement an interactive online wellbeing tool to help people with practical, evidence-based strategies to manage stress, adapt to change and strengthen their mental health and wellbeing.

The new online tool builds on the successful www.ifarmwell.com.au initiative developed by Clinical Psychologist and UniSA Research Fellow from the Department of Rural Health, Dr Kate Gunn. ifarmwell was developed with funds originally from NAB and a Freemasons Foundation Trevor Prescott Scholarship. This was developed with Professor Deborah Turnbull, Dr Camille Short and Dr Andrew Vincent from the Freemasons Centre for Male Health and Well-being at the University of Adelaide. The team has found that there is a real need for a tool that GPs and other health professionals are confident to refer to their patients when the first signs of depression and stress appear. "

Research shows that when people do seek help, 71% will consult their GP in the first instance, but with waiting lists of two to six months for referred appointments with a psychologist, there is a real need for strategies to support self-care.

The goal of this initiative is to improve every Australian's access to timely, free, psychological support and self-help strategies, at an early stage to build resilience against developing more serious mental health problems.

Masonic Charities Director and Grand Master of Freemasons SA/NT Dr Neil Jensen said the online initiative will ensure time-pressured GPs are better equipped to help their patients tackle mental health issues and will go some way to bridging the gaps between Australians accessing primary care and mental health services.

The tragic truth is that suicide is the leading cause of death among young people 15 - 44 years and the 4th leading cause



The cheque to SA University displayed on the steps of Grand Lodge by Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington and Masonic Charities Chairman WBro John Behenna .

of death in those 45-64.

UniSA Deputy Vice Chancellor Research and Enterprise, Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington said the partnership with Masonic Charities to develop the new online mental health tool is a perfect example of research and community collaboration to build stronger societies. The project is an outstanding example of how the right support for the right initiative can change lives for the better.

The Masonic Charities donation event, held outside the Grand Lodge building on North Terrace due to COVID-19 restrictions was attended by (from left below) the Hon David Pisoni MP, Minister for Innovation and Skills; the Hon Andrew McLachlan CSC, Liberal Senator of SA; Dr John Brayley, Chief Psychiatrist of SA; the Hon John Dawkins MLC, Premier's Advocate for Suicide Prevention; VWBro Joe Ienco OAM, Director Masonic Charities; Dr Kate Gunn, and Prof Marnie Hughes-Warrington DVCR, UniSA; Prof. Deborah Turnbull, Uni of Adelaide, and VWBro Malcolm Schluter, the Deputy Grand Master.



Refugees and migrants receive basic food items thanks to Masons in the Northern Territory (M.I.N.T.)



From left: Melaleuca CEO Mr Kwame Selormey , WBro John Worrell, Mr Ross Springolo and Bro John Whyte

A cheque for \$800 was presented by the Masons in the Northern Territory (MINT) Club Inc. to Melaleuca, a service for refugees and migrants in the Northern Territory.

Melaleuca Board of Governance Chairman Mr Ross Springolo and CEO Mr Kwame Selormey received the cheque from MINT Club representatives WBro John Worrell and Treasurer and Public Officer Bro John Whyte to purchase 10 Woolworths Basic Boxes.

The boxes contained essentials such as flour, sugar, toilet paper, soap, long-life milk, juice, cereal, crackers, Vegemite, honey, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce, tinned tuna, canned soup/vegetables, baked beans, tea, biscuits and muesli bars, among other items.

Melaleuca exists to provide a dignifying person-centred humanitarian service to individuals and families from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

SA/NT jurisdiction and square & compass features in new logo



Designing a logo for the soon to be announced Freemasons Centre for Male Health and Well-being (FMCHW) was the first priority of a working party comprising the Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen, RWBro Robert Clyne OAM, Ms Margaret McGee, Ms Sherlyn Holmes, Ms Sonja Peterson, RWBro Joe Ienco OAM, RWB Gary Le Rossignol and RWBro Malcolm Schluter.

The working party agreed on two essential elements.

1. The logo should emphasise the Freemasons SA/NT jurisdiction given that Masonic Charities has extended its support to research organisations across SA and NT.
2. The logo should include the square and compass. The male figure, an abstract form of the square and compass, that was part of the original Centre logo was therefore revived.

Eyre Peninsula old folks home to receive modern bus

The Eyre Peninsula Old Folks Home will be able to provide improved transport for residents to enjoy excursions and mix in with the community thanks to a sizeable donation from the Freemasons of SA and NT.

Through its main charity arm, Masonic Charities, a \$170,000 donation has been made to the home for the purchase of a new bus. The Home's Board Chairperson John Dinham said the home was very grateful for the donation and added the bus would allow residents to engage with the local community through excursions.

The bus would be fitted with a wheelchair lift which would be helpful to elderly and infirm residents who otherwise would not be able to participate in outings.

Freemasons Deputy Grand Master and former Port Lincoln resident RWBro Malcolm Schluter announced the \$170,000 grant in Adelaide in late May.

RWBro Schluter said Masonic Charities was one of the state's leading philanthropic organisations and other donations included providing St John Ambulance with \$600,000 for training people in resuscitation methods.

Precised from the May 29 Port Lincoln Times



New Deputy Grand Master, VWBro Malcolm Schluter brings a wealth of experience to the position



Deputy Grand Master VWBro Malcolm Schluter being congratulated by Assistant Grand Master MWBro Robert Clyne OAM on his appointment

RWBro Malcolm Schluter has been appointed Deputy Grand Master bringing to the office more than 40 years experience in Freemasonry.

Malcolm was initiated into Freemasonry in 1978 at the then Torrens Park Lodge. He joined Port Lincoln Lodge in 2000 on being transferred to Port Lincoln as officer-in-charge of the Police Force's Western Division. In 1990 he was awarded a Chevening Scholarship to study police security measures in the UK and the USA.

His police studies included various courses at the Australian Police College at Manly and he holds a Graduate Diploma in Police Studies from Charles Sturt University and a Masters

Degree in Public Policy from Flinders University.

He retired from the police force in 2005 as a Chief Inspector after 43 years of service. As a retirement vocation he took up a voluntary role as a Scout Camp Manager near Wangary.

He loved his time on the Lower Eyre Peninsula and was Master of Port Lincoln Lodge four times. His present role is Immediate Past Master and additionally is Acting Chaplain at Lodge Sirius at Cummins.

Rotary has also played an important role in his life. He is a past president of Port Lincoln Rotary and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for his Rotary service. Serving with Rotary's overseas aid program, he worked in the Solomon Islands building a fence around a hospital and helped on bushfire recovery work on two occasions in the Grampian Ranges and on another occasion at Whittlesey north of Melbourne.

Over the years he served as an alderman with the City of Mitcham for 15 years, on the Council of Governors of Walford Anglican Girls School, the Independent Schools Board and various church committees.

Malcolm's long term partner Janet was a nursing sister and over many years worked in the Operating Suite at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and later as a lecturer in the School of Nursing at UniSA.

Earlier this year they returned to Adelaide to live in their home at Glenunga. Malcolm has one daughter and one granddaughter and Janet has three sons and five grandchildren.

While Malcolm's role as Deputy Grand Master involves an enormous workload, Janet and he are Adelaide Crows members and are desperate for the resumption of football.

Bro Alpha Malinda, who owns and operates a safari business in Tanzania where he was born, and now lives in Port Lincoln, has been initiated into the Port Lincoln Lodge.

While most of the business is conducted online, he travels to Tanzania several times a year to occasionally lead the tours. He estimates he has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro about 40 times.

Last year, while conducting a safari, he was sitting around the campfire one evening, and chatting to a Norwegian guest who disclosed that he was a Freemason, and after some discussion he recommended Alpha join the craft.

On returning to Port Lincoln, Alpha sent an email to the chairman of membership RWBro Gary Le Rossignol who on forwarded it to Port Lincoln. After due enquiry Brother Alpha was initiated.

Tanzania is an East African country known for its vast wilderness areas including the plains of Serengeti National Park, a safari Mecca populated by the "big five" game - elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino - and Kilimanjaro National Park, home to Africa's highest mountain. Offshore lie the islands of Zanzibar, with Arabic influences, and Mafia, with a marine park home to whale sharks and coral reefs.

Safari business owner new Port Lincoln member



Bro Alpha Malinda with WBro David Cuddeford and WBro Bruce Bamford taking a rest at a Bunnings barbecue.



New name and partnerships for male health research

The Centre looks forward to officially announcing the new and expanded Centre for Male Health and Well-being (FCMHW) in the near future. The Centre will replace the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health, a 12 year research partnership between the University of Adelaide, the Freemasons Foundation and Freemasons SA/NT. The Centre's largely biomedical focus will be expanded to boys and young men's health, fathering and fatherhood, social well-being policy and practice and vulnerable populations, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander male health.

The new Centre will be a partnership between Masonic Charities, the University of Adelaide, the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute and the Menzies School of Health Research (NT).

Men's health leader appointed Director of Centre's NT Division



The Centre is pleased to announce that Professor James Smith PhD, GCPH. BAppSc (Hons), BEd, FAHPA has been appointed the Director of the Northern Territory Division of the Freemasons Centre for Male Health and Well-being. James is the Father Frank Flynn Fellow (Harm Minimisation) and Head of the Alcohol, Other Drugs and Gambling team at Menzies School of Health Research. He is also adjunct Professor at the University of Saskatchewan, University of Sydney, Curtin University, Deakin University and Charles Darwin University.

Prior to his current appointment, he was Professor in Indigenous Leadership at Charles Darwin University, and has held senior management and executive roles in government and non-government settings across Northern Territory.

Prof Smith is recognised nationally and internationally for his 20+ year contribution to the field of men's health; in research, policy and practice contexts. He has advanced agendas on men's health promotion, men's health policy, Indigenous male health, education, and equity and men's health.

In 2006, when working for the Health in Men program at the Health Promotion Unit at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, James

was awarded a Trevor Prescott Memorial Scholarship to undertake a men's health policy study tour of the UK, Ireland and Canada. In 2012 he was awarded a PhD at the University of Adelaide, as an affiliate student member of the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health, for his thesis on help-seeking and health service use among men.

He has received many accolades including awards from the Australian College of Health Service Executives, Public Health Association of Australia and the National Australia Day Council.

He is a member of the Global Action on Men's Health and on the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Men's Social and Community Health. James was awarded the 2016 Charles Darwin University Vice Chancellor's Award for Exceptional Performance in Research and made Fellow of the Australian Health Promotion Association for his outstanding contribution to health promotion in Australia.

James has recently returned from USA as a Fulbright Senior Scholar based at the Center for Research on Men's Health at Vanderbilt University and the Curtis Center for Health Equity Research and Training at the University of Michigan. While there, he examined health promotion strategies aimed at reducing health inequities among young men of colour.

James leads Indigenous focused projects in areas relating to evaluation, health literacy, youth justice reinvestment, men's health, alcohol harm minimisation, domestic and family violence, and pathways into higher education.

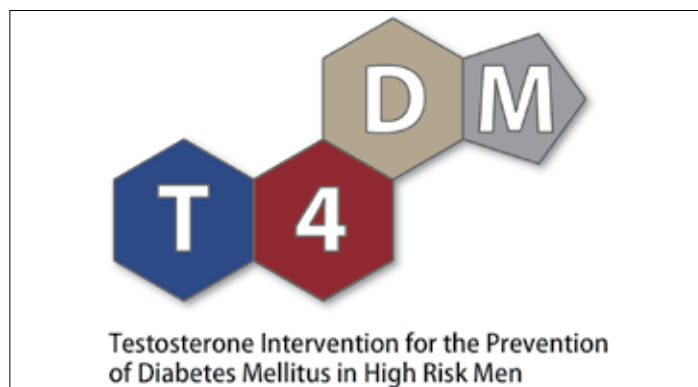
National Carers on-line survey

Carers SA has asked the Centre to promote an anonymous survey of unpaid family and friend carers and are particularly keen to hear from more men. Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020NationalCarerSurvey>

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Testosterone & diabetes prevention trial results revealed



The Director of the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men’s Health has led a national multi-centre study to answer the question of whether testosterone can decrease the risk of type 2 diabetes in men, after two years of treatment. Type 2 diabetes is highly prevalent in men over the age of 50 which leads to serious health complications. 19,000 men were screened and 1007 men at high risk of diabetes were enrolled in a diet and exercise program provided by Weight Watchers (now WW). Half were given testosterone injections and half placebo injections. Both participants and Investigators were blinded to the treatment given.

When funded in 2010 by a grant from the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Testosterone 4 Diabetes Mellitus Prevention Trial was the largest Commonwealth funded clinical trial in Australia. It is the largest trial of testosterone in men and has taken 10 years from concept to reporting of the main outcomes at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Diabetes Society on June 15.

The study found that diabetes among men at high risk can be prevented, and newly diagnosed diabetes can be reversed by testosterone. Beyond the lifestyle program alone, testosterone treatment reduced the risk of men progressing to diabetes by approximately 40%. This was partially due to favourable changes in body composition. Prof Wittert has stressed though that the best and safest way to prevent or reverse Type 2 diabetes is through healthy eating, along with regular strength training and aerobic activity.

Reductions in blood sugar and weight were seen in both groups, but the results were superior in the testosterone group. Men on testosterone gained muscle mass while losing fat, and gained small improvements in sexual function.

Professor Wittert stressed that this is not a reason for doctors to go out and start prescribing testosterone as there were complications of testosterone treatment. With 22% of men having an increase in red blood cells which potentially leads to sludgy blood and clots, he cautioned against testosterone treatment being viewed as a “quick fix” against type 2 diabetes. Treatment with testosterone might be an option for some men, but all men need a thorough physical and mental health assessment, and support to adopt and maintain a healthy lifestyle. The T4DM Study also received funding from Bayer AG, WW, the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men’s Health at the University of Adelaide, and Eli Lilly. The study was conducted in association with the Uni of Adelaide, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Melbourne Uni, Austin Repatriation

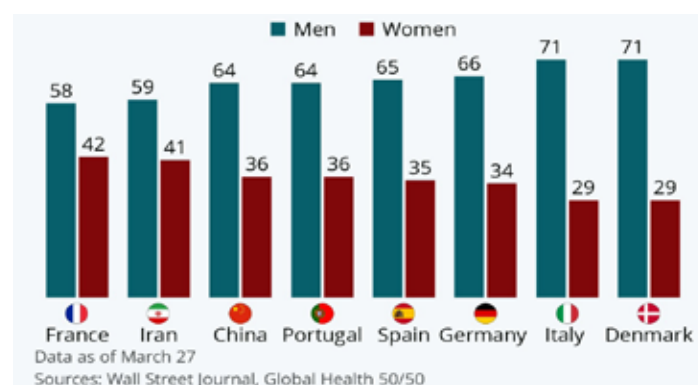
Hospital, Uni of Sydney, Concord Hospital, Uni of Western Australia, Fiona Stanley Hospital, the Keogh Institute, Uni of Queensland, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Monash Uni, the Hudson Institute, Canberra Uni and the NHMRC Clinical Trial Centre (NSW).

COVID-19 and trajectory of mental health grant

A Hospital Research Foundation grant has been awarded to the Centre and the Population Research Outcomes Studies Unit at the University of Adelaide, to define how measures imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic have altered the trajectory of mental health and well-being of middle-aged and elderly South Australians.

Participants of the Centre’s Florey Adelaide Male Ageing Study and the North West Adelaide Health Study will be interviewed.

Quashing misinformation about COVID-19 deaths in men



As the COVID-19 pandemic has progressed, the pattern is clear that men are more likely to be more severely affected and die from COVID-19 than women, even though infection rates are similar between the sexes. (Graph above shows % deaths). Centre Director, Prof Gary Wittert released a statement with Healthy Male-Andrology Australia to quash misinformation circulating that testosterone is to blame. Testosterone is not the problem. If anything, there is a lack of testosterone in some of the COVID infected men caused by chronic disease, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity. This pandemic has reminded us of the burden of chronic disease in men, and why encouraging men to seek the advice of their doctor to minimise their risk of chronic disease is so important.

Urine based prostate cancer test

Prof Lisa Butler, Head of the Prostate Cancer Laboratory at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, is part of a SA team from Uni of Adelaide, Uni of South Australia and Flinders Uni developing a urine-based test to detect prostate cancer, which can be undertaken by men at home. The prostate is constantly secreting cells into the urine that can be measured for markers. Promising validation results for the test were published last month in the journal *Biointerphases*.

Obituary - WBro Ted Fisk 55 years of service



WBro Edward (Ted) Thomas Fisk who was initiated into St Peter and Paul Grays Lodge No 6195 (EC) Essex, England, on 2 December 1961, passed to the Second Degree on 10 February 1962 and raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on 9 February 1963.

In May 1967, Ted, his wife, Eileen, and family immigrated to Australia to settle into a flat in Salisbury finally moving to McIntyre Road, Para Hills West, where he lived until his recent passing. After inquiring into the Craft in South Australia, Ted became an Affiliated Member of Salisbury Lodge No. 126 on 6 March 1969 during which, over his 51 years with Salisbury Lodge, he held many offices including the Mastership of the Lodge in 1980. Ted seemed to be the 'semi-permanent' Senior Warden of the Lodge for many years. Ted was also a Past Grand Steward (Craft).

Ted was a very active man in his work and home life as well as Freemasonry which showed in the many Lodges of which he was a member. Ted Affiliated with Salisbury Mark Lodge No 52 on 21 December 1976 where again he held many offices including the Mastership of the Lodge in 1982 and serving Grand Mark Lodge as a Grand Steward. He was Exalted into Gawler Royal Arch Chapter No 29 on 22 February 1977 and Affiliated with Gawler Mariner Lodge No 14 on the 1 March 1977, in both of which he held several offices in the Lodges.

Ted also became a member of Elizabeth Daytime Lodge No. 228 on the 28 June 1996. He joined many other degrees in Freemasonry, with a membership of about 12 or more Lodges filling two wardrobes of regalia for the Degrees he was in, again holding many different offices in those Lodges as well as Grand Rank.

Salisbury Lodge had the great pleasure of presenting Ted with his Craft 50-year membership jewel and pin on 2 December 2011 and his first five-year bar on 2 December 2016 marking his 55 years in Freemasonry.

On Tuesday, 21 December 2006, Ted was presented with his 30-year Mark membership pin from Salisbury Mark Lodge.

Ted will be missed by all Brethren who knew him, not only for his friendship, his humour as well as his commitment to the offices he held and the ritual which went with it.

"Rest, dear Brother, for you have Marked well".

Sincere thanks to VWBro Dick Thornton for this tribute.

Obituary - WBro Leslie Noel Oaklands overcame adversity



Esteemed Brother Leslie (Les) Noel Oaklands of the Port Pirie United Lodge No.24 passed to the Grand Lodge above on Saturday 2 May 2020. Bro Oaklands had a fifty year Jewel with two bars.

Born on 17 August 1929 he was 90 years old.

Les was initiated in Pirie Lodge on 4 January 1959 and also joined the Blyth Lodge and the Mid North Lodge.

Although profoundly deaf he was a prolific lip reader and took on the role of Master no less than five times, three in the Craft and one each in the Mark and Royal Arch.

He became a member of the Knight of the East and West degree as well as a member of Pirie Rose Croix. He was a Grand Lodge Steward in three degrees and was elevated to the rank of Past Grand Pursuivant.

What extraordinary achievements by a Brother who refused to be held back, in his Masonic and private life, because of adversity.

Please note:

To ensure the Grand Lodge Membership database is kept up to date and all deaths are included in the Sprig of Acacia in *The Communicator* in a timely fashion, the Grand Lodge Office recommends that in addition to, or as an alternative to placing death notices in *The Advertiser*, that Lodge Secretaries and Chapter Scribes:

- Notify the Grand Lodge office of deaths of a Brother or Companion as soon as possible.
- Send a short article about the Brother or Companion (with a photo of the him) which can be included as an obituary in the next edition of *The Communicator*.

A copy of the Communicator should, when possible, be provided to the family of the deceased by the Lodge Secretary, Chapter Scribe, Care Officer or other Lodge Chapter member who might like to partake in this gesture of goodwill. This shows the family their loved one is fondly remembered.

Refer to Grand Lodge Office if clarification necessary.



Denmark contributes \$7,000 to Bushfire Appeal



Now we are mostly housebound by 'the virus', we don't have so many pressing daily avocations, and do have time to think about all that needs to be done. This naturally includes thinking about and helping others.

That is also the case in Denmark – and the Danish Freemasons of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Denmark have been thinking of us in Australia. Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Michael Lydolph (pictured) and his brethren have reached out across the globe.

He noted: "The whole world watched when Australia burnt, as did we in Denmark. You now have a big task rebuilding the burned down areas, and we would like to show our sympathy and help with a donation".

Masonic Charities meets with Country Fire Service Chief



The Masonic Charities Board members met with the Chief Officer of the South Australian Country Fire Service, Mark Jones QFSM, to discuss proposals arising from the recent Masonic Charities Advisory Committee recommendations in relation to The Grand Master's bushfire relief for the Adelaide Hills, Kangaroo Island and Yorke Peninsula regions.

Donations may still be made to the bushfire relief appeal until June 30 .

Pictured above with Mr Jones are Deputy Grand Master VWBro Malcolm Schluter (Deputy Grand Master), MWBro Robert Clyne OAM, the Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen, and VWBro Joe Ienco OAM,.

Glover room gets some attention during lockdown



The Grand Lodge caretaker staff have been using COVID-19 lockdown to dedicate some of their attention to polishing up the woodwork in our Lodge rooms. Pictured above, Rodney Clark is working hard to polish the timber work in the Glover Room.

Charles Richmond John Glover was born in 1870 (Surrey England) and died in 1936 (Adelaide), was a devoted Freemason and was Deputy Grand Master in 1909 and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge until 1936. He was educated at

St Peter's College in Adelaide, and was married to Hannah, née Shortland with a son and daughter.

A member of Adelaide City Councillor and Adelaide's first Lord Mayor, serving two terms (1923-25 and 1930-33), he is known for overseeing the development of Adelaide from a geometric village to a consciously beautiful city. He was a Director of the Imperial Building Society, Bank of Adelaide, United Insurance Co. and the SA Gas Co, and an ex-officio member of Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital, Metropolitan County Board, Botanic Gardens and the Municipal Tramways Trust.

Charles Glover was active in numerous charitable, philanthropic, public utility, cultural and sporting organisations and was Patron to some of these. He donated part of the cost for the War Memorial Drive on the northern banks of Torrens Lake and presented three children's playgrounds to the city and Patron to numerous cultural and sporting organisations. Charles Glover has been described as quiet, generous, considerate, and tolerant, who conducted his duties honourably and thoroughly. He was a person of high ideals, who embodied the concepts of duty and civic responsibility.

Biography extracted from: Australian Dictionary of Biography <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/glover-charles-richmond-john-6404>

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Lodge Thespian 195, Avenue Road, Clarence Gardens
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Elizabeth Daytime Lodge 228, Para Districts Masonic Centre
Ridgehaven Lodge 230, Ridgehaven Masonic Hall
Lodge of Endeavour 235, RSB Building 58 Dyson Road, Noarlunga Downs



MMXXI membership promotion - 1 June 2020

Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen has sent a request to the Grand Superintendent Dr Tom Haigh for the District Grand Superintendents to encourage their Lodges within their Districts to seek a NET gain of one quality new member each.

Dr Jensen wrote "I am confident there are a lot of men of all ages interested in joining Freemasonry and in being an active part of our great fraternity. You responded to Freemasonry's request to help to contain the coronavirus; now Freemasonry seeks your assistance to use your powers of persuasive eloquence to encourage others to share in our centuries old fraternity.

The leadership team has worked extremely hard over the past two years to strengthen the core in the oldest and proudest Grand Lodge in Australia; accept the pride and share it with others."

Q: What is the oldest fraternity in the world?

A: Freemasonry Q: Why? A: Because we believe in a Supreme being; we are all equal; we are taught, through Freemasonry, to deliver practical benevolence to all mankind. We have practiced all three over centuries.

We believe in respect and practice virtuous, amiable and discreet conduct. Morality is our cornerstone and ethics our guide. We all have interests outside of Freemasonry.

It is those interests which define a given Lodge i.e. the commonality of a given Lodge.

We are modern, yet, we are ancient. We are flexible, yet, we are traditional. Above all, we are voluntary. We are encouraged to listen to others, this we do; we are taught to help others, this we do; we are taught to help society generally, this we do on a grand scale through our Philanthropic arms.

As I launch this MMXXI membership promotion, I encourage all Freemasons in South Australia and the Northern Territory to ponder the above and add your own positive words. Follow the example of our New Zealand brethren and "Speak Up". Tell the world, as the Grand Lodge of England does, that "we invest in people.

Brethren, the drums of progress are beating; we were hearing them in the distance but now they are getting louder and gathering in number.

Remember the words on the Honour Board in our Hall of Fame: "duties there are imposed upon the present by the past, and not to be forgone".

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless each and every one of you.

MWBro Dr Neil Jensen
Grand Master

The details of the 15 District Superintendents and their Lodges are on the opposite page

Masonic Charities' charitable donations report for the financial year ending 30 June 2020



Below is a summary of the charitable disbursements by the Masonic Charities. Full details of donations and recipients to be disclosed in a forthcoming dedicated Masonic Charities newsletter.

Recipient organisation	Purpose of donation	2019-20 Amount
Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network	Toyota Coaster DLX 14-Seater wheelchair access bus	\$170,000
Eyre Peninsula Old Folks Home	Toyota Coaster DLX 14-Seater wheelchair access bus	\$170,000
Starlight Children's Foundation	Healthier Funds Initiative SA/NT providing entertainment to children during treatment	\$275,000
St John Ambulance Australia SA	Free cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) education - SA & NT	\$200,000
Freemasons Foundation Health Promotion Fund	Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health-2019	\$75,000
The University of South Australia	Free Online Mental Health Initiative. More information page 3	\$300,000
Freemasons Centre for Male Health and Well-being	Male health and well-being research	\$650,000
Sailability SA Inc.	Inflatable rescue boat for sailing program offered to socially disadvantaged and disabled individuals	\$16,800
Ardrossan Community Hospital Inc.	Purchase of 2 aged care bed licences	\$40,000
Melaleuca Refugee Centre Torture and Trauma Survivors Service of NT	"Eat Takes A Village" program. to provide support services to recently arrived humanitarian immigrants	\$25,000
Milang Marine Search & Rescue Squadron Inc.	Marine rescue boat and shed facility	\$157,184



The Sprig of Acacia

Feb 27	Clifford DURY	Edwardstown Lewis Lodge No. 207
Apr 02	Horace John Brian DOUGLAS	Elizabeth Daytime Lodge No. 228
Apr 11	Terance O'BRIEN	Lodge Foelsche No. 211
Apr 16	David Llewellyn SCOTT	Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14
Apr 16	Peter Lewis Gwynne DOWDING	Glenelg Lodge No. 117
Apr 29	Leslie Walter Lewis PARTRIDGE	Grand Lodge of AF & AM of SA
May 02	Leslie Noel OAKLANDS	Port Pirie United Lodge No. 24.
May 05	Wilmont Charles BLAIR	Glenelg Lodge No 117
May 06	Robert Geoffrey THREDGOLD	Glenelg Lodge No 117
May 08	Edward Thomas FISK	Salisbury Lodge No. 126 Elizabeth Daytime Lodge No. 228
May 21	Robert Bowes EDMEADES	Mostyn, Goodwood & Loyalty No. 18 Lodge of Endeavour No 235

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