

COLUMNS

*Freemasonry, too good to lose!*REGIONAL RAMBLINGS
with Graham Charlton PSGW, RGC 10

Well the Christmas season has come and gone and we are now well and truly into the new year. I am hoping that this year will be good for our Region and I call on all masons to do that little bit more for their Lodges and for masonry in general.

Christmas events

In December, my wife and I joined with Lodge Truth of Braidwood for their annual Christmas festivities at the "Garanvale Woolshed" in Braidwood. An enjoyable night was had by all members and their Ladies. We also made the journey to Goulburn to attend the combined District 102 Christmas dinner at one of the local motels. It was a great night enjoyed by all.

DGIW interviews

During January I attended DGIW interviews (with District DGIWs and GL Interviewing panels), in Canberra, Goulburn, Bombala and Yass. There were five masons nominated, one for each existing District, and one for the new District 106. All recommendations together with interview reports and papers were forwarded to the Grand Secretary in early February. I would like to extend my thanks

to the District DGIWs for their efforts in this regard.

Young Burrangong 20

On 6th March 2010, I represented the Grand Master at the Reinstallation of Wor Bro Ken Langton in Lodge Young Burrangong No 20. It was particularly pleasing to see the number of Master Masons being invested in the progressive offices of the Lodge, six in all, including a father and son combination, Bro



Graham Jamieson and son Trent becoming the Senior and Junior Wardens (pictured above at right and left respectively).

Membership statistics

I thought that I would mention a few membership statistics to bring every one up to date.

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| Total Active Members for Region 10 | 933 |
| Total Active Lodges in Region 10 | 24 |
| Total Members by District | |
| D 102 | 131 |
| D 103 | 328 |
| D 104 | 320 |
| D 105 | 154 |
| Membership Stats for the past quarter: | |
| 1 Nov 2009 to 31 Jan 2010: | |
| Initiates | 7 |
| Affiliates | 1 |
| Re-joins | 1 |
| Resignations | 15 |
| S/Offs | 1 |
| Deaths | 1 |
| Total Change in Region 10 | -10 |

From the above brethren, it would appear that we cannot rely solely on MAS Candidates to increase, or to maintain, the

current membership. It behoves all of us to look around and identify family members and friends whom you think might enjoy masonry. It would do no harm to ask them if they have ever considered joining Freemasonry. In fact, you may be surprised by the answer.

Training Day

Following two meetings of the R10 Training Advisory Group, a team of experienced masons has been established, who would be available, (at the request of a Lodge) to visit and give brief talks about such matters as Leadership in the lodge, the Responsibilities of the DC, Membership, Mentoring, Lodge Websites and Training etc.

To give these brethren a chance to do their stuff, a Training Seminar has been organized at the QMC on Sunday 11th April 2010 and invitations have been sent to Lodge Secretaries in Districts 103 and 104, requesting them to inform the WMs, DCs, Wardens and officers of the Seminar. For Districts 102 and 105, individual team members will be available to travel to Regional Lodges, (again at the request of a Lodge), and give talks on matters specific to each Lodge's needs.

masoniCare grants

The current situation in respect of MasoniCare grants, is as follows:

- Lodge Federal Burrowa was successful in obtaining a promise of a \$10,000 interaction grant to match the \$10,000 they have already raised for a "soft fall" area at the Bunyip Pre School in Murrumburra. They have also organized a dinner at the local Golf Club, where they hope to raise an additional amount to add to that already obtained. Not bad, says the mRR Reg 10, V W Bro John Arthur, for a small town of 2,000 people
- Also approved was an application by CDMA for a \$1,000 grant for a "shelter/marquee" for St John Ambulance in Queanbeyan.

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**Regional Training Seminar
for Districts 103 and 104
Sunday 11 April 2010
Queanbeyan Masonic Centre
Record it in your diary now**

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Terry Legge

Also it was great to hear about masons in the region who have made a name for themselves in their local Communities. One such brother is Terry Legge, a long term member of Yass Lodge of Concord (21 years as Secretary). Terry spent some forty years in service to the Electricity Commission in Yass. He has been especially active in the field of health and was chairman of the Yass Hospital Board for four years. He also served as a member of the Yass Aged Care Services Board and the Gwen Warmington Lodge. This tireless charity worker received an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2008 for services to Yass in health and aged care.

Grand Communication

On 10 March, forty one masons from Braidwood, Bombala, Cooma and Canberra travelled to Sydney by bus for the Grand Communication, leaving the Yowani Country Club at 1.30pm and arriving at GL at 6pm. It turned out to be a great masonic excursion and I am sure that the DGM was pleased with the roll up. Many aspects of Freemasonry were discussed on the bus including the possibility of running a bus from Braidwood via Canberra and Goulburn for all GL Communications.

The Mountain Lodge 190

On 13 March 2010, thirteen brethren of Lodge Caledonia travelled to The Mountain Lodge in Bombala to observe one of their members being passed to the second degree by that Lodge. I understand that the candidate, Bro Niraj Ramdin, had been well schooled and gave an impeccable performance and was led around the lodge room in a caring manner by the deacon, VW Bro Russell Yelds. The festive board included one of those great BBQs that the Mountain Lodge is renowned for.

Lodge of Truth 26

Also on Saturday 13 March, Lodge Truth of Braidwood got away to a good start in the Celebration of its 150

Canberra Masonic Centre (CMC)

Sixth Floor Design Committee (SFDC)

The building was handed over to the CMC on Friday 26 February. The Board has appointed RW Bro Mike Dalton PJGW to head up the SFDC and recruit to it. This Committee is charged with making recommendations to the Board on fitout for the masonic floor. Board Chairman Greg Nason said that once the cornerstone tenant has been signed, the bank will release loan funds for the fitout.

Mike Dalton has established a small working group to get the ball rolling and he will be inviting qualified Masons to participate in all facets of the design. The First Bulletin and questionnaire from the Committee has been circulated to former tenants of the masonic floor.

Other Masonic Orders will be invited to a walkthrough to advise their requirements in terms of lighting, curtain anchor points and the like.

The fitout will be a complex task—both on design demands and on working within the budget. The budget will not only have to cover the bare bones of internal walls, ceilings and flooring; but also the decorations and furnishings for the lodge and other rooms; lighting; equipment (computers, audio visual; smart storage; kitchen etc); cabling and a host of other items.

This is a call to all Masons in Region 10. Do you have expertise in any of these areas and are you willing to



The Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Greg Levenston with RW Bro Pring Raynolds PSGW in the Chair at Braidwood's 150th, with RGC Graham Charlton looking on

years of Freemasonry in the district.

RW Bro Pring Raynolds occupied the Worshipful Master's chair and the Most Worshipful Grand Master was in attendance. The Lodge room was packed with nearly 100 masons present to hear W Bro David Cargill give a talk on the third fifty years of the Lodge.

Following the meeting we joined the ladies at the Garanvale Woolshed where we all had an enjoyable meal with great company. Congratulations must go to RW Bro Geoff Bunn and the members on the 150 year Celebration Committee on a great job well done. See the Region 10 Website for a more detailed report and photos.

A new PAGM

I must also take this opportunity to Congratulate RW Bro Greg Nason of Lodge Woden Valley on his elevation to PAGM.



The Lodge Room at Braidwood's 150th

volunteer that expertise to the Committee? If so, please contact Mike Dalton by email to m.dalton@iimetro.com.au or at PO Box 53, Erindale Centre ACT 2903. A small caveat though—please don't expect a call to arms immediately. The Committee will call on its pool of experts as the need arises.

The Committee has its own web page on the Region 10 website. This is updated as frequently as developments occur—please make it a point to visit the web page frequently.

The 'Lone Pine' at Braidwood

This is a story about W Bro Ray Hasler—of Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew 56—and his part in the story of the Lone Pine Tree at the Australian War Memorial (AWM). The Aleppo Pine (*Pinus halepensis*) in the Memorial's grounds (pictured at left with Ray) was planted by HRH The Duke of Gloucester on 24 October 1934 and bears the following inscription:



After the capture of the Lone Pine ridge in Gallipoli (6 August 1915), an Australian Soldier who had taken part in the attack, in which his brother was killed, found a cone on one of the

branches used by the Turks as overhead cover for their trenches, and sent it to his mother. From seed shed by it she raised the tree, which she presented to be planted in the War Memorial grounds in honour of her own and others' sons who fell at Lone Pine.

According to the AWM, Lone Pine or Plateau 400 was the scene of a major diversionary offensive launched by the 1st Australian Infantry Division on 6 August 1915. The Turks had cut down all but one of the trees that cloaked the ridge to cover their trenches. The ridge dominated by the single Aleppo Pine became known as Lone Pine. In three days of fighting the Australians lost more than 2,000 men and the Turks losses were estimated at 7,000. Seven Victoria Crosses were awarded.

The Soldier who retrieved that pinecone was Lance Corporal Benjamin Smith. He was one of two Australian soldiers known to have souvenired pinecones. The other was Sgt Keith McDowell. The Smith pinecone propagated two seedlings—one which was presented to the town of Inverell NSW and the other to the Department of the Interior for planting in Canberra. The McDowell pinecone propagated four seedlings and all were planted in Victoria—one at Wattle Park in Melbourne, one at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, one at the Soldiers Memorial Club at The Sisters (near Terang) and the last at the Warrnambool Gardens.

Ray Hasler was a 13-year old Boy Scout from Braidwood when he attended the tree planting in 1934. As Ray recalls, "We travelled by bus and found ourselves at Parliament House about an hour and a half later; being a small part of a large crowd consisting of more Scouts from other areas, mounted Light Horse groups, Duntroon cadets and army personnel. After the official opening of Parliament by HRH Prince Henry, the Duke of Gloucester, all persons in uniform proceeded to walk down over Scott's Crossing towards an area near by the then proposed site for the War Memorial. Cars were not a common commodity in those days and so many civilians also walked. All persons assembled around the spot prepared for the small pine tree. There was the Duke together with about five other important people. One had a very shiny spade and handed it to the Duke. He then took a spade full of earth from the chosen spot and proceeded to place the Lone Pine Tree therein. He stood to attention and saluted whilst the other men raised their hats. A few words were then spoken, and as I recall, it sounded like it was being blessed."

Ray went on to enlist with the RAAF, serving from 1940 to 1945. He moved to Queanbeyan following his discharge, qualified as a carpenter and joiner and worked in the building trade until retirement.

A severe windstorm in September 2008 wreaked havoc on the Lone Pine tree, which lost a huge limb from its main trunk (pictured). Ray went out to inspect the damage the next



day and it was then that AWM staff discovered that he had attended the original planting ceremony.

Ray was subsequently invited to attend the 75th anniversary of the

planting and AWM senior historian Peter Burness presented him with a seedling from the tree. Ray then donated the seedling to the Palerang Council for planting at Braidwood. © Australian War Memorial

Needless to say Ray's offer was accepted and Braidwood turned on a fine and warm day for the planting on Australia Day 2010. It was

witnessed by members of the community and by a number of Masons from Braidwood, Queanbeyan and Canberra. The Mayor, Ald Walter



Raynolds, introduced Ray to the assembly and he was assisted in the planting by the Australia Day Ambassador to Palerang Council, the Olympic Swimming Champion Petria Thomas (all pictured at left). The Council will also erect a commemorative plaque at the site.

The final words belong with Ray, who said at the 75th anniversary, "I hope one day, when it's gone, like we all will be gone, they cut a section out of the butt of this tree and nominate what happened on each ring, each ring suggests a year of growth. There's 75 rings therein and they all tell a story, and it would be nice to read them."



The Grand Delegation led by RW Bro Graham Charlton PSGW, RGC10 at the Reinstallation of W Bro Ken Langton as Master of Lodge Young Burrangong 20

Combined Districts 103 and 104 ANZAC Meeting
hosted by Lodge Capitol 612 at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre
Monday, 19 April 2010
Ladies and guests will be most welcome



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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Lodge Federal Burrowa Fundraiser

in aid of the Bunyip Preschool

Presentation Dinner & Show
Harden Country Club (East Street)
Saturday 17 April 2010 at 6.30 for 7pm

Len Pascoe
former Test Cricketer—Special Guest Compere

All Masons, their wives, partners and friends are invited to attend this special presentation of funds raised by the Lodge which, with its matching masoniCare interAction grant of \$10,000 and this dinner, should raise \$30,000 for the Preschool's soft fall project.

Dress—Smart casual
Three course meal. Vegetarian option available—please advise with booking
Drinks at bar prices

Tickets: \$75 each
RSVP by 6 April
Payment with booking to
John Arthur, 4 Parkview Cres, Harden NSW 2587



masoniCare Round-up interAction Grants

Here are some of the grant requests pending approval or in the pipeline:

Regional Grants 2010

Our RGC has two \$5,000 regional grants to distribute in 2010. All applications have to be in with John Arthur, mRR for Region 10, by 30 April. Keep those applications coming in.

- Lodge Caledonia of Canberra 938 is applying for an interAction grant of \$1,000 for *Darryl's Den*—a drop in centre operated by the National Brain Injury Foundation
- Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew 56 is applying for interAction grants of \$5,000 each over two years to support *HOME in Queanbeyan*—a residential care facility under construction to help those with chronic mental illness who are incapable of independent living
- Lodge Perfect of Canberra 951 is applying for an interAction grant of \$4,000 in support of ACT Palliative Care
- Lodge of Truth 26 will be applying for an interAction grant of \$10,000 to support the Braidwood Hospital
- Lodge Capitol 612 will be applying for an interAction grant of \$1,000 to match its fundraising from its monthly *Stonemasons* luncheons. The target project is being identified.
- Lodge Ethos 963 is setting the wheels in motion for an interAction grant for Cranleigh School in the ACT, which provides educational programs for children aged 3 to 12 with development delays, moderate to severe intellectual or multiple disabilities.

Your local masoniCare blokes

Contact your masoniCare District Rep (details on the Charity page of the Region 10 website)—he will be happy to assist you in compiling your grant application. It's a value added service, so please make use of it.



The New Canberra Masonic Centre at handover, viewed from the corner of National Circuit and Bligh Street

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The celebratory banquet at Garanvale woolshed
Lodge of Truth 150th

COLUMNS

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REGIONAL RAMBLINGS

with Graham Charlton PSGW, RGC 10

Another three months has slipped by at great speed, a worry at this time in one's life. However, whilst there was a very sad occasion with the passing of the DGIW D104, VW Bro Ron Jemesen on 3 May 2010, a number of good things have happened during the past three months, which make the road ahead for our Region look better. Once again I call on all Masons to do that extra bit for their Lodges and for Freemasonry in general.

New DGIWs

Our DGIWs Elect are Wor Bro Bruce Preston (D102); W Bro Warren Barsley (D103);

W Bro Peter Camiller (D104); W Bro Tom Peadon (D105) and W Bro Greg Lynch (New D106). These appointments become effective at the Grand Proclamation on Wednesday 11 August 2010.

I attended the RGC/DGIW conference on 9 and 10 June and the GL Communication with the DGIWs elect. We had a great couple of days at the conference and got to know each other. Brethren, these Masons have stepped up to the plate to do their best for

Freemasonry in our Region during the 2010-2012 term and I would ask that each of you give them every support in their endeavours.

I am proposing that the DGIWs elect, on taking up duty on 12 August, will begin organising their own District bi-monthly meetings which will be attended by the WMs, Secretaries and Wardens of each Lodge in that District. The meetings will ensure that WMs will be able to raise and discuss matters of concern and secondly, to keep the Strategic Plan on track and working towards Accreditation of the Lodges by embracing the following: Leadership, Lodge Administration, Membership, Mentoring, Ritual, the Social Occasions, South Operations, Men's Health, Training, Charitable Work, Communications and Lodge Website matters.

GL Communication News for Region 10

I am pleased to announce the appointments of our Regional Grand Stewards. They are: W Bro Peter Mason (Lodge Federal Burrowa 193); W Bro Robert Pearson (Lodge Commonwealth of Australia 633); and W Bro Jeffery Lefaucheur (Lodge Gowrie of Canberra 715). My personal congratulations and best wishes go to each of you.

RW Bro Michael Dalton PJGW has been appointed to the Board of Management (possibly with the Private Lodges Committee). Well done Michael and good luck.

The Grand Master conferred the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden on the now RW Bro Hugh Davies PJGW (Regional Training Officer) for his tremendous work with the Masonic Youth Welfare Fund. Congratulations Hugh.

The recipient of the Regional Service Medal was VW Bro Geoff Ludowyk PDGIW.

Geoff is well deserving of this award due to the tremendous amount of time he has devoted to this Region since becoming the DGIW four years ago. Important among the many tasks he undertakes is the maintenance the Regional Website. In addition to this he readily agreed, when I asked him, to assume the role of DGIW D104 for the remaining three months of the term following the passing of VW Bro Ron Jemesen. Thank you Geoff and my

congratulations on this award.

Also my congratulations go to our District Service Medallists: VW Bro Roger Bush PDGIW (D102) of the Goulburn Lodge of Australia 58; W Bro Phil Shoemark and

Bro John Maddrell (D104) both of the Lodge Truth of Braidwood 26; and Alison Gimbert (D105), wife of W Bro Paul Gimbert WM, The Mountain Lodge 190.

60 Year Jewel

I had the privilege of presenting W Bro Russell Campbell with his Sixty Year Certificate and Jewel at Lodge Jerrabomberra Daylight's meeting on 24 March 2010. Russell was initiated in Lodge St John No 36 (Victorian Constitution) on 10 November 1949 and was passed on 14 July 1950. He was raised in All Nations Lodge No 28 on 3 November 1950. He affiliated with Lodge Ethos on 18 February 1970. He served as Treasurer for two years and as Auditor in Ethos in the 1990s. Russell then affiliated with Jerrabomberra Daylight in 1001 and became the WM of that Lodge in 1997-98. He is currently the JD.

masoniCare Grants

Two \$5,000 Regional Grant applications were approved:

- District 102 - Masonic Association for the Endeavour Project; and
- District 105 - Lodge Bega Remembrance for Ricky's Place.

Other MasoniCare Interaction Grants approved recently were:

- \$1,000 to Lodge Caledonia of Canberra 938 for the National Brain Injury Foundation
- \$4,000 to Lodge Perfect of Canberra 951 for the Palliative Care Society

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Sunday 4 July 2010
Queanbeyan Masonic Centre
Record it in your diary now

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- \$10,000 over two years to Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew 56 for HOME in Queanbeyan Inc
- \$10,000 to the Lodge of Truth Braidwood 26 for the Braidwood Hospital (Doug Smith Appeal).

The WM of Lodge Young Burrangong, W Bro Ken Langton, made two masoniCare interaction Grant presentations at the end of March: the first, to the Principal of the Young High School, Steve Harvey, for a year 12 student and scholarship winner Stephanie Allen; and the second to the Principal of the Hennessey Catholic College, Br Christopher Peel, for the Scholarship winner, Georgia Nicholls.

This a great result for Region 10. Congratulations goes to the mRR VW Bro John Arthur PDGIW and his team of mDRs.

Region 10 Conference

The Region 10 Conference, after some worries concerning a poor response to the initial RSVP date, went off well with more than forty Masons attending. It was a pity that there were not more of our younger masons present.

That being said the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Derek Robson, gave an inspirational opening address on innovation in the operation of private lodges and the way forward. This was followed by a very informative talk on the GL secretariat and GL organisation by the Deputy Grand Secretary, RW Bro Ken Taylor PAGM. He also explained in detail the make up of our Capitation Fees.

Those speakers who followed were: Ms Susan Williams, CEO of the Masonic Youth Welfare Fund who spoke on upcoming initiatives of the Fund; VW Bro Geoff Ludowyk PDGIW on masoniCare grants; Lodge Websites was the topic of W Bro Roman Cholawinskyj WM 633; the role of masoniCare Caring Officers was the topic for RW Bro Wal Hopkinson PJGW; and VW Bro Graeme Moller PDGIW

spoke on Men's Health. I also gave a short talk on the state of our Region. Actually, the Regional Conference turned out to be a great lead up to the RGC/DGIW conference in that the same objectives were reinforced.

Training

You will recall that in the March issue of Columns I mentioned that there would be a training seminar on 11 April to give the team of experienced Masons a chance to present talks on the on the topics allocated to them.

The presentations covered matters important to the running of lodges and included: Leadership in the lodge; Responsibilities of the DC; Membership; Mentoring; Lodge Websites and Training etc.

As I mentioned before, these brethren are now available to do these presentations in your Lodges. So if you Worshipful Masters would like any of these half hour talks presented in your Lodge, please get in touch with the Regional Training Officer, RW Bro Hugh Davies PJGW (by email to hughmarg@iimetro.com.au) and he will arrange for this to happen.

Membership Statistics for the past six months

| Total Lodges in Region 10 | | 24 | |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|
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| Total Active Members for Region 10 | | Jan | Jun |
| | | 1009 | 1002 |
| District Memberships | D102 | 145 | 141 |
| | D103 | 345 | 347 |
| | D104 | 352 | 356 |
| | D105 | 167 | 158 |
| Total change across Region 10 | | -6 | |

150th Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday 21 August 2010

Yass Lodge of Concord 27

The Lodge will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary on Saturday 21 August 2010. Celebrations will take the following form:

- A Lodge Meeting tyling at 5pm
- A cocktail party for the Ladies at the Yass Golf Club at 4.30 for 5pm
- A celebratory banquet at the Yass Soldiers Club at 7.30 for 8pm.

No access to the web?

That's not a problem. Please write for tickets to Bro Terry Legge, 47 Petit St Yass NSW and provide him with the following details:

- Your name and address
- Number of Dinner tickets at \$30 each
- Number of Ladies Cocktail Party tickets at \$15 each
- The History of the Lodge—a commemorative book costing \$30 each which can either be collected at the dinner or posted to you for another \$10.

Please send in your cheque for the total with your booking and make it payable to: Yass Lodge of Concord No. 27.

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Going to the Dogs...

With the Lodge of Truth Braidwood No. 26

**5pm onwards | Sunday 15 August at the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club
Narrabundah Lane (off Jerrabomberra Ave Symonston ACT)**

The Brethren and their families from the Lodge of Truth will be making their annual pilgrimage to the evening race meeting of the Canberra Greyhounds on Sunday August 15.

The Lodge of Truth sponsors a race each year in memory of the late W Bro Graham Gourlay. Graham was not only a well-known and respected member of the Lodge of Truth, but also a successful breeder and trainer of greyhounds. To honour his memory the brethren and their families enjoy a great night at the Dogs in the spirit that Graham would expect.

The brethren of the Lodge wish to extend an invitation to the Brethren and families of the Queanbeyan and Canberra Lodges to join them for an evening of great entertainment. If you have never been to a greyhound race meeting it is an event not to be missed. The fast paced races, tumbles and spills of the dogs and fun of having a bet make for a great night.

The first race starts at approximately 5pm, TAB betting is available on all national races, the cafeteria has meals ranging between \$10-\$15 and gate entry is \$5.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children and pensioners.

We look forward to seeing you there for a cheap night's entertainment.



Model Railway Exhibition
Annual fundraiser for the Malkara Special School
Wisdom St Garran
Saturday 7 August from 9 till 5
Sunday 8 August from 9 till 4

Steak & Sausage Sizzle Stall proudly supported and staffed by
Lodge Capitol 612

Help support this special event by attending the exhibition and tucking in to the delicious delicacies dished up by your Capitol colleagues



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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Installation—Lodge Canberra 465

Bro Stuart Crome was installed by W Bro Ron James IPM into the Chair of King Solomon on 26 June. The Grand Master was represented for the first time by RW Bro Geoff Bunn PJGW and this occasion also saw W Bro Robert Pearson, Grand Steward, strutting his stuff as Grand Director for his first time. Here are a selection of photos taken by RW Bro Bruce Davies PSGW.



Clockwise from above:
Representative RW Bro Geoff Bunn presents the WM with his Installation Certificate; VW Bro Geoff Ludowyk DGIW 104 presents Installing Master W Bro Ron James with his Past Master's Jewel; RGC RW Bro Graham Charlton PSGW flanked by the Representative (left) and Grand Director (right); the Grand Delegation



COLUMNS

REGIONAL RAMBLINGS *with Graham Charlton PSGW, RGC 10*

The past three months have again passed quickly with a lot happening in the Region.

In my last Regional Ramblings I mentioned that a number of good things had happened which made the way ahead look better for us. However, the sad news of the loss of our Masonic building in Canberra has certainly put a damper on that. As you should all know by now, I have established a Steering Committee of senior experienced Masons now under the Chairmanship of RW Bro Derek Robson PDGM to oversee the way forward for Canberra's Masons.

This Steering Committee has established a working party to be known as the *ACT Masonic Accommodation Project Team*—headed by RW Bro Mike Dalton PJGW. Its role now is to pursue short and long term options to secure suitable accommodation in or around central Canberra to facilitate Masonic Meetings for those Lodges and other Orders who originally met in the Canberra Masonic Centre. I would ask all Canberra Masons to support the action being taken and to assist, if requested. We must all pull together and work our way through this predicament to ensure the future of the Canberra Masonic Fraternity.

masoniCare Grants

On 2 July 2010 I attended a masoniCare cheque presentation at Endeavour Industries in Goulburn.

Other Masons attending were: W Bros Geoff Seiler and Tim Woolley; VW Bro John Arthur mRR; RW Bros Ron Neate and Peter Clark. Before I presented the \$5,000 cheque, the CEO Margaret Cunningham, gave us a tour of the factory which employs sixty disabled persons where they are taught skills so they can integrate into the community. The grant will be used to upgrade and address several occupational health and safety issues.

This was one of the two masoniCare \$5,000 Regional Grant applications approved of the seven received in our Region. Margaret Cunningham was extremely grateful to receive this donation from us. I even got a hug. On 30 July 2010 I travelled down to Bega arriving at 11.15am. I met a number of Masons at the Anglican Church who had arrived there for the presentation of masoniCare's \$5,000 cheque to the manager of Ricky's Place.

The CEO of Anglicare, Mr Ross Williams showed us through the kitchen and dining room, then the garden where the *watertanks* will be placed. These tanks will be paid for with the masoniCare cheque and will be maintained by the Lodge Bega Remembrance members. I made the presentation to Ross Williams in the presence of VW Bro John Arthur mRR, VW Bro Terry Twyford, W Bro Ray Spindler, VW Bro Malcolm Privett DGIW 105 and seven ladies. We all then proceeded to the dining room for a delightful luncheon with a number of homeless clients of Ricky's Place. All were very appreciative of our help.

In regard to the masoniCare Inter Action Grant of \$10,000 awarded to Lodge Truth of Braidwood for the Doug Smith Dementia Wing of the Braidwood Hospital, the Lodge raised \$4,000 at the June wood raffle and auction; \$4,000 in takings from the Black & White Ball (pictured) held by the Masons and the Fire Brigade on 4 September, plus \$2,000 from other events. This has been a



Freemasonry, too good to lose!

truly remarkable outcome for the Lodge and shows the generosity of the people of Braidwood.

I would also like to mention here that the Stonecutters (pictured) from Lodge Capitol held their tenth anniversary dinner on 16 July 2010 at Jehangir Restaurant. The event was well attended and raised sufficient funds to sponsor a young Australian through A Start in Life's "Adopt an Aussie" program.



DGIW handovers

I attended Lodge William Ross 76 on 3 August in Goulburn to witness the new DGIW of D102, VW Bro Bruce Preston, receive his Patent of Office and Jewel from the outgoing DGIW VW Bro John Presbury. The work for the evening included a talk by RW Bro Ken Bellingham PAGM on his thirty year association with Grand Lodge. A very interesting talk indeed.

On 14 August I attended The Mountain Lodge 190 in Bombala to witness the retiring DGIW of D105, VW Bro Malcolm Privett, pass on the Patent of Office and Jewel to the incoming DGIW VW Bro Tom Peadon. On this occasion all GL Officers attending wore their GL Regalia. The Lodge had much discussion about the Capitation Fees. On a happier note they were extremely pleased with the Grand Master's visit in early July and were most impressed that he spent time talking with their members.

I attended Lodge Capitol 612 on 16 August as RGC as I was to present the first Regional Service Award for Region 10 to VW Bro Geoff Ludowyk PDGIW. The work for the evening was to initiate Mr Daryl Neit and his son, Mr Benjamin Neit into Freemasonry. The Lodge room was full with sixty five Masons attending. The double First Degree was carried out in a very competent manner. The DGIW

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Contributions to 'Columns'

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TRAVELS IN MASONRY

Geoff Ludowyk PDGIW

One can join the Grand Master on his upcoming tour of the Holy Land; or embark on your own tour. There is a plan in gestation within my Lodge to visit Lodges in Malaysia and in India. Such travels will undoubtedly add to and enhance one's Masonic experience. In this article though I am alluding to the travels in Masonry beyond the Craft.

Some of you may know that I was recently appointed as District Grand Inspector of Workings for District G3 in the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. Quite a mouthful and usually abbreviated to USGC.

Having revealed my hand, I can say that there are a number of roads that a Mason can take for his travels in Masonry beyond the Craft. There is one road though that is first among equals.

The 8th of June 2005 was an historic day in the annals of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction. That evening the Grand Master signed a Concordat with the First Grand Principal of USGC. Paragraph 2 of the Concordat reads as follows:

Grand Lodge recognises the following degrees as worked by Chapters holding under the Grand Chapter:

- » Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason (together with the associated Chair Degree being that of Worshipful Master of a Mark Lodge); and
- » Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch (consisting of the Holy Royal Arch Degree together with the associated Chair Degrees being those of Third Principal, Second Principal and First Principal of a Royal Arch Chapter)

as forming part of Pure, Ancient Masonry and recommends that Brethren earnestly consider those degrees as ones which must be acquired as part of every Brother's progression in Freemasonry.

The salient points are that the Craft:

- » recognises that the Chapter offers degrees which are part of pure, Ancient Masonry; and
- » recommends those degrees as ones which must be acquired as part of every Brother's progression in Freemasonry.

Without giving away too much, it means that your journey into Pure, Ancient Masonry is not complete until you have received the Degrees of Mark Master Mason and the Holy Royal Arch.

In most other jurisdictions these degrees are administered by different Grand Bodies and a similar situation existed in NSW and the ACT until 18 October 1980. On that day the USGC was Consecrated and Dedicated when four Masonic Orders united:

- » Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales (Constituted 1889)
- » District Grand Scottish Royal Arch Chapter of New South Wales (Constituted 1863 and Holding under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland)
- » Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales (Constituted 1889)
- » Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory (Constituted 1972).

The Consecrating First Grand Principal was Rt Hon The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, LL.D, JP, DL, MA—the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

The Installing First Grand Principal was M Em Comp George Alexander Shea OBE—the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia.

USGC is headquartered at 23-25 New Canterbury Road Petersham NSW. The building is noted for its striking Egyptian Room (pictured) which originally formed part of the Royal Arch premises in College Street Sydney, until removed prior to the building's demolition in the late 1960s. It is a working Lodge and Chapter Room and in 1979 the present Egyptian Room was classified and registered by the National Trust and is maintained under the responsible and dedicated care of USGC.



Royal Arch Masonry is represented locally by three Chapters: two Canberra Chapters – Australia Mark and Royal Arch Chapter 28 and Caledonia Royal Arch Chapter 177; and St Andrew Queanbeyan Royal Arch Chapter 130. Chapter Australia works the NSW ritual and now meets at the Yass Masonic Centre, while both Caledonia and St Andrew work the Scottish ritual and meet at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre. (Note: the different rituals arise from their antecedents prior to unification).

Known colloquially as 'Red Lodges' as its regalia is predominantly red in colour (contrast that with the 'Blue Lodges' of the Craft), membership of the Red is open to all Master Masons of two years standing.

The Concordat also introduced two initiatives. The first was the Ceremony of Mark Man, which can be worked by a Lodge or a Chapter. Lodge Capitol worked the second such Ceremony in this jurisdiction under my Mastership. Bro Lawrie Ludovici was the candidate and the second Mark Man – our Grand Master of that time (MW Bro Anthony Lauer) was the first. The Ceremony is intended to provide Master Masons with a glimpse into Royal Arch Masonry.

The second initiative was the provision for a Lodge to be linked with a Chapter under a licence granted by the Grand Master and the First Grand Principal. Effectively it means that a linked body would meet alternately as a Lodge and as a Chapter—remaining subject to and operating under the respective Constitutions—but operating administratively as a single entity.

To conclude, I ask all eligible Master Masons to seriously consider completing your journey in Pure, Ancient Masonry by applying to join one of your local Chapters. I can wholeheartedly recommend this step and in so doing, I am espousing the views of our Grand Lodge.

Your local masoniCare blokes

Contact your masoniCare District Rep (details on the Charity page of the Region 10 website)—he will be happy to assist you in compiling your grant application. It's a value added service, so please make use of it.

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handover then took place with VW Bro Geoff Ludowyk presenting the incoming DGIW, VW Bro Peter Camiller with his Patent of Office and Jewel for D104. I then had the privilege of presenting VW Bro Geoff Ludowyk PDGIW with his well deserved Regional Award. After the new DGIWs short talk, the Lodge closed and moved to the South where we all partook of a "goat meat stew". Great entertainment was provided.

On 19 August I travelled to Cootamundra for the meeting at Lodge Cootamundra St John 124 to witness VW Bro Peter Bindon PDGIW present the new DGIW Jewel to the inaugural DGIW of the new District 106, VW Bro Greg Lynch. I attended as RGC and spoke about the process of getting the new District with its own DGIW off the ground. VW Bro Lynch then spoke about his role as DGIW and requested the support of the Brethren. It was interesting to note that he has recently been promoted to the position of Inspector of Police and has the same area of responsibility as he does in District 106.

Unfortunately, I missed the District 103 handover in Lodge Commonwealth of Australia 633 due to getting a bad dose of the flu. I was told that all went well with VW Bro Peter Bindon presenting the District 103 Patent of Office and Jewel to the new DGIW VW Bro Warren Barsley.

Yass Lodge of Concord 27—150th Year Celebrations

I attended Yass Lodge on 21 August to be part of the 150 year celebrations. The Grand Master launched the *150 Year Anniversary Book* by Anthony J McQuillan and edited by VW Bro Peter Bindon. He then carried out the *Rededication* ceremony. At the request of the WM I then spoke briefly about my portrait paintings of Grand Masters—MW Bro Noel Frederick Dunn, MW Bro Rev Raymond Charles Green and the current Grand Master—which hang in what is affectionately known as the "*Rogues Gallery*" in the Yass Lodge room. The Grand Master then presented a number of 150 Year celebration jewels. Following this, the Lodge closed and the celebrations continued at the Festive Board, with the ladies, held at the Yass Ex-Services Club. Those attending the Lodge Rededication included the GM and nine GL Team members, twenty-seven GL members and fifty-three brethren, including three Entered Apprentices.

Sixty Year Jewel Presentation

I had the distinct privilege of presenting RW Bro Pring Reynolds PJGW with his Sixty Year Certificate and Jewel at the Lodge of

position—helping to raise thousands of dollars and supporting many local organisations in Braidwood. He then became WM again in 1998-99 (after only 40 years).

I know that Pring has had many great occasions during his sixty years but I'd like to mention two more: first, when he



RW Bro Pring Reynolds with RGC Graham Charlton

celebrated fifty years in the craft on 12 August 2000 when his son Tim was initiated; and secondly, Pring was in the chair as WM on the occasion of when the Lodge of Truth celebrated its 150th anniversary. RW Bro Pring Reynolds PJGW is a great Mason and has been a role model for many members of the fraternity.

Also at this meeting the DGIW D104 VW Bro Peter Camiller presented one of the two District awards to W Bro Phil Shoemark for outstanding service to his District. The other D104 Award went to Bro John Maddrell and was presented to him by RW Bro Derek Robson at the Lodge of Truth's Reinstallation on 9 October 2010.

Regional Installations

Bro Patrick McMaster was installed on Saturday 24 July 2010 into the Chair of Lodge Perfect of Canberra 951 in the presence of the Deputy Grand Master RW Bro Derek Robson AM. The installation was supported by twenty GL Officers. It was good to see the Lodge room filled in support of the Lodge.

W Bro Astley Tually was reinstalled into the Chair of Yass Lodge of Concord 27 on Saturday 25 August 2010. The GM's Representative was the new DGIW of D106, VW Bro Greg Lynch. He was supported on this occasion by ten GL Officers. It was great to see a fraternal from Lodge Ethos, including two Entered Apprentices, Bro Simon Vanholland and Bro Kris Currie.

On Saturday 18 September 2010 W Bro Nasri Gholam was reinstalled as WM of Lodge Jerrabomberra Daylight 1001. The GM's Representative was the new DGIW of D104, VW Bro Peter Camiller and he was supported by fourteen GL Officers.

Bro Ignacius Hidvegi was installed into the Chair of the Goulburn Lodge of Australia 58 on Saturday 18 September 2010. The GM's Representative on this occasion was RW Bro Peter Clark PJGW and he was supported by thirteen GL Officers. At the Installation Banquet I presented RW Bro Clark with the second Regional Service Award for Region 10 this year for outstanding service to his District and Region. The D102 DGIW, VW Bro Bruce Preston then presented the District Service Award to VW Bro Roger Bush PDGIW for his contribution to the District.



Rededication of the Lodge Room at Yass

Truth Braidwood 26 at its meeting on 11 September 2010. Pring was initiated in the Lodge of Truth on 12 August 1950, passed on 11 November 1950 and raised on 10 February 1951. He was WM in 1958-59. He affiliated with Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew 56 in 1960. He received conferred Grand Ranks of PDGDC in 1975, PDGIW in 1984 and PJGW in 1988. Pring was elected organist in 1983 following the passing of W Bro Peter Steer and has continued in this role for 27 years. He was also the Lodge charity collector for fifteen years, stepping down in 1992. He was very successful in this



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REGIONAL ROUNDUP



RW Bro Peter Clark receiving the second Regional Service Medal from RGC RW Bro Graham Charlton



VW Bro Roger Bush receiving the District 102 Service Medal from DGIW VW Bro Bruce Preston



RW Bro Peter Clark presents W Bro Ignacius Hidvegi with his Installation Certificate at the Goulburn Lodge of Australia 58



W Bro Nasri Gholam of Lodge Jerrabomberra Daylight 1001 receives his Reinstallation Certificate from VW Peter Camiller DGIW 104

Below: The gathering at Lodge Bega Remembrance 220 for the Reinstallation of W Bro Ray Spindler



Left: The Grand Master presents Bro Michael Newman of Lodge Cooma Monaro 164 with his Master Mason's Certificate at The Mountain Lodge 190, Bombala



Right: DGIW handover at the Mountain Lodge 190, Bombala. The incoming DGIW for District 105—VW Bro Tom Peadon—receives his Patent of Office from his predecessor, VW Bro Malcolm Privett