

COLUMNS



Freemasonry, too good to lose!

REGIONAL RAMBLINGS

with Graham Charlton PSGW, RGC 10

Well brethren it certainly has been an awful start to the 2011 year with the loss of the Canberra Masonic Building, settlement taking place in December 2010, floods in Qld, Vic and WA, cyclone in Qld, bush fires in NSW and WA, earth quakes in New Zealand and an earthquake and subsequent Tsunami in Japan. Our thoughts go out to all those people involved in these tragedies. Things can only get better I hope.

MasoniCare Interaction Grant

I had the pleasure of visiting Braidwood on the afternoon of 12th January to be part of the Lodge Truth of Braidwood presentation of a \$20,000 MasoniCare Interaction Cheque to the Braidwood Hospital's appeal for the Doug Smith Aged Care ward. Those attending included the mDR RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk, the DGIW D104 VW Bro Peter Camiller, the WM of the Lodge W Bro Geoff Burns and his wife, the mRR VW Bro John Arthur and his wife and members of Lodge Truth. The Chair of the appeal committee Mary Mathias was indeed grateful to VW Bro Peter Camiller and the Lodges' efforts in raising such a donation. Well done Lodge Truth of Braidwood. The DGIW mentioned that they could not have achieved this result without the participation of the local community.

Lodge Visits

Following the Braidwood presentation I continued down the coast to Broulee. I decided to attend the Lodge at Moruya the next evening to be part of the first meeting of the newly consolidated Lodge Coeur de Lion - Narooma. I joined with Lodge Truth's delegation and witnessed the initiation of Mr David Pearson. The interesting thing was that the Lodge held their South prior to the meeting. They also had a guest speaker in the South, Mr Garry Traynor, a historian from the Australian War Memorial who spoke about the Kokoda Track. It was great to see a Lodge trying out different ideas eg, holding their South prior to the meeting with a guest speaker and also members wearing lounge suits with their own distinctive Lodge blue ties.

I attended Lodge Woden Valley's Past Masters night with RW Bro Ron Martin PJGW in the chair. The Lodge was working a third degree exemplification and Ron had invited me to take part in the ceremony due to the illness of a Bro allocated the charge. It was a great night.

On 2nd February I visited Lodge Gowrie of Canberra. The work of the evening was to initiate Mr Stanley Massey. A Lodge Memorial Service was also held for the Lodge members and Canberra Masons to pay their respects to a dedicated mason, W Bro Alan Carnall who passed away on 4th January 2011. Eulogies were given by the Lodge secretary and Allan's son. It was interesting to know that Allan was born in Canberra on 16th August 1930. He attended Ainslie Primary School and Telopea Park High School, before serving an apprenticeship as a plumber. The QMC Lodge room was full for the service, 16 Lodge members and 48 visitors from all Districts in Region 10.

On 19th February I attended a combined District 105 meeting in Lodge Bega Remembrance No. 220. The work was the raising of a candidate from Lodge Cooma Monaro No. 164, Bro Tim Mattson, with members of District 105 Lodges performing the work. The DGIW VW Bro Tom Peadon was unable to attend due to a family wedding which gave me the opportunity to fill in for him. The Regional Training Officer, RW Bro Hugh Davies also accompanied me and we were both made very welcome.

5th March - Grand Lodge Communication

I would like to thank all the Regional brethren who made the effort to attend the March GL Communication. It was a wonderful to witness our own RW Bro Derek Robson PDGM win the ballot and become the Grand Master Elect. RW Bro Derek Robson is a member of Lodge Canberra No. 465 and Lodge Gowrie of Canberra No. 715. Derek, we all congratulate you and wish you every success for your term as Grand Master.

Regional Installations

On Saturday 26th February I attended the Re installation of RW Bro Bob Nairn in Lodge Woden Valley No. 974. The Representative was the MasoniCare Chairman RW Bro Greg Redfern PJGW and he was supported by 20 GL Officers.

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The next edition will be published in June 2011. Please send articles and photos of masonic interest to the Editor - Geoff Ludowyk (see Page 4 for contact details). Contributions are accepted subject to editing prior to inclusion.

RW Bro Redfern gave us a talk on the current situation with regards to MasoniCare grant applications. The ceremony was carried out by VW Bro John Church and the banquet was held at the Canberra Club.

Also held on 26th February 2011 was the Re installation of W Bro Earl Appleby as Master of Lodge Taralga No.648. The Representative was the Junior Grand Warden, RW Bro Ronald J Webb who was supported by fourteen GL Officers. The Installing Master on this occasion was W Bro Gordon Fleming. The Installation Banquet was held at the Taralga Sports Club with the Ladies. All enjoyed the occasion.

On 12th March 2011, I attended the Reinstallation of W Bro Ken Langton in Lodge Young Burrangong No. 20. The Representative was RW Bro Dennis Foster PJGW and he was supported by ten GL Officers. The Installing Officer was VW Bro Geoff King who carried out the role well. I had the pleasure of investing the District's new Regional Grand Steward W Bro Rob Nash. The installation banquet with the ladies followed at the Hilltops Retreat Motor Inn and was enjoyed by all.

The following morning my wife Alison and I had a look around Young visiting the Chinese Tribute Gardens (beautiful) and the old Masonic Lodge Building. The building had a notice board outside which gave an interesting history of the Lodge (photo on page 4).

On Saturday 19th March 2011, I attended the Reinstallation of W Bro Richard Barrington-Knight at Lodge Capitol No. 612. RW Bro Warren Turton PJGW represented to GM and he was

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An ANZAC Address

This is the text of an address given by Bro Ted Younger of the Lodge of Truth 26 Braidwood at the Combined Districts 103-104 ANZAC meeting hosted by the Lodge of Truth. A number of Masons were present, including 18 of the 25 members of the Lodge; many visitors from other Lodges in the two Districts (including fraternalists from Lodge Capitol 612 and Lodge Perfect of Canberra 951); the District Grand Inspectors of Workings – VW Bros Warren Barsley (103) and Peter Camiller (104) – and the Regional Grand Counsellor for Region 10, RW Bro Graham Charlton PSGW.

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Bro Ted Younger is a retired Lt Col and currently President of the Braidwood Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League. He saw service in South Vietnam as Cpl Signaller on two Landing Ships Medium – the AV Clive Steel and the AV Harry

Chauvel. His CO on the AV Clive Steel was none other than VW Bro Warren Barsley.

Introduction

I believe ANZAC Day has become the most significant national day for Australia and Australians; a day when we remember and honour those who made it possible for us to be here today, free to enjoy this great nations' blessings. In honouring those ANZACs I will reflect on the start of the ANZAC legend, see how it has been enhanced by other generations of Australians and recognise its relevance today. I would like to start by remembering the men and the legend of the original ANZACs. Then I would like to remind us how the survivors of the original ANZACs and other Australians and New Zealanders who joined them in Europe and the Middle East continued and grew that legend.

That spirit was adopted and subsequently guided our troops through WWII and Korea, evolving a much wider ANZAC 'Story'. And I like to think it has been a continuing theme through Malaya, Vietnam and today in Iraq and Afghanistan. After honouring and remembering those who have gone before us I would like to reflect on the need to help those who have been, or are involved recent wars.

Before I go any further I should apologise to our Naval and Air Force brethren here today. I have focused on the Army story through this address. Obviously the Navy and Air Force stories were evolving simultaneously. Their efforts are equal parts of the ANZAC legend.

What Do We Mean by the ANZAC Spirit?

First, what do we mean by ANZAC Spirit? The War Memorial helps us by saying that "The Anzac Spirit is courage, mateship, bravery along with the ability to laugh and joke with others. These are all the things that Australians were known for and are still today." And the Memorial provides some quotes encapsulating the Anzac Spirit:

"I'd rather be killed than leave them there to die"

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear"

The ANZAC Beginnings

There is no doubt the crucible where the ANZAC spirit was created was Gallipoli. Thousands of young, free Australians and New Zealanders, the cream of the two nations, were terribly blooded in a botched campaign. Right from the first day many lay wounded or dead. Those who remained and the reinforcements fought against a strong enemy, the terrain and nature itself to survive and hold on. They were heroes beyond our ken today.

World War 1

When the ANZACs were withdrawn from Gallipoli in January 1916 worse was to come. The horrors of the Western Front in

the terrible years of 1916 to 1918 where the tactics continued without change required a special spirit just to survive and go on. But the ANZAC legend grew—the ANZAC Divisions were constantly used as shock troops through three years of the bitter war of attrition. Finally the commanders, tactics and strategy changed and they had their victories—Mt St Quentin, Hamel in 1918.

Those in the Middle East had already had their great victory at Beersheba in October 1917. And the ANZAC story grew.

The carnage and waste of our best and brightest in WWI was terrible and disproportionate. From an Australian population of about 5 million, 416 thousand had enlisted. One in every two of these was dead or badly wounded/gassed. Transport and resources were scarce after the Great War. The troops remained in Europe and the Middle East in formed groups for months to years, coming home in their units and formations. Those returning men and women were determined to protect those at home from the absolute horrors they had endured. Seldom did they talk about their experiences.

A couple of years ago I was privileged to view the WWI European battlefields and the war graves. One memorial in particular confirmed my view that the Australian flag should never be changed – the memorial is dedicated to hundreds of ANZAC soldiers whose bodies were never found. They lie somewhere in the local fields, previously their battlefields. The central monument was 30m high and 50m wide. Each corner was a carved representation of the Australian flag, draped across the monument.

Australia was badly prepared for WWII when it came. But the sons and daughters of those who had fought the 'war to end all wars' quickly joined up and the 2nd AIF was off to training and immediate engagement in the Middle East again. The ANZAC spirit was confirmed as alive and well through El Alamein, Benghazi, and Tobruk. Last Sunday was the 70th anniversary of the defence by the Rats of Tobruk.

World War II

The desperate days of WWII continued with the hasty defence of Greece and withdrawal through Crete.

About this time Japan entered the war and control of the entire sphere of influence to Australia's north changed dramatically. The fall of Singapore and the loss of most of the British Far East Fleet left us terribly exposed, with Japan rolling rapidly through what is now Indonesia and the islands of the Coral Sea. For months the only things between Australia and the advancing Japanese were the US Fleet, our own Navy, some coastwatchers and Sparrow and Gull Force.

The Battle of the Coral Sea in May 1942 was the first turning of the tide, a most significant victory for the allies. Our navy and our coastwatchers were indispensable parts of that victory.

But in Papua New Guinea the Japanese were advancing overland across the Owen Stanley ranges and had occupied the northern parts of PNG. The only thing in their way was a group of rag tag units of reserve soldiers, rapidly thrust into the front, ill equipped, with little jungle training. Kokoda Track and Milne Bay are now names coupled to the ANZAC story.

While the 'chokos' were desperately holding the Japanese, our prime troops the 6th, 7th and 9th Divisions, 2nd AIF were rapidly and with great political effort, returned from the Middle East, quickly retrained and sent to the New Guinea front. Lae, Buna, Salamau, Nadzab, Markham Valley entered the ANZAC story.

At the end of WWII again it took many months for the troops to get back to Australia, coming in their unit and divisional

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supported on this occasion by twenty one GL Officers. The DC was our newly appointed PDGDC, VW Bro Robert Pearson. The Reinstallation ceremony was excellently performed by the Installing Master, W Bro Sam Gupta who seemed somewhat overjoyed to hand over the reins of the Lodge. The members then joined their ladies and enjoyed the festive board.

On Saturday Morning 26th March 2011 RW Bro Derek Robson and myself attended the Re-installation of W Bro Richard Yeomans at the Goulburn Daylight Lodge No.1024. The representative of the GM was RW Bro Ken Bellingham PAGM and he was supported by ten GL Officers. The Installing Master on this occasion was RW Bro Ron Neate PJGW. We did not stay for the Banquet as it was back to Canberra to get ready for Lodge Caledonia's Installation that same afternoon.

On Saturday 26th March, I attended the Installation of Bro Joe Arnold in Lodge Caledonia No.938. The representative was RW Bro Warwick Sinclair PJGW who was supported by twenty one GL Officers. The GDC was VW Bro Ken Hopkinson who again carried out the duties in his usual capable and dignified manner. There was more than 100 masons and wives at the banquet and all enjoyed the occasion. This was the first time that the RW Bro Sinclair has represented the GM and both he and his wife had a great time.

You would have to say that Feb/Mar seems to be the Installation season. If any lodge would like change their Installation meeting to April or May, or even during the week sometime it would certainly make it easier for the RGC.

"Order in the House"

I am pleased with the overall responses from the many Lodges in Region 10 who have arranged presentations of the DVD "Order in the House" by RW Bro Greg Goding. He advocates five areas for attention, namely: perfect harmony in the Lodge; good Lodge management; good ritual; well organised South's; and the elimination of the *cringe factor* from the Lodge. Brethren, this is not rocket science, it is basic common sense. If you have not seen the DVD yet, get in touch with your DGIW who will advise you of future showings.

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groupings. The survivors of 8 Div, all taken prisoner of war when Singapore fell, also came back slowly. And once more there was a reluctance to reveal the real story of what had happened.

Korea to Vietnam

In the 1950s the threat from North Korea and China saw Australians and New Zealanders once more fighting in the ANZAC tradition in the Korean War. Among other heroic events, the battle of Kapyong was added to the ANZAC story.

In the late 50s and early 60s, working with the British in Malaya, Borneo and independently in Indonesia the ANZAC troops honed the jungle skills learnt in WWII and gained great expertise in a new concept – counter insurgency and anti-guerrilla warfare.

Those skills were an essential part of our local success in Phuoc Tuy province in South Vietnam in the 1960s. Despite the difficulties at home and with the wider US strategy, our diggers and the Kiwis, working together, demonstrated how counter-insurgency and anti-guerrilla warfare could be prosecuted. There were numerous heroic efforts by our people, but I think the battle of Long Tan has become the visible demonstration of that continuing ANZAC story in Vietnam.

Return from Vietnam was different from previous wars for a large percentage of the people serving. Those in the Infantry battalions still came back as formed bodies and returned to the locations where they were serving in Australia before their deployment. However, nearly everyone else, when RTA was due, left their unit, hopped on the Qantas 707 and was in Australia 7 hours later. They were given a leave pass and told to report to a new unit after a period of leave. The dislocation was severe for some.

Membership Stats for Lodges in Region 10 as at February

District	Lodge	Billable	Total
D102	The Goulburn Lodge of Australia 58	35	35
D102	William Ross 76	62	63
D102	Lodge Taralga 648	16	16
D102	Goulburn District Daylight Lodge 1024	9	20
District 102 Total:		122	134
D103	Lodge Canberra 465	47	49
D103	Lodge Commonwealth Of Australia 633	78	83
D103	Lodge Caledonia Of Canberra 938	65	69
D103	Lodge Perfect of Canberra 951	58	62
D103	Lodge Woden Valley 974	68	72
District 103 Total:		316	335
D104	Lodge of Truth 26	27	27
D104	Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew 56	43	45
D104	Lodge Capitol 612	49	53
D104	Lodge Gowrie Of Canberra 715	34	44
D104	Lodge Ethos 963	40	44
D104	Jerrabomberra Daylight Lodge 1001	5	14
District 104 Total:		198	227
D105	Lodge Cooma Monaro 164	64	64
D105	The Mountain Lodge 190	27	28
D105	Lodge Baddeley 205	21	21
D105	Lodge Bega Remembrance 220	15	15
D105	Lodge Pambula Daylight 1000	10	15
District 105 Total:		137	143
D106	Lodge Young Burrangong 20	33	33
D106	The Yass Lodge Of Concord 27	32	32
D106	Lodge Cootamundra St John 124	29	29
D106	Lodge Federal Burrowa 193	23	29
District 106 Total:		117	123
GRAND TOTAL: REGION 10		890	962

Conclusion

The great news is that we still have approximately the same overall total for the Region as we had on 14th September 2010. We must still, however, concentrate on attracting new members to the craft.

Today's Soldiers are ANZACs Too

Today's soldier/sailor is doing it all again, the warfighting is still there, but peacekeeping has been added to their role. Peacemaking and then peacekeeping in places like East Timor, Bougainville, and Aceh; warfighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Their warfighting is a little different from previous experiences – they go away for 3 or 6 months of intensive engagement – no real 'front line' or conventional distance between them and their enemy. But they are honouring the ANZAC tradition enormously. Our allies identify our troops as fighting 'well above their weight' in today's different war. The two recent VCs, Trooper Donaldson and Corporal Roberts-Smith confirm this.

Today's soldiers come back as individuals, are sometimes debriefed or counselled and are back at work or walking the streets the next day. Mostly they don't think they need a hand. But I believe there is a job to be done, as soon as we can to reach out to any we know and let them know we understand a little of what they have gone through.

Conclusion

In conclusion I believe the ANZAC legend has become an essential part of the Australian story. It now spans and encompasses all those who fought for our great country. It is extremely pleasing to see that, despite the steady diet of 'knocking the country and its values' fed to our young people over recent years they are becoming more engaged and patriotic each year.

And finally, if you know one of today's diggers – just open the talking with him or her. We want them to know they are part of the growing ANZAC story.



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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Hennessy scholarships



MASONIC LODGE: John and Barbara McRae with their daughter Jennifer who received the Masonic Lodge Scholarship last week from Ken Langton Master of Young Burrangong Masonic Lodge, Tom Preston secretary and John Arthur Masonicare Regional representative.

Left: Scholarship cheque presentation from Lodge Young Burrangong 20 to Jennifer McRae.

Below: Members of the Lodge of Truth and RGC Graham Charlton at the Combined Districts ANZAC Ceremony.

Bottom Left: Another scholarship presentation from Lodge Young Burrangong 20 to Rachael Watson.

Bottom Right: RGC Graham Charlton congratulates W Bro Rob Nash on his appointment as a Grand Steward for the Region.



AWARD: Tom Preston, Ken Langton, relieving principal Andrew Turvey and John Arthur presented Rachael Watson with her scholarship.

Rachael dreams of a career in law

masoniCare News...

Lodge Perfect of Canberra 951 succeeded in its application for a \$4,000 interACTION grant. This will match the \$4,000 it plans to raise for the ACT Palliative Care Society by 30 June 2011. The funds will be used to sponsor a retreat for the Society's volunteer workforce, who do such a marvellous job for patients at the Clare Holland House Hospice.



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This will be my final contribution to Columns as RGC as my term will finish in August following the Grand Installation of RW Bro Derek Robson GM elect. My successor will be VW Bro Graham Davies PDGIW and I would like



to wish him the very best for his term as Regional Grand Counsellor 2011 to 2013.

I'm not sure that my time as the RGC was as good as it could have been considering

the following:

- the Canberra Masonic Centre Board was forced to sell the new Masonic Centre at Barton after only my first few months in the position
- the problems associated with getting a new CMC Board up and running in the best interests of Canberra Lodges
- the ongoing difficulties in trying to find a suitable venue for Canberra Lodges to meet
- the problems resulting from the protracted rental negotiations with Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew
- the loss by fire of the Canberra Services Club with whom we were negotiating a deal on re-accommodating the Canberra Lodges; and finally
- the recent ultimatum from Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew that CMC is to sign unacceptable Terms of Occupancy.

I truly believe that the only way forward is "UP" and I would call on all Canberra masons to stick together (remembering that united we stand divided we fall) and put our complete trust in the new RGC, VW Bro Graham Davies, the Chairman of the CMC Board Bro Steven

Gavagna, and the Board of Directors, to lead us into the future under the new Grand Master.

Over the past two years I have had the opportunity to work with a lot of talented Masons throughout Region 10, and I thank all of them for their counsel and assistance. I would also like to thank those members of the Regional team for their efforts and support.

Grand Lodge Honours

I would like to offer my congratulations to the following Brethren in Region 10 who received GL Honours or Regional and District Awards at the recent Grand Lodge Communication on 8 June 2011 (see inset below):

Past Assistant Grand Master

RW Bro Bruce Davies Lodge Cooma Monaro No 164

Past Junior Grand Warden

RW Bro Russell Yelds The Mountain Lodge No 190
 RW Bro John Arthur Lodge Federal Burrowa No 193
 RW Bro Dr David Knight Lodge Capitol No 612
 RW Bro Charles de Rochefort Pambula Daylight Lodge No 1000

Past Deputy Grand Inspector of Workings

VW Bro John Griffiths Lodge Gowrie of Canberra No 715

Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies

VW Bro Jeffrey Le Faucheur Lodge Gowrie of Canberra No 715
 VW Bro Douglas Batten Lodge Woden Valley No 974

Service Medals

Regional: RW Bro Allan Miller Lodge Goulburn District Daylight No 1024
 District 102: W Bro Sid Mawbey Lodge William Ross No 76

Deputy Grand Organist

VW Bro Frank Dunster Lodge Woden Valley No 974
 Bro Alex Slater Lodge Commonwealth of Australia No 633

Region 10 Installations

On 2 April I attended the Reinstallation of W Bro Ron Jaajaa in Lodge Cooma Monaro No. 164. The Representative on this occasion was the DGIW of District 105, VW Bro Tom Peadon. He was supported by fifteen GL Officers. The work of the evening was carried out very well by VW Bro Kim Taylor PDGIW. The Banquet was attended by the Brethren and their ladies at the Cooma Bowling Club where a great meal was provided by the Chef who was a member of the Lodge.

On Saturday 7 May I drove to Pambula for Lodge Baddeley's 120th Installation Ceremony. W Bro Ernest Joseph Whitcher was reinstalled into the chair by W Bro Malcolm Niemeier. The Representative of the Grand Master was VW Bro Brian Potter PJGW from

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Sydney. He was supported by fourteen GL Officers. The Grand DC, VW Bro Kevin Mulcahy carried out his duties competently. The festive board, prepared by the Ladies was of the usual high standard (delicious). All attending enjoyed the occasion. There was some doubt about the running of the honest raffle?

On 18 June 2011, I attended the Reinstallation of W Bro Ignacius Hidvegi in the Goulburn Lodge of Australia No. 58. On this occasion I represented the Grand Master and I was supported by sixteen GL Officers. W Bro Tim Woolley performed the installation ceremony in a dignified and capable manner. The Installation Banquet was held at the Goulburn Soldiers Club and was enjoyed by all.

Other Lodge Meetings

Following a viewing of the DVD "Order in the House" by RW Bro Goding PAGM, The DGIW D104, VW Bro Peter Camiller, a member of The Lodge of Truth Braidwood, discussed with me the possibility of the Lodge changing its meeting night from Saturday to a mid week night. I advised that

I could give them dispensation to hold their meeting mid week for a six month trial period. The Lodge had been holding their meetings on Saturday nights since the 1940s. A meeting was held and they agreed to the change and decided on the second Wednesday. I attended their first mid week meeting on 13 April 2011 as RGC and it was a great success with twenty of the twenty six members present (see photo on Page 4). There were also about twenty visitors to witness the combined Districts 103 and 104 ANZAC ceremony on that night. At their last meeting they held an open night and had eight members of the public in attendance. So far all is going well.

Other Lodges having seen the DVD and also considering a change of meeting to mid week in Region 10 are Lodge Cooma Monaro and the Mountain Lodge.

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What happened to the Charity Shield Challenge?

Peter Camiller, DGIW 104

Well it has been sitting unchallenged in “The Lodge of Truth” Braidwood.

For many years this great little country lodge has set the benchmark for its charitable efforts in our region, with only twenty five members most of whom are way past retirement age. They have consistently won the Charity Shield—in fact the challengers have given up trying to win it from them.

Truth’s efforts in the last twelve months have not waned—and set an example to Freemasons everywhere.

Braidwood Hospital Dementia Wing	20 000
Freemasons Building Fund	450
Freemasons Benevolent Fund	1 000
Braidwood Hospital Dementia Wing*	3 000
St Vincent de Paul	500
Braidwood Care	500
Country Education Foundation	500
Masonic Youth Welfare Fund	450
St Bede’s School (Marquee)	250
TOTAL	\$26 650

* additional to the \$20 000 from the Lodge and masoniCare

Earlier in the year the Lodge raised \$10,000 for the Braidwood Hospital Dementia wing appeal, an effort which attracted an additional \$10,000 in an interACTION grant from masoniCare.

Their June meeting saw them allocate a further \$6,650 to Masonic and community charities (see box).

Well, how do they do it? They of course have a strict Masonic rule that money raised in the name of charity goes to charity—so that all raffle money raised at its meetings is only for charity. In addition, the famous “Lodge of Truth” wood auction and raffle held every year never fails to exceed \$5,000 plus.

Yes! I am proud to be a member of this Lodge for its continuous work for charity, which is what Freemasonry stands for.

So here's the challenge!!!!

To all you younger masons with ideas on how to improve Freemasonry—show us oldies how you can adopt those truly Masonic ornaments of Benevolence and Charity.

The City of Wollongong Masonic Fraternity

An historic event took place in the City of Wollongong (pictured below from Stanwell Park) on the weekend of 25 June 2011. It saw the Consecration, Constitution and Installation of the City of Wollongong Lodge No. 1049—historic because the Lodge was



sponsored by the City of Wollongong Mark and Royal Arch Chapter No. 79. This sponsorship was made possible under the terms of the Concordat between the United Grand Lodge of NSW and ACT and the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of NSW and ACT, forming a ‘Masonic Fraternity’ and was the first of its kind in Australia.

RW Bro Michael Dalton and your editor attended the weekend’s celebrations and it was a wonderful occasion and attended by many, including the heads of the UGL, UGSC and the OSM in this jurisdiction and the GM Elect.

The Masonic Fraternity uses a logo based on the City of Wollongong’s logo, while the Lodge and the Chapter have adopted a logo (see inset) which reflects the fact that this single Masonic body works all of the Degrees of Pure, Ancient Masonry as defined in the Constitutions of the UGL. The foundation members of the

Lodge have all completed their journey by being Exalted to the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch, the Fifth and Final Degree of Pure, Ancient Masonry.

The Lodge was consecrated by the Grand Master MW Bro Dr Greg Levenston on Saturday evening; and the Chapter was Reconsecrated by the First Grand Principal and Grand Master M Ex Comp Ted Keenahan on Sunday morning. In between these ceremonials was a sumptuous banquet. One of the raffle prizes was a bottle of a 21 Year Old Glenlivet Single Malt, which unfortunately neither of us won.

Of interest to local Masons is the fact that Bro Jason Cutler, formerly of Canberra, is Foundation Treasurer of the new Lodge.

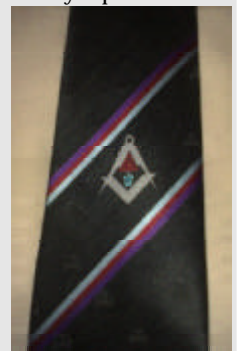
RW Bro Dalton drove me back to Canberra the next day for reasons I won’t go into at this time—suffice it to say that his effort was greatly appreciated.



The City Of Wollongong Masonic Fraternity Logo is made up of five elements. The first is the Square and Compasses representing the Three Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason—the foundation and core of all Freemasonry. The second is the Keystone representing the Honourable Degree of Mark Master

Mason and the third is the Triangle with Triple Tau representing the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch. Together they represent the completion of ‘Pure, Ancient Masonry’, as it is defined in the Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

A striking tie was created for the Fraternity (pictured). The diagonal stripes of the tie are comprised of three colours—the pale blue of the Craft, the red of the Holy Royal Arch and purple for the Masonic Fraternity, purple being a combination of the two previous colours—the whole against a black background patterned with the Triple Tau.



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Lodge Capitol 612 is challenging all Lodges in the Region, their members, families and friends to the soon to be traditional **Annual Regional Quadrivia Challenge**—with the first to be held much later in the year and all proceeds going to charity. Watch this space for further details.

Regional Ramblings continued...

On Wednesday 27 April I attended Yass Lodge of Concord at the invitation of the DGIW, VW Bro Greg Lynch, who had had a fall and injured a leg. He was unable to attend. I had previously prepared a dispensation for the Lodge to ballot for and, if accepted, to initiate Mr David John Cahill—so I was able to deliver it personally. Owing to the imminent departure overseas of two brethren who were friends of the candidate, the work of the evening was the initiation followed by a lecture on the First Tracing Board. The meeting closed somewhat late but was followed by the usual Yass Lodge excellent south.

Passing of three eminent Masons to the Grand Lodge above

Recently we have lost three respected Masons to the GL above. They were:

W Bro Russell Pitcairn Campbell

Earlier this year I had the privilege of presenting W Bro Russ Campbell with his Sixty Year Jewel and I know he will be missed by the members of the Jerrabomberra Daylight Lodge.

RW Bro Robert Perriman PAGM

It is with sadness that I mention the passing of RW Bro Bob Perriman who died in a car accident on Thursday 7 May 2011.



I first met Bob Perriman in the 1960s when I was promoted to the Department of the Treasury as OIC Registry to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of John Le Mesurier. Bob was the Assistant Secretary, Admin, and he has been a constant mentor to me ever since. It was Bob who asked me to put in an expression of interest for the position of RGC in 2009.

As Bob had not been feeling well I visited him on Wednesday

afternoon of 6 May 2011. I was with him for over two hours discussing his and my experiences as RGCs in Region 10, he being the first RGC. We also talked about the problems that had arisen and different approaches to rectify the same. I am so pleased that I did that.

I attended his funeral on Wednesday 11 May 2011 at St Margaret's Uniting Church in Hackett. As he was a well respected man and a Mason, the church was filled to overflowing with well over 100 masons present. I guess like many Masons, it was an honour and definitely a privilege to have known him, to sit in lodge with him and enjoy his unique company. He will be sadly missed but his memory will live on.

RW Bro Frank Hull PJGW

RW Bro Frank Hull will be remembered for his tireless work in maintaining the Masonic Diary and in overseeing the operation of "Feeding the Needy" at the Griffin Centre for many Years.

District 106 Xmas in July function

The DGIW of District 106, VW Bro Greg Lynch advises that they will be having a family day out on 31st July 2011 at Junee commencing at 10am. At 11am there will be a tour of the

Liquorice Factory, at 12.30pm they will assemble at the Junee Hotel for their Xmas Lunch and at 2.30pm they will tour the Junee Roundhouse Railway Museum. The all up cost for the days tours and lunch will be \$28. If you would like to attend this Xmas in July function please RSVP the DGIW on 0428 608 576 or the Secretary of Lodge Cootamundra St John, W Bro Jim Caskie on 02 6942 2263.

Have you booked your tickets for the Grand Installation of RW Bro Derek Robson AM PDGM as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory?

RW Bro Geoff Bunn is organising a bus which will leave Braidwood, pick up at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre, Yowani Golf Club and at the Goulburn Masonic Centre. The bus will return following the Grand Installation Banquet. Cost of travel will be up to \$35 per person, depending on numbers. Call Geoff on 0429 812 393 or email him at

Membership Stats for Lodges in Region 10 as at 30 June 2011

Dist	Lodge Name	Billable	Total
D102	The Goulburn Lodge of Australia 58	28	28
D102	William Ross 76	56	57
D102	Lodge Taralga 648	16	16
D102	Goulburn District Daylight Lodge 1024	11	21
District 102 Total:		111	122
D103	Lodge Canberra 465	47	48
D103	Lodge Commonwealth Of Australia 633	75	79
D103	Lodge Caledonia Of Canberra 938	65	69
D103	Lodge Perfect of Canberra 951	57	61
D103	Lodge Woden Valley 974	56	59
District 103 Total:		300	316
D104	Lodge of Truth 26	25	25
D104	Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew 56	45	47
D104	Lodge Capitol 612	49	53
D104	Lodge Gowrie Of Canberra 715	36	46
D104	Lodge Ethos 963	38	42
District 104 Total:		193	213
D105	Lodge Cooma Monaro 164	60	60
D105	The Mountain Lodge 190	26	27
D105	Lodge Baddeley 205	21	21
D105	Lodge Bega Remembrance 220	15	15
D105	Lodge Pambula Daylight 1000	11	14
District 105 Total:		133	137
D106	Lodge Young Burrangong 20	34	34
D106	The Yass Lodge Of Concord 27	35	35
D106	Lodge Cootamundra St John 124	28	28
D106	Lodge Federal Burrowa 193	22	29
District 106 Total:		119	126
Region 10 Total		856	914

Conclusion

Brethren, since February we have lost 12 members in District 102; 19 in District 103; 9 in District 104; 6 in District 105 and gained 3 members in District 106. And I say again that we must still concentrate on attracting new members to the craft.



VW Bro Tom Peadon, DGIW 104 represented the MW Grand Master at Lodge Cooma Monaro 164 and is seen here presenting W Bro Ron Jaajaa with his Certificate of Reinstallation



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REGIONAL ROUNDUP



Grand Master's Representative, RW Bro Brian Potter PJGW, with newly installed W Bro Ernie Whitcher as Master of Lodge Baddeley No. 205. Looking on is the Installing Master, W Bro Mal Niemeier



LODGE OF TRUTH BRAIDWOOD NO. 26—13 APRIL 2011

First Midweek Meeting since the early 1940s

Front Row: Bro Wayne Cramp—SW, W Bro Geoff Burns—WM, RW Bro Graham Charlton—RGC, W Bro Terry Hancock—JW, Bro Roy Munn and VW Bro Doug Edwards—Secretary
Second Row: W Bro Ray Grant, RW Bro Pring Raynolds—Organist, W Bro Phil Shoemark—SD, VW Bro Peter Camiller—DGIW 104 and RW Bro Geoff Bunn—DC.

Third Row: W Bro David Cargill—Chaplain, Bro Graham Giles, Bro Rodney Royds—Treasurer, Bro Norm Atkinson, Bro Tim Raynolds—JD and Bro John Maddrell

Back Row: Bro Brian Boyd, Bro Steve Hockey—Steward and Bro Ted Younger—IG.

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Regional Installations—Quarter Three

Sat 23 July at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre—Reinstallation of W Bro Graham Gliddon. The Rep is RW Bro Horrie Holt OAM PSGW / VW Bro Terry Peek is GDC

Sat 20 August at the Yass Masonic Centre—Yass Lodge of Concord 27

Sat 17 September at Bega Masonic Centre—Lodge Bega Remembrance 220

Sat 8 October at the Braidwood Masonic Centre—Lodge of Truth 26

Freemasonry—Valuable & Viable!

REGIONAL RAMBLINGS with RW Bro Graham Davies RGC 10

Let me start my first edition of “Columns” by paying tribute to my predecessor RW Bro Graham Charlton PAGM. He has been an active steward and servant of this Region, guiding and encouraging everyone to do their best



and then to try to go even further. We can be certain that with his new and well deserved rank of PAGM he will be inspired to continue to

work for the advancement of Freemasonry. A loyal crew of 38 GL officers farewelled RW Bro Charlton at lunch at the Canberra Yacht Club on 27 August.

My theme for the next two years will be: Freemasonry - Viable and Valuable

To provide a viable future for Freemasonry our members must enjoy the Craft and see the entire experience as a valuable enhancement to their lives. As Masons we meet in the grand design of being happy and conferring happiness and the active pursuit of perfect harmony in our Lodges and in our interactions with each other is the only sure foundation for that happiness.

Region 10 is an interesting mixture of country town and city lodges situated in both NSW and the ACT and there is great future potential in this diversity. We have

established some Lodge websites which are reaching our new members who have done their research on the Internet before approaching us. As Masons we must preserve the Ancient Landmarks (such as the oral delivery of high standard ritual) while being attuned to the expectations of our members in the management and leadership provided through our Lodges.

We all must remember that Freemasonry is purely voluntary and consequently its members at all levels must feel that there are benefits and enjoyments to be found from their investment of their time and energies. To me this is the true value of the Craft.

Grand Installation

A large contingent of Brethren and Ladies from Region 10 travelled to Sydney for the Grand Installation of the first GM from the national capital. It was an impressive occasion carefully orchestrated by undoubtedly the best Grand Director of Ceremonies on the planet VW Bro Antoine Georges. The ceremony and the banquet were of a very high standard and the value for money received was excellent. Those who went voted it the party of the year.

Now the hard work has begun in earnest as MW Bro Derek Robson outlines and implements his vision for the future of the Craft in this jurisdiction. It is incumbent on all of us to support and encourage the GM in his efforts.

MW Bro Robson said in his address and since that he wants masonry to be re-established in every town and hamlet throughout NSW and ACT, as an organisation strongly connected to the communities we live in and seen by those communities as important participants.

In addition our GM is concerned that we, the Masons, should receive good value from our Grand Lodge structures being efficient, supportive and appropriate without continuing the many layered and often excessive governance which he inherited from his predecessors. The most

important two changes he intends to make are to reduce the number of RGC's (I could be out of a job??) and to place more direct power and responsibility in the hands of the DGIW's making them direct managers.

Grand Honours

I attended the Grand Communication on 14 September at which two of our regional members had Grand Honours conferred on them: RW Bro Graham Charlton of Lodge Ethos 963 from PSGW to PAGM; and VW Bro Percy Fleming of Lodge Taralga 648 and Lodge Gowrie of Canberra 715 to PDGDC. Congratulations to them both on well deserved promotions.

100th Birthday

On 10th September W Bro Leo Praks from Lodge Commonwealth of Australia No. 633 celebrated his 100th Birthday with many family, friends and brethren. The WM of Lodge Commonwealth presented WBro Praks with a letter of congratulations from the Grand Master. It is notable that 12 days later WBro Praks attended his regular Lodge meeting and volunteered to deliver the SE Charge in the Second Degree at their October meeting. A dedicated mason.

Region 10 Website

Unfortunately our Region 10 website remains in a state of collapse and I was advised last week that it cannot be revived with the current GL website software. I am now looking at other opportunities to host and re-establish the Region 10 website and I will provide further information and new links as soon as possible.

Meeting dates

A number of our country Lodges in this Region are trialling meeting on weekdays as opposed to their normal Saturdays to try to broaden their appeal and be more convenient to their younger members. Please boost the numbers by visiting whenever possible.

Regional Ramblings

At the August meeting of Goulburn Daylight Lodge No. 1024 I had the pleasure of presenting a Regional Service Award to RW Bro Alan Miller in recognition of his years of dedicated and distinguished service to the Craft. Alan was very pleased and surprised as this had been another well kept masonic secret until I asked the D of C to present him.

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Contributions to 'Columns'

The next edition will be published in December 2011. Please send articles and photos of masonic interest to the Editor – Geoff Ludowyk (see Page 4 for contact details). Contributions are accepted subject to editing prior to inclusion.

Special Olympics 2011—Athens, Greece

by VW Bro Terry Peek PDGDC

G'day Folks. This has taken a long time to get finger to keyboard – almost a month and a lot has happened since we got home – and the body clock is now just returning to normal.



First of all as Head Coach of the Special Olympic Australian Sailing Team, to say I am chuffed with the results of the team's efforts at the SO World Summer Games in Athens ... is somewhat of an understatement! Every member of the Team stood on the Podium - Not many Teams can claim that!

What great results – two days racing to determine divisions with the result that all our sailors made it to the top division in each level. The Divisioning process is designed to create some form of competition equality based on skill levels and ensures that like skill competes against like skills. Then four days racing in the medal races (12 races in all with no drops). In the middle of the medal races, one day spent with Al and Bronwyn sailing against each other and other teams in a unity sports event consisting of a VIP (who I understand paid for the privilege), a Greek Olympic sailor, a coach from another country and another athlete from another sport. Al helmed in his boat and Bron in hers for three races, each with an American coach (I hope they learnt something – the Yanks I mean). In one of the boats, the Chair of SO International, Tim Shriver (John Kennedy's nephew) sailed with his son sailing in Al's boat. Al and his crew won the series with Bron and hers a close second and the others not really in the race.

Medal Results

Level 2 – Division 1: In this Level, the SO athlete helms the boat with a 'unified partner' assisting with sail trim and advice. Here we had two Australian teams in the top Division. The boat selected was the 420.

- Gold to Alyse and Bob Hamilton (Unified Partner) from NSW on 19 points (7 x 1sts, 3 x 2nds, and 2 x 3rds)
- Silver to the British Virgin Islands on 20 points (5 x 1sts, 6 x 2nds, and 1 x 3rd) with
- Bronze going to Stephen Ponder and Michael Leydon (Unified Partner) from the ACT on 33 points (3 x 2nds, and 9 x 3rds).

Level 3 – Division 1: In this Level, 2 SO athletes sail with an onboard coach who cannot become (involved) in the physical sailing of the boat but who mentors and advises. The boat selected was the Laser Bahia. Two months before

we left Australia, there were no Bahias in Australia. A commercial sailing school located at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club imported 3 – we took full advantage of this and held 2 training camps at the MHYC which allowed the Qld crew to get some practice in the boat they were to sail in... must have helped because:

- Gold to Belinda Hill and Sonja Gilmore with Chris Ruston as the onboard coach (all from Qld) on 17 points (8 x 1sts, 3 x 2nds and 1 x 3rd)
- Silver and Bronze to the Greeks on 26 and 28 points with Spain and Russia a long way off with 45, 71 and 96 points.

Level 5 – Division 1: In this Level, the SO athlete sails solo. No outside assistance or advice. The boat selected was the Laser 4.7 - a youth boat with a recommended maximum weight of 55Kg. Again we had two Australian sailors competing against each other.

- Gold to Allister Peek (from the ACT) on 18 points (7 x 1sts, 4 x 2nds and 1 x 3rd)
- Silver to Bronwyn Ibbotson (also from the ACT) on 21 points (4 x 1sts, 7 x 2nds and 1 x 3rd)
- Bronze to Aleksandra Blinnikov, Russia on 38 points with Russia 4th and 5th on 41 and 72 points.

The Australian Team was by far the best prepared, the best drilled and the best skilled of any of the other teams with the possible exception of the British Virgin Islands Team who whilst they were great sailors, were let down by their relatively limited knowledge of the rules and how to apply them. It would appear that our Special Olympic sail training and development programs which are organised and run as sub-programs of *Sailability* around Australia have had a great effect on our position as the premier SO Sailing Team around the world (although I am sure that some countries may disagree).

Nine countries were represented: Australia (8 sailors); Austria (4); Finland (8); Great Britain (6); Greece (16); Russia (8); Spain (8); British Virgin Islands (6); and the USA (14).

Our results at Athens surpassed our efforts at the 2007 SO Games in Shanghai where we came home with 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze.

Wrap Up

After the Games, all but one of the Sailing Team took some time off before returning to Australia. There are two things one has



to do when in Greece and not to do them would fall under the category of one of the 7 mortal sins. We did both and thereby didn't commit any sin... The first was to see the Acropolis and the Pantheon. The second whilst in Greece was to sail the Greek islands, as one would! What an experience and the basis of tales which are already growing into myth and fable.

Regional Ramblings continued...

The program on Freemasonry aired by Compass on Sunday 14 August was a very balanced view and an interesting contrast between then and now. The program also showed some of the good results from dissatisfaction with existing Lodges leading to the founding of a new Lodge. If anyone hasn't seen the program I have copies in MP4 and WMV formats.

Lodge Ethos Initiation – Due to VW Bro Peter Camiller being ill, I attended Bro Frank Bruzanitti's initiation on 17 August but first I had to participate in two MAS interviews.

Yass Lodge of Concord Installation – WBro Charles Royall was re-installed into the Chair on Saturday 20th August. The representative on this occasion was RW Bro Hugh Davies PJGW ably assisted by VW Bro Brian Morgan PDGDC as Grand Director. The Installing Master was VW Bro Ken Hopkinson PDGDC who did an outstanding job considering that his youngest daughter had recently been in a horrific car accident and was lying seriously injured in Canberra Hospital. Thankfully she is recovering well, but on the night Ken gave his full attention to the task at hand.

Lodge Caledonia Initiation – A unique event happened on Thursday 1 September at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre when Capt. Cameron McCracken RAN was initiated in the presence of the GM, DGM and 36 other Grand Lodge Officers (myself included) and over 100 brethren from within the Region. The night was an outstanding success for the GM, the candidate and the Lodge.

Cootamundra St John No. 124 – The approval of both the GM and the Chairman of the Board was fast tracked for this Lodge to hold an urgent meeting to elect a new Master on 6 September. WBro Norm Apps was elected that day and installed on 17 September by the DGIW of District 106, VW Bro Greg Lynch and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all.

Special Olympics continued...

I spoke to the Team before we went cruising – praising and congratulating them for their efforts and results and telling them that it will be payback time when we return to Australia. Payback in the sense that they are now under an obligation to return to the sport that assistance that they received and which got them to Greece.

A lot of effort, support and money from a multitude of different people and organisations went into getting them their medals. These include the people who bought a sausage sandwich at the multitude of fundraisers we held; the people who donated on line; the clubs and individuals who provided equipment and training facilities at no cost; the organisations who provided gear at a reduced and discounted cost because of who it was for; the employers who were sympathetic and gave them time off work – mum and dad, brother, sister, uncle Tom Cobbley and all (I'm not too sure if the youngsters understand this dated reference but it shows my age!); the SO; and other officials behind the scenes. It also includes Clubs and Groups such as the Canberra Yacht Club; The YMCA Sailing Club; the Sea Scouts who lent boats; the Middle Harbour Yacht Club; the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht; BYRA; The Southport School Club and a multitude of people – some they may have known but others with whom they may have had no contact – but who believed in them and what they could achieve. They have done us all proud.

masoniCare News: Bags for the collection of donations to the Benevolence Fund – which assists Freemasons and their families in distress – have been distributed to your mDRs for distribution to Lodges. Brethren, please give generously to this worthy cause.

Bega Remembrance No. 220 Installation – The DGIW District 105, VW Bro Tom Peadon was the GM's representative at this Installation on 17 September and carried out his duties on the evening in an exemplary manner. A report and some very good photographs of the evening were posted on the Lodge website within 24 hours. I was planning to attend but unfortunately had to cancel the day before. My predecessor RW Bro Graham Charlton PAGM, RW Bro Mike Dalton PJGW and RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk PJGW all attended the Installation and represented my office in a most gratifying manner. I will always remain grateful for their unfailing support on every occasion.

ACT Hospice (Clare Holland House) – On Monday 19 September I presented a masoniCare cheque for \$4,000 to the Society which runs the hospice. The presentation was made prior to their monthly Board Meeting and the money was gratefully received. These funds are used to provide training and development retreats for their volunteers who work directly with the terminally ill and their families. The money had been matched by an identical amount raised and previously presented by Lodge Perfect of Canberra.

Order of the Secret Monitor, Canberra Conclave No. 13 – As instructed I organised a GL Delegation to support the MWGM and the AGM on their visit to the annual installation of the Conclave (GM is a member) in the Goulburn Masonic Centre on 24 September. Ten Grand Lodge Officers who are also members of the OSM entered the Conclave in GL regalia and were received by the Most Worthy Supreme Ruler, Most Worthy Brother Ian Newberry (also our new Chairman of the Board of Management at Grand Lodge). The protocols for the evening were worked out by the respective GDC's and implemented with great style and dignity.

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The Annual Regional Trivia Challenge—hosted by Lodge Capitol 612— will be held at the Statesman Hotel Curtin ACT on Saturday 26 November at 7 for a 7.30pm start. The event is open to all with seating at Tables of 8. The cost is \$10/ head with all proceeds going to charity. Please email the Junior Warden: shruza@grapevine.com.au to book your table. Meals may be purchased from Bistro on arrival.

Regional Golf and Bowls Day

Brethren, Wives, Partners and children: some good news for a change. The annual Region Golf Day is on again this year after the success of last year. We have extended it to Bowls beginners welcome. The venue is again the Braidwood Services Club. The cost is \$40 for adults; \$5 for children under 14 years. You get for your money Tea or Coffee at 10am; play nine holes of golf in a shotgun start or 16 ends. Bowls: some bowls are available no charge. Then at 1.00pm a Steak and Salad lunch in the brand new beer garden with childrens play area attached. Plus lots of Prizes and fun for everybody. Bring a friend and join in the good humour and conversation that these events provide.

The date is the 20 November 2011 – mark it in your diary now spread the word. Get a lodge group together and drop me an email on numbers to make sure you get a good steak. SO BE IN IT!

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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Palliative Care Support

The members of Lodge Perfect of Canberra have again contributed \$4,000 to the ACT Palliative Care Society, matched by an *interAction grant* from *masoniCare*, making a total of \$8,000. This amount goes a long way towards meeting the costs involved in an annual retreat provided by the Society for its volunteer carers.



Presentation on 19 Sep 2011 at Clare Holland House. From left to right: Ros Hennessy; Janet Turner; Brian Taylor; Megan Evans; Peter Forster; and Graham Davies

The purpose of the retreat is to provide opportunities for refreshment and renewal, teaching and learning. For example, in 2010, the retreat featured Peter Roberts, a Music Thanatologist from Melbourne who demonstrated with his harp how sensitively played live

music can soothe the emotions and ease pain, and provide comfort and support to families coping with life threatening illness. The eleventh retreat, held at Greenhills Conference Centre near the Cotter Reserve, in September 2011, featured a panel discussion with a group of local palliative care practitioners with the topic '*End of Life Care Choices and Conversations*'. The after dinner speaker on the Friday night was Marion Le who has been championing the rights of refugees arriving in Australia for the past 35 years.

The Palliative Care Society employs a professional team to train and co-ordinate over 140 volunteers who are committed to supporting people living with a terminal illness. The volunteers are an integral part of the palliative care team at the hospice (Clare Holland House), in home based palliative care and in residential aged care facilities.

Happy 100 Leo Praks

Leo's 100th was celebrated at his Lodge's September meeting. Here is an edited transcript of his address in the South.



"Thanks to the Almighty Creator of the Universe I am still alive and am pleased to be present at today's meeting. It has been an honour and a pleasure to be a member of Lodge Commonwealth of Australia 633.

I arrived with my family in Australia on April 23 1949. I was able to find employment in Canberra and I and my family have been living and working here since then. I knew what Freemasonry was, but as Canberra was just a small town in the early years, to become a Freemason

was just a dream for me. It took me nearly twenty years to get sponsors and I was initiated in 1969. I was installed into the Chair for the years 1980-81. As the WM I had a wonderful time—the fraternity and friendship of the members was overwhelming.

Memorable times for me were when we made fraternal visits to Lodge Technology in Sydney – once we had 22 members in our fraternal to Lodge Technology.

Now due to my age and health problems I have not been able to take such an active part in Masonic activities as I have done before. My sincerest thanks go to Lodge Commonwealth for electing me as an honorary member and I feel greatly honoured for this privilege.

Throughout my Masonic career I have been a member of several Masonic Orders: Holy Royal Arch; the Knights Templar; Knights Templar Priests; the Order of the Secret Monitor; and the Red Cross of Constantine. I have received Grand Rank in all these orders."

Postscript: Leo told me he was involved in a head-on collision back in 1960 where four people died. Leo was laid on a slab at the Queanbeyan morgue after the collision. A doctor was checking the deceased and on raising one of Leo's eyelids, noticed a small dilation of the pupil. The rest is history.—Ed.

Regional Ramblings

With RW Bro Graham Davies RGC 10



The Grand Communication at Goulburn on 17 December was very well supported by Brethren and their ladies from within Region 10 and beyond. The Lodge Room was packed and the gathering spread out into the entry hall. It was a wonderful sight to behold.

During the communication, the Grand Master announced further honours for RW Bro Ken Bellingham, new WM of Lodge William Ross No. 76 from PAGM to PDGM, RW Bro Malcolm Privett WM of Lodge Bega Remembrance No. 220 from PDGIW to PJGW and VW Bro Ken Hopkinson of Yass Lodge of Concord No. 27 and Lodge Perfect of Canberra No. 951 from PDGDC to PDGIW. Sincere congratulations to three committed and enthusiastic Masons.

Afterwards over 100 Brethren and their ladies attended an excellent formal dinner at the Goulburn Workers' Club. Our thanks go to RW Bro Ken Bellingham for organising the venues and dinner.

Region 10

Website

Due to instability, the Region 10 website has now been turned off by Grand Lodge along with a number of other Regional sites which were out of date or are no longer required. Grand Lodge are purchasing modern software but in the meantime Region 10 remains off the air. All efforts to use another website have stalled but I remain hopeful we can restore communications soon.

Regional Diary

The Regional Diary 2011 has been the last one produced in hard copy and offered for sale. The 2012 Diary is now electronic and can be downloaded from <http://www.actmasons.com.au/Diary/>. It would be helpful if Brethren could print a copy for any older Masons who don't have computers or Internet access.

masoniCare Meeting

The RGCs of Regions 8 & 10 have agreed to support a masoniCare Meeting at Cootamundra

on Sunday 29 April 2012. Details are not yet finalised but put the date in your diary. WM's, Lodge Secretaries, Masonicare District Representatives, Masonicare Caring Officers and Region/ District Education Officers are expected to attend. Partners are also welcome

Motorbike Ride

Bro Alex Slater is organising a motorbike ride from Canberra through Cooma to Wodonga attending Lodge along the way. Please direct all expressions of interest to Alex at alex@slaters.id.au or phone him on 0406 376 341.

Meeting dates

A number of our country Lodges in this Region are trialling meeting on weekdays as opposed to their normal Saturdays to try to broaden their appeal and be more convenient to their younger members. Please boost the numbers by visiting whenever possible.

Regional Happenings

Annual Ladies' Luncheon – The Mountain Lodge No. 190

On Sunday 9 October my wife Helen and myself took a 406 kms drive to Bombala RSL to attend the Mountain Lodge's annual ladies' lunch. The guest speaker was Ms Jenny Swanson, the Regional Relationships Manager for Snowy Hydro South Care who spoke on the need to financially support their service which holds the contract for emergency helicopter evacuations across south eastern NSW and the ACT. During the lunch, the WM thanked the ladies for their contributions during the year and presented 40, 50 and 60 years service awards to members of the Lodge.

The District masoniCare representative handed over an Interaction Grant cheque to the Bombala Cemetery Committee to construct an Early Settlers' Memorial Wall. It was pleasing that the local paper had been advised of the event and had a reporter/photographer in attendance. A very good article was printed in the next edition of the Bombala Times.



Queanbeyan St Andrew Installation: VW Bro Peter Camiller DGIW 104 congratulates their new WM, WBro Peter Bache

Installation – Lodge of Truth, Braidwood No. 26

On 8 October Braidwood had their Installation and it was again a good turnout with 15 members, 21 visitors and 19 GL officers present despite thunderstorms, wind, hail and rain most of the day in the area. Bro Wayne Cramp was in-

stalled by WBro Geoff Burns the outgoing master in the presence of RW Bro Graham Charlton PAGM giving his new chain rank regalia its first airing as the GM's Representative. Having enjoyed an excellent ceremony, the South which was catered by the Braidwood CWA was a masterpiece of generous country hospitality.



Lodge of Truth: L to R WBro Wayne Cramp WM, WBro Phil Shoemark JW and WBro Terry Hancock SW

Installation – Lodge Ethos No. 963

On Saturday 22 October I represented the Grand Master at Lodge Ethos' Installation. This was the first time in 9 years that a MM has been installed into the Chair of this Lodge and since WBro Craig Revell is also an enthusiastic young mason we can look to this Lodge to prosper even more in the future. Present to enjoy an outstanding ceremony conducted by WBro Rudi Koch were 22 members, 35 visitors and 22 GL officers.

The catering and presentation of the South attained a very high standard and gave those present a most enjoyable social occasion. A separate dinner was held for the ladies at the Haig Restaurant in Civic.



Lodge Ethos Installation: RW Bro Graham Davies congratulates WBro Craig Revell on attaining the Chair



Lodge Gowrie Installation: RW Bro Graham Davies congratulates WBro Malcolm Mann on starting his second year in the Chair

Installation - Lodge Gowrie of Canberra No. 715

I represented at the re-installation of WBro Malcolm Mann into the Chair of my Lodge on Wednesday 2 November and the night was memorable as it expanded the WM's theme—dare to be different.

A buffet dinner was served from

5.30 to 7.00pm when the Lodge was tyled. Grace, the Loyal Toast and the Toast to the MWGM were delivered and honoured prior to the ceremony, with all the usual remaining toasts delivered and responded to afterwards over dessert, tea and coffee (with limited alcohol available). Feedback from those present was positive, particularly as this format avoided

having a large meal served late at night.

A separate ladies and children's dinner was held with 24 ladies and 15 children (aged from 2 to 14) attending and feedback has rated it a great experience for everyone who was able to attend.

Installation - Pambula Daylight Lodge No. 1000

My wife and I joined RW Bro Ian Newberry, Chairman of the Board of Management and his wife Joan plus visitors from Sydney, Region 10, Bairnsdale Daylight Lodge in Victoria and some members of Pambula Daylight for a very pleasant dinner in the Merimbula Bowling Club on the evening of Thursday 3 November. The masons reassembled the next morning to witness a very good re-installation ceremony following which we en-

The new WM, W Bro Douglas Sewell, was a MM so this made a welcome change in an old country Lodge. The ceremony was well conducted and the festive board which was held in the dining room of a local 1860's hotel was great country hospitality.

Ceremony of the Vacant Chair – Lodge Perfect of Canberra No. 951

As RGC I was invited to attend the Ceremony which was held on

Present were 20 members, 18 GL Officers and 13 visitors who were treated to an excellent Installation Ceremony conducted by WBro Danny Edwards. Their new Master Peter Bache is well placed to lead the Lodge and has all but one progressive office filled by Master Masons plus 4 MAS candidates on the notice paper.

Districts 103 & 104 Golf and Bowls Day

Braidwood Servicemen's Club was the place to be on Sunday 20 November for this annual event. Attendance was down on last year due to rain in Canberra and Queanbeyan, yet it remained fine in Braidwood! A total of 32 people attended for a great day plus a plentiful BBQ lunch. The big surprise was that Lodge of Truth (locals) led by Bro Rodney Royds removed the vice like grip of long term winners Lodge Woden Valley on the golf trophy. The Camiller Bowls Trophy just instituted this year was won by Sandra and Daryl Neit from Lodge Capitol rather than the red hot favourites Margaret and Hugh Davies from Lodge Ethos.



Pambula Daylight : L to R—Mrs Joan Newberry, RW Bro Ian Newberry, WBro Fred Rubly, Mrs Rubly, VW Bro Tom Peadon DGIW 105.

joyed lunch with our ladies. For his first time representing, RW Bro Newberry acquitted himself with great dignity and good humour.

Installation – Lodge Federal Burrowa No. 193

On 12 November I joined RW Bro Peter Court PAGM when he led the GL Delegation (13 in all) to Lodge Federal Burrowa's Installation in Harden. It was sad to note that RW Bro Terry Paterson PAGM from Cootamundra who had originally been asked to lead the delegation had passed to the GL Above on 10 November. A minute's silence was observed in his memory.

Monday 7 November as a tribute for Remembrance Day. The DGIW 103, VW Bro Warren Barsley, accompanied me and also 24 members and 18 visitors were present, many in mess dress.

Installation – Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew No. 56

Saturday 19 November was the Installation night for this Lodge which has had all the difficulties of housing the majority of the Lodges and Other Orders who were displaced by the rebuilding and later sale of the Canberra Masonic Centre.

Installation - Lodge Commonwealth of Australia No. 633

Saturday 3 December saw the departure, after two years in the Chair, of WBro Roman Cholawinskyj when he installed his successor Bro Ray Newcombe. The GM's representative was RW Bro Ron Woodhill PAGM. Present were 21 members, 19 GL officers, 26 visitors plus a large number of ladies who joined us for a memorable banquet. The outstanding feature of the ceremony was the perfect delivery of the Address to the Wardens by WBro Leo Praks who turned 100 in September - excellent work as always Leo!

Lodge William Ross Installation — The Ladies assembled for Nicole's presentation (Nicole Armstrong is at the upper left corner next to Dawn Bellingham in blue)



Installation – Lodge William Ross No. 76

The Grand Master was present on 10 December accompanied by the GDC VW Bro Antoine Georges when RW Bro Ken Bellingham JP PAGM (now PDGM) was re-installed into the Chair. Ken spent 29 years working for the Grand Lodge Office in Sydney from 1971 to 2000 and with his wife Dawn moved to Goulburn in 2003.

Over 20 ladies attended and were given an interesting presentation on interior design by Ms Nicole Armstrong, the GM's partner, while the Installation ceremony was in progress.

More than 70 brethren were present including 27 GL Officers to support MW Bro Robson. In the Lodge Room and later at the banquet at the Goulburn Soldiers' Club with the ladies, the MWGM spoke of the joy he derived from being in his own region, amongst friends who have variously contributed to his masonic development over the years. For those who stayed overnight in Goulburn, Ken and Dawn hosted a breakfast for more than 40 people on the Sunday morning.





Cheque Presentation, L to R: WBro Robert O'Hara, WBro Bruce Gorman, WBro Danny Edwards, Ann Pratt Manager of HOME in Queanbeyan, RW Bro Graham Davies and RW Bro David Powell.

Charity

In early December WBro Charles Royall, WM of Yass Lodge of Concord No. 27 presented a masoniCare cheque for \$3,000 to the Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School at Yass. This was the result of fund raising by the Lodge and an interaction grant and will enable the school to purchase iPads for use by the students.

On 6 December accompanied by Brethren from Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew No. 56 I presented a masoniCare cheque for \$5,000 to "Home in Queanbeyan". The IPM of the Lodge, WBro Danny Edwards, presented the Lodge's matching cheque for \$5,000 at the same time. Although the story and pictures were sent to the media, no publicity was forthcoming.

The DGIW 106, VW Bro Greg Lynch attended the Hennessy College Graduation ceremony in Young on 6 December in company with the WM of Lodge Young Burrangong, WBro Ken Langton who presented a scholarship cheque to a Year 11 student.

Above is just a part of the total charity effort in Region 10 and I congratulate all of the Brethren on their work throughout the Region. Don't forget that genuine fundraising can be extended by applying for a masoniCare Inter Action Grant. Additionally keep looking for local projects where as Masons we can get involved and be seen to help your local communities especially if we can assist other local service organisations.

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