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For Ena, Malcolm and Barbara

*The value of history lies in
its
inspirational value to the
younger members and those
of future generations.*

Sir Frank Schofield McDowell (1889-1980)
Grand Master of the United Grand
Lodge of New South Wales
1948-1951

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FOREWORD

It is with great pleasure that I write this foreword to another chapter of our Grand Lodge, and to acknowledge R W Bro Grahame H Cumming, PDGM, for his diligence and skill as a renowned Masonic author whose graceful and benevolent influence is evident throughout this volume.

This history is not intended to be primarily a work of quick reference though it may often serve this useful purpose; rather it is hoped that it will be congenial to browse in, sometimes for important dates and occurrences, or simply because it is interesting and educational to do so.

Readers will no doubt choose this book for a variety of reasons. I am confident they will find it interesting and satisfying and, also, challenging reading. This volume might be best complemented by a visit to our Museum of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge Library at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

I believe this volume will bear proud testimony to generations of Freemasons and will act to inspire the Freemasons of the future to even greater achievements.

Raymond B Brooke, JP

GRAND MASTER

SPECIAL NOTE

Previously published histories of Grand Lodge.

The history of the establishment, growth and development of Freemasonry in New South Wales has been recorded in five volumes which are referred to in this text. They are:

Vols. 1 and 11: Cramp, Karl R and
Mackaness, George: *A History
of the United Grand Lodge of
Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons of New South Wales.*
Angus and Robertson, Sydney,
1938

Vol. 111: Cramp, Karl R:
*From Jubilee to Diamond
Jubilee; History of Ten years
of The United Grand Lodge of
Freemasonry in New South
Wales 1938 - 1948. United
Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free
and Accepted Freemasons of
New South Wales, Sydney, 1949*

Vols. IV and V: Kellerman, M H:
*From Diamond Jubilee to
Centenary; History of
Forty Years of The United
Grand Lodge of Freemasonry in
New South Wales 1948 -
1988. The United Grand
Lodge of New South Wales
of Ancient Free and
Accepted Masons, Sydney,
1990.*

The first volume describes the history of Freemasonry in New South Wales from the foundation of British settlement up to the

year 1913. The second volume continues the narrative until 1938 and the third volume from 1938 to 1948.

Volumes IV and V cover the period from 1948 until the centenary of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales in 1988.

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ABBREVIATIONS

MASONIC RANKS AND TITLES

Bro(s)	Brother(s)
Comp(s)	Companion(s)
D E O	District Education Officer
D G I W	District Grand Inspector of Workings
D G M	Deputy Grand Master
F B I	Freemasons' Benevolent Institution (see also RFBI)
F W M H	Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of New South Wales
G D of M	Grand Director of Music
G L N F`	Grande Loge Nationale Française (National Grand Lodge of France)
M Y W F	Masonic Youth Welfare Fund of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory
P A G M	Past Assistant Grand Master
P D G D C	Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
P D G I W	Past District Grand Inspector of Workings
P D G M	Past Deputy Grand Master
P G D (of) M	Past Grand Director of Music
P G M	Past Grand Master
P J G W	Past Junior Grand Warden
P M	Past Master
P P B B	Past President of the Board of Benevolence
Pro	Provisional (Grand Master)
P S G W	Past Senior Grand Warden
R F B I	Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution of New South Wales
R G O	Regional Grand Officer
Scribe E	Scribe Ezra (secretary)
Wor	Worshipful

ABBREVIATIONS

GENERAL

A B C	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
A C	Companion of the Order of Australia
A C N	Australian Company Number
A C T	Australian Capital Territory
A Dip HA	Associate Diploma in Health Administration
A F S M	Australian Fire Service Medal
A I F	Australian Imperial Force
A I M M	Member of the Australian Institute of Municipal Management
am	ante meridiem (before noon)
A M	Member of the Order of Australia
A O	Officer of the Order of Australia
A P M	Australian Police Medal
A S T C	Associate of the Sydney Technical College
B A	Bachelor of Arts
B E	Bachelor of Engineering
B Ec	Bachelor of Economics
B E M	British Empire Medal
B H P	Broken Hill Proprietary (Limited)
B S	Bachelor of Surgery
B Sc	Bachelor of Science
C B	Companion of the Order of the Bath
C B E	Commander of the Order of the British Empire
C D	Compact Disc
Cert H A	Hospital Administration Certificate
Contd	Continued
C T	Computerised Axial Tomographic (CAT) Scanner
D D	Doctor of Divinity
D L	Deputy Lieutenant
Dr	Doctor
D S C	Distinguished Service Cross
D S O	Companion of the Distinguished Service Order
E D	Efficiency Decoration
E D P	Electronic Data Processing
e g	exempli gratia (for example)
Esq	Esquire

etc etcetera (other items specified)
 E M S Emergency Medical Systems Pty Ltd

ABBREVIATIONS - GENERAL Contd

F C E S Fellow of the Commercial Education
 Society of
 Australia
 F I B A Fellow of the Institute of Business
 Administration
 F M Frequency Modulation (radio)
 F R A C S Fellow of the Royal Australasian
 College of Surgeons
 F R A I A Fellow of the Royal Australian
 Institute of Architects
 F R C S Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons
 G C M G Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St
 Michael and St George
 H M A S His (Her) Majesty's Australian Ship
 Hon Honourable, Honorary
 (Hons) Honours
 ie id est (that is)
 Inc Incorporated
 I R A Irish Republican Army
 I S M Imperial Service Medal
 J P Justice of the Peace
 K B E Knight Commander of the Order of the
 British Empire
 K C M G Knight Commander of the Order of St
 Michael and St George
 K G Knight of the Garter
 K St J Knight of the Most Venerable Order of
 the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem
 Kt Knight Bachelor
 K T Knight of the Thistle
 L H A Licentiate of the Australian College of
 Health Service Administrators
 Litt D Doctor of Letters
 LL B Bachelor of Laws
 LL D Doctor of Laws
 LL M Master of Laws
 Ltd Limited
 L V O Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order
 M A Master of Arts
 M A C E Member of the Australian College of
 Education

M B	Bachelor of Medicine
M B E	Member of the Order of the British Empire
M H R	Member of the House of Representatives
M L A	Member of the Legislative Assembly

ABBREVIATIONS - GENERAL Contd

M P	Member of Parliament
née	born with the surname of
No	numero (Number)
N S W	New South Wales
O A M	Medal of the Order of Australia
O B E	Officer of the Order of the British Empire
O St J	Officer of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem
P C	Privy Councillor
per se	considered by itself
P H A	Physicians Healthcare Australia
Ph D	Doctor of Philosophy
p m	post meridiem (after noon)
P and O	Peninsular and Oriental (Steamship Company)
Pty	Proprietary
R A A F	Royal Australian Air Force
Revd	Reverend
R F D	Reserve Force Decoration
R N	Royal Navy
R S L	Returned and Services League of Australia
St	Saint
T A F E	Technical and Further Education
Th L	Licentiate in Theology
T V	Television
U G L	United Grand Lodge
Uni	University
U S A	United States of America
U 3 A	University of the Third Age
v	Verse
V C	Victoria Cross
via	by way of
viz	videlicet (namely)
Vol	Volume

CONVERSIONS

1 Mile	=	1.609 kilometres (km)	
1 Pound (£) =	2 dollars (\$)		
1 acre	=	0.405 hectares (ha)	
1 foot	=	12 inches	= 0.3048
metres			

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Right Worshipful Brother Grahame Hugh Cumming,
ASTC, BE(Hons), Past Deputy Grand Master.

Grahame Cumming was born at Balmain Hospital on 16 March 1933, the only son of Hugh and Mary (nee Cullen). His father, who was a Steward and Librarian in Lodge Horace Thompson No. 324 had died before Grahame was born and his two elder sisters were in the care of The William Thompson Masonic School at Baulkham Hills.

Grahame grew up in the family home in Frederick Street, Ryde and, after attending Gladesville Public School, matriculated from Sydney Technical High School.

He wanted to become an engineer and he obtained employment as an office-boy in the drawing office of the Australian Gas Light Company's works at Mortlake. He then began an apprenticeship in fitting and machining at Lysaght Bros Pty Ltd at Chiswick. Meanwhile, he studied at night at the Sydney Technical College where he completed a diploma in mechanical engineering.

During this time, he completed National Service in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Grahame then joined the staff of the School of Mechanical Engineering at the University of New South Wales where he continued his evening studies and graduated a bachelor of engineering with honours.

In 1960, he obtained a position as a project engineer at Carrier Air Conditioning Pty Ltd where he spent over thirty years in administrative positions in the design,

installation and servicing of air conditioning equipment as well as a responsibility for sales and engineering training.

Just prior to retirement, he joined the Trane Company of Australia Pty Ltd as National Service Manager.

His studies almost completed, it was no surprise that Grahame, well aware of his family's Masonic connections, was initiated in Lodge Allambie No. 680 at Gladesville on 12 February 1957.

In 1958, he married Ena and, with their two children Malcolm and Barbara, became actively involved in the affairs of the Lodge.

He was installed as Master of the Lodge in 1967, 1984 and, following the consolidation in 1987 with Lodge Gladesville No. 577, he was again Master in 1995. He was appointed District Grand Inspector of Workings for No. 32 District for the term 1972-74 and received the conferred ranks of Past Junior Grand Warden in 1980, Past Senior Grand Warden in 1990, Past Assistant Grand Master in 1992 and Past Deputy Grand Master in 2001. He was appointed an Official Lecturer in 1975 and a member of the Committee of Masonic Education in 1977. He was Chairman of the Committee in 1984 and 1987.

He was the foundation Preceptor of the No. 32 District Lodge of Instruction and Research. He held office from 1978 to 1988.

He has given many lectures and addresses at Masonic and public meetings both in metropolitan and country areas on a variety of topics relating to the aims, principles and history of Freemasonry.

In 1987, Right Wor Bro Grahame Cumming was appointed to the Board of General Purposes and, in 1989, he was appointed as Representative near The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. He was appointed to the Masonic Buildings Board in 1996 and was Chairman from 1997 to 2001.

He was a foundation member of Lodge Millennium No 2000 in November 1999.

He was elected a Grand Lodge Trustee in 2002, and he received the Grand Master's Distinguished Service Award in 2003.

His son, Malcolm, was initiated in Lodge Allambie Gladesville No. 680 at Hunters Hill on 16 May 1989 and Shane P. Madrid, his son-in-law, was initiated in Lodge Allambie Gladesville, then meeting at St Ives, on 21 May 2002. Lodge Allambie Gladesville became Lodge Epping No 680 in September 2002 and Lodge Epping No. 390 in 2005.

Grahame's Masonic activities have not been confined to the Craft. He is a Past Deputy First Grand Principal of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, a Past Grand Councillor of the Order of the Secret Monitor and a Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander 31° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

The Masonic Historical Society of New South Wales was formed in 1991 with Grahame as Director of Research and, since his retirement from industry, he has spent a day each week in the Grand Lodge Library helping others and pursuing his interest in Australian Masonic history.

He has presented over 100 papers to the Masonic Historical Society and published an impressive list of monographs and books and he was the obvious choice to write the continuation of the history of the United Grand Lodge and he has generously declared that all copyright of this history is the property of the Grand Lodge.

**BOOKS AND MONOGRAMS
BY
GRAHAME H CUMMING**

The Foundations of Freemasonry in Australia
Freemasonry in the City of Ryde, New South
Wales

Freemasonry on Norfolk Island

Freemasonry on Lord Howe Island

Freemasonry and the Streets of Sydney

Freemasonry in the Pacific Region

Freemasonry in Gladesville, New South Wales.
1918-1978

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Freemasonry and Federation

Australian and New Zealand Freemasons and the
Victoria Cross

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PREFACE

This history of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory is a continuation of the series of volumes I to V previously published by the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales which detailed the story of the foundation and growth of Freemasonry in New South Wales, the inauguration in 1877 of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, the first Grand Lodge in Australia, and the affairs of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales up to the time of the centenary of the Grand Lodge in 1988.

The celebration of that centenary coincided with the bicentenary of the arrival of the first fleet and the establishment of the British colony of New South Wales. These events sparked a renewed interest in the history and development of our nation.

Freemasonry has played an integral part in that development and progress and, whilst there are tantalizing gaps in our knowledge, we are indeed fortunate to have access to most of the details of the establishment and expansion of Freemasonry throughout the country.

A work entitled *The Foundations of Freemasonry in Australia* by Right Wor Bro Grahame H Cumming, which summarized the introduction of Freemasonry into each State of the Commonwealth, was privately published in 1992.

Cramp, Mackaness and Kellerman have shown the way and, in recent years, there have been some successes in filling a few of those gaps. Some of that addition to our store of knowledge is recorded in this work.

Changes in names or numbers are the bane of the historian.

One particular difficulty arose as a result of the United Grand Lodge of England changing Lodge numbers in 1832 and again in 1863, so that the Lodge of Australia warranted No. 820 in 1828 became No. 548 in 1832 and No. 390 in 1863. It then became No. 3 on the register of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales in 1888.

Care needs to be exercised to ensure the use of the correct number in referring to this and other English Constitution Lodges. Similar care must now be taken following the change of name of the Grand Lodge in 1998 to include the Australian Capital Territory.

The primary duty of the historian is to provide a record of facts and in this I have tried, hopefully without bias, to select those matters which I have considered to have had the most impact on the organization and its members.

There will, no doubt, be those who question the omission of some particular happening and, like the movie producer looking at the cutting room floor, I can only refer them to the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge and *The NSW Freemason* where much more information can frequently be found.

Throughout this work, I have consistently endeavoured to follow the design and layout of Kellerman's volumes 1V and V and I can do no better than to conclude with the words of Harry Kellerman:

To my unknown successor, I offer my best wishes and encouragement in what I hope will prove to be as stimulating a task for him as this one has been for me.

I consider myself fortunate indeed to have been appointed to be that 'unknown successor'.

GRAHAME H CUMMING

MARCH 2006

THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY

Freemasonry is a voluntary association of men of good repute, mature age and sound judgement with a common endeavour to improve themselves and, in so doing, work for the improvement of society. Its principles are taught by the age-old method of symbolism and allegory portrayed in ritual and ceremony.

Freemasonry has been defined as an organization of men who symbolically apply the principles of operative stone masonry and architecture to the science and art of self-improvement.

A Mason is taught to contemplate his inevitable destiny and guide his thoughts to that most interesting of all human studies, the knowledge of himself.

The purpose of a Masonic Lodge is to build the character of its members and so the desire to become a Mason must come from within oneself.

In our modern society, we sometimes find ourselves unsure of past values, uncertain of new ideas and concepts and unclear about the future.

The Lodge allows us to distill the essence, the meaning and the purpose of life from day to day events in which we are involved.

Freemasonry teaches honesty and integrity, tolerance and understanding, respect for the right of people to their own opinions and charity towards all mankind.

It teaches that responsibility rests upon the individual to increase his knowledge and wisdom to properly judge life's values, so that the

result will be good for ourselves and for those with whom we come in contact.

Freemasons believe in the Supreme Being and the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God and men from any of the world's great monotheistic faiths may sit side by side in peace and harmony in a Masonic Lodge because there is a bond of mutual respect and understanding.

It is a belief in the importance of human dignity and the practice of ethical behaviour in dealing with others, whether or not they are members of a Masonic Lodge.

It is one of the great father and son fraternities.

The ethical principles of the organization are quite straight-forward. They emphasise the dignity, importance and worth of the individual and can readily be practiced by a just and upright man who, most likely, was taught them as a boy at his mother's knee.

In the Lodge, those same principles are presented in new and different ways to better impress them on the mind.

The friendships made are enduring and are based on mutual confidence and trust and there is great enjoyment in meeting with others who share a common ideal regardless of their station in life.

To some, the Lodge is a haven of rest from the rush and stress of everyday activity. To others it provides an avenue for social intercourse and the making and strengthening of friendships. It offers varied and

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inexhaustible paths for research to those seeking knowledge and it has a particular charm in the symbolism and language of its ceremonial.

Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent and educational society.

The welfare and happiness of the individual is afforded special emphasis and charity of thought, word and deed is considered a duty, not only in the personal relationships between one Mason and another, but also in the wider community.

Masonic charities such as youth welfare and aged care facilities are not only for members and their families but are for the entire community, many of whom may have no Masonic affiliation whatever but who, through no fault of their own, have been overtaken by misfortune and adversity.

This is achieved by a respect for each other's beliefs, each other's feelings, each other's welfare and a forbearance with each other's misfortunes.

Freemasonry is concerned with duty and obligation rather than 'rights' and emphasises the duty each member has to The Supreme Being of his particular faith; to his neighbour, regardless of differences in race, creed or language, and to himself and those nearest and dearest to him.

It requires loyalty from its members, an interest in the community and an obedience to the laws of any country or state where the individual may find himself.

Freemasonry is a focus for the union of men of good principles and character and is love and kindness in the home; honesty and integrity in business; courtesy towards others; practical concern for the unfortunate; trust and confidence in good men and, above all, reverence for The Supreme Being.

The Constitutions of the fraternity contain a passage that says it all. Freemasonry is for:

Good men and true, or men of honour and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the centre of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance.

Those words were written by the Revd. Dr. James Anderson, a Scot who was a Presbyterian Minister in London in 1723. They were published in the first Book of Constitutions of the fraternity and are still in use, world-wide.

They remain true today because Freemasonry is a way of life and its principles are timeless and its members are taught to endeavour to practice those principles in their daily life at home, at work and on the sporting field.

The organization is judged by the community largely by the conduct and character of its members and it will continue to enjoy the respect and confidence of society whilst it admits to membership men of the right type and calibre who can appreciate, understand, apply its teachings, and carry on its work without the expectation of personal profit.

Freemasonry, like all similar institutions, must project itself anew to each generation. It cannot exist upon its history alone nor upon the accomplishments of those great men who have been members of the fraternity in the past.

It can, however, expect that the unchanging Masonic values associated with good citizenship will continue into the future from generation to generation.

THE SPREAD OF FREEMASONRY

The desire on the part of European monarchs to extend their empires and increase their wealth, dictated that exploration and claim would be followed by settlers, officials, and sometimes convicts and slaves and small outposts of empire were established under military rule.

It was the soldiers on garrison duty, the warships on station and the officials and settlers who brought Freemasonry to the small communities far from their European homeland.

Their motivation was, perhaps, to cement the bonds of Masonic brotherhood in a remote and often hostile land and they can be credited with the introduction of Freemasonry into many countries.

In 1841, Bro Revd Dr George Oliver, DD, summarized the thoughts of English Freemasons when, concerning Masonic activity for the previous one hundred years, he wrote:

Freemasonry is springing up in our colonies, and promises well. To our Brethren in these distant regions we wish health and prosperity, assured that the practice of our principles cannot fail, while it reminds them of their native country, to be a solace and comfort under any privations which may spring from a change of habit and social enjoyments.

Many British, German, Dutch and French regiments had travelling warrants issued by a regular Grand Lodge to enable the Lodge to meet wherever it was convenient to do so.

A few ships of the line also had travelling warrants for a similar purpose.

It was not quite as easy as it might appear.

A letter written on 12 June 1825 from Mount St Thomas, India, by Bro Sergeant Robert Phair, Secretary of Lodge No. 218, Irish Constitution, held within the 48th Regiment of Foot and addressed to Bro William F. Graham, the Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in Dublin, gives a glimpse of some of the difficulties:

Wor Sir and Bro,

I beg leave to acquaint you with our arrival here (India).

We have to lament the loss of 4 members, one of which, Bro Thomas Moran, died at sea 19 May. Bro Robert Koyle died of the Cholera Morbus on 4 June and Bros James Holmes and Abel Martin died of the same complaint. They were both very old, useful and experienced members. May the Great Architect receive them into His realm and greet them as workmen most rare.

The Regiment is now suffering severely for the 7 years of ease, comfort and health that they enjoyed in New South Wales. The Cholera rages terribly and in course of one month we have lost upwards of 100 souls; 60 men, 11 women and the remainder children.

A letter from Trichinopoly, an Indian city in Madras State, dated 8 April 1826 reported more deaths among the members of the Lodge.

In spite of all these difficulties, this was the Lodge that had encouraged the first permanent Lodge to be founded in mainland Australia.

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Other regimental Lodges were responsible for the establishment of permanent Lodges in the location in which they were garrisoned and a number of states and countries can trace their Masonic roots to a regimental Lodge.

Some of the Lodges with a travelling warrant attached to a regiment decided to remain in the location where the regiment was stationed on garrison duty.

One such case occurred at Hobart Town in Van Diemen's Land (re-named Tasmania on 1 January 1856).

The Lodge concerned was No. 33 Irish Constitution held within the 21st Royal Fusiliers Regiment.

In 1838 the Lodge resolved:

That there not being left in the regiment a sufficient number of Master Masons to protect the warrant on the approaching departure of the Corps for India, the warrant shall remain in the colony under the care of the present Worshipful Master and the original members settled in Van Diemen's Land, awaiting the decision of the Grand Lodge respecting it.

The Lodge continued working in Hobart until it closed in 1854.

Later, Grand Lodges in countries such as Japan, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America, warranted Lodges to meet at various locations, particularly in the Pacific islands.

New South Wales became involved when a warrant was issued for a Lodge to meet in New Caledonia. Lodge Western Polynesia No. 1864, English Constitution began at Noumea in 1880.

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The Lodge became No. 86 on the register of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The warrant was surrendered in December 1900.

Masonic Lodges, like empires, come and go and as the fortunes of some countries have fluctuated and the political control has changed, so Freemasonry has expanded or, in a few instances, been entirely extinguished.

Spectacular gold discoveries in such places as California and the Yukon created huge increases in local populations almost overnight and a consequent reduction in population elsewhere.

The reported discovery of payable quantities of gold in the central west of New South Wales in 1851 by Bro Edward H Hargraves, a member of the Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia No. 266, Irish Constitution, created the first gold rush in Australia and the rapid growth of Bathurst and the establishment of the township of Orange at what was then just a small village.

The huge and rapid increase in population resulted in the establishment of Lodge Ophir No. 1061, English Constitution, at Orange in 1858. The Lodge became No. 17 on the register of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales in 1888.

Not all such mining ventures resulted in permanent settlements.

The gold mining centre of Hill End came into existence in the early 1870's and rapidly became a thriving town with a population of 30,000 people. There were 52 hotels and three Masonic Lodges.

By the early 1880's the gold had petered out, the people had moved elsewhere and Hill End eventually became a ghost town and, later, a tourist attraction.

The last Masonic Lodge closed in 1879.

The two world wars of the twentieth century, and other regional conflicts, have also had a marked effect on the peace and harmony of some Lodges but through all its teething troubles and subsequent trials and tribulations, in the majority of the countries of the world, the ideals of Freemasonry have continued to appeal to good men and true who have placed their faith in the Great Architect of the Universe.

EARLY FREEMASONRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Freemasonry has been associated with the British discovery and settlement of New South Wales from the very beginning. Joseph Banks Esq., the naturalist who sailed into Botany Bay with James Cook in 1770; Thomas Lucas, a Private in the Marine Corps who arrived with the first fleet; Thomas Prior, a first fleet convict, and Matthew Flinders, who arrived in 1795, have been identified with Freemasonry.

In 1797, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, meeting in Dublin, received a petition from Privates George Kerr, Peter Farrell and George Black requesting a warrant to form a Masonic Lodge in the New South Wales Corps serving at Port Jackson. The matter was deferred and no warrant was issued.

There is strong evidence to suggest that, in 1800, or possibly earlier, a St John's Lodge No. 1 (a local number) was working on Norfolk Island, which had been established in 1788 as a penal annex to New South Wales.

In 1802, Captain Anthony Fenn Kemp of the New South Wales Corps received a certificate of admission at a meeting held on board one of the French ships of the exploration fleet at anchor in Port Jackson.

Sir Henry Browne Hayes, an Irish convict, attempted to form a Lodge in Sydney in 1803 in defiance of an order to the contrary from Governor King. A meeting of Masons was held in the home of Sergeant Thomas Whittle of the New South Wales Corps, but the meeting was broken up under Governor King's orders and most of those who attended were arrested but were subsequently released without charge. Hayes

did not try again even though he later formed a friendship with Lachlan Macquarie, the first of many Governors to be a member of the Masonic fraternity.

In 1807, the Masons on Norfolk Island wrote to the Commandant, Bro Captain John Piper, thanking him for his protection of their Masonic activities.

The letter was signed 'for the Brethren' by James Mitchell, Master; Thomas Lucas, the free settler and former first fleet marine, Past Master and William Atkins, Senior Warden.

It was common practice at this time for Masonic Lodges to be formed within regiments of the British Army and, occasionally, on board naval vessels and for Freemasonry to be practiced wherever the regiment or ship was stationed.

The 46th Regiment of Foot, which arrived in 1814, had attached to it the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues No. 227, Irish Constitution. This regiment was replaced in 1817 by the 48th Regiment with Lodge No. 218, Irish Constitution. It was this Lodge which granted dispensation to form the first Lodge in Sydney in 1820, at a time when the total population of the colony, including convicts, was only 30,000. This Lodge, with just twelve foundation members, was called the Australian Social Lodge and was issued with warrant No. 260 by the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The Lodge still meets in Sydney as Lodge Antiquity No. 1 on the register of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Four years later, The Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia No. 266, Irish Constitution, was

formed in Sydney and, in due course, other Lodges were warranted, not only by the Grand Lodge of Ireland but also by the United Grand Lodge of England in 1828 and the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1851.

As the colony grew so did the number of Lodges and, mainly through the establishment of roads, coastal shipping and the railway, Lodges were founded at Parramatta, Windsor, Bathurst and Maitland.

Lodges were also formed at the principal shipping ports located along the navigable inland rivers.

In order to provide some local control, the Grand Lodges of Ireland, England and Scotland established Provincial Grand Lodges in Sydney so that a group of Masons anywhere in New South Wales who wished to form a Lodge had only to apply to the Provincial Grand Lodge of their choice to obtain a dispensation to commence meetings. In due course a warrant was received from the 'mother' Grand Lodge.

From the early days of the nineteenth century, the free settlers had sought some measure of political self-determination which resulted in the establishment of the Legislative Council of New South Wales in 1824 due largely to the work of Bro William Charles Wentworth.

This, in turn, led the Freemasons to seek local control of their Masonic affairs which resulted in a number of attempts to form local Grand Lodges independent from the parent bodies in Britain.

The Grand Lodges of England and Scotland in particular, strenuously opposed such a move and

it was not until 1877 that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was formed, mainly by the Irish Lodges in the colony. The first Grand Master was the Honourable James Squire Farnell, MLA, who had previously been Provincial Grand Master for New South Wales of the Irish Constitution. At the time, he was the Premier of New South Wales.

The British Grand Lodges refused to recognise the new Grand Lodge of New South Wales and members of Lodges that held warrants from the Grand Lodges of Ireland, England and Scotland were not permitted to attend Lodge meetings held under the local Grand Lodge.

As a result, the administration of Freemasonry suffered even though the ordinary member did his best to practice the aims and principles of the Craft. Indeed, it was a group of members who set about unifying the various governing bodies and who approached the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, whilst he was visiting Sydney. With his support, Lord Carrington, the Governor of New South Wales and a Past Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England, agreed to accept the office of Grand Master of the proposed United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Thus, after a century of white settlement and enthusiastic Masonic endeavour, the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was inaugurated in 1888 with 176 lodges and some 7,600 members on its register.

Most Wor Bro His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Charles Robert Wynn-Carrington, 3rd Baron Carrington, KG, PC, GCMG, DL, BA,

Governor of New South Wales from 1885 to 1890 was installed as the first Grand Master.

The Grand Lodges of Ireland, Scotland and the United Grand Lodge of England granted full recognition as did other Grand Lodges from many parts of the world.

Today, the affairs of Craft Freemasonry in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory continue to be administered by the United Grand Lodge. There is no Grand Lodge for Australia; each State of the Commonwealth having its own independent governing body presided over by its own Grand Master. Each works closely with the other as is the case with recognised Grand Lodges throughout the world.

INTRODUCTION

When the author of Volumes 1V and V of the history of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Right Wor Bro Harry Kellerman, OBE, Past Deputy Grand Master, received the first copies of his work from the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson at the launch of the books at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 12 December 1990, he said:

'History is the past projected into the future. It is the bridge connecting the past to the present and so points the way to the future. It is said that history repeats itself. If we read it carefully and understand it, history will help us to avoid repeating past mistakes. It is, in this sense, inspirational as well as instructive. It is a guide as well as a record of events.'

There have been many changes in our society during the past twenty years and, although sometimes criticized for being too slow to react, there have also been significant changes in the operations of Grand Lodge and Freemasonry generally in the Jurisdiction.

This history is an abridged record of the role played by Grand Lodge in those events, some of which will continue into the future.

Regional, District and Private Lodge Histories.

Very little has been written about the work of private Lodges. Some, but by no means all of the significant activities of Lodges are recorded in the reports of the Grand Inspectors of Workings until their final publication in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge in June 1993.

Lodge reports also appear in the *NSW Freemason*, re-named *NSW and ACT Freemason* in February 2002 and *Freemason* in August 2002, but these cannot hope to detail every interesting and successful Lodge activity.

Each Region, District and Private Lodge should record outstanding past events and, at least, provide the Grand Lodge Library and Archives with the appropriate material.

Membership.

Without doubt, the most pressing problem facing the Grand Lodge and most Private Lodges is declining membership. Most management text books contain the quotation:

There are no problems, only opportunities.

There are many aspects of the decline in membership but, perhaps the solution to just two questions might create the opportunities needed to remedy the situation. Those questions are:

- Why, after 250 years, are many sons no longer following their father's footsteps into Freemasonry?
- Why are many non-English speaking Grand Lodges reporting an increase in membership?

A detailed study of these two questions could provide the answer. The opportunity is certainly available.

Membership Numbers.

It has been widely reported that membership in NSW and the ACT peaked at 135,126 in 1959 and

that this figure, reported in the annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge, compares with 19,682 recorded as the number of Masons in 2002. This is not the case. The 1959 figure is not the number of Masons in the Jurisdiction. It is a total of the number of members in each Private Lodge and, therefore, does not account for multiple membership.

There were 293 Lodges consecrated between 1946 and 1969 and, for each of them, the foundation members were, by Constitutional requirement, subscribing members of another Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

The obituaries of Grand Officers published in the annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge indicate many who had multiple memberships.

The true figure for peak membership is unknown but an estimate for comparison would be approximately 100,000.

Opposition to Freemasonry.

During the past twenty years, considerable time and effort has been expended on increasing and improving public awareness of the Craft.

A moderately successful series of Masonic Awareness Weeks were introduced and radio and television interviews were given by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

These, and other activities, created an improved and positive understanding of the aims and principles of the Craft. Nevertheless, there are groups in the community who oppose Freemasonry. It is a mistake to say that these people do not understand or are

misinformed. On the contrary, they are knowledgeable, erudite and very well informed.

Freemasonry has always espoused the individual's freedom of political and religious thought, always within the law, as well as the dignity, importance and worth of the individual.

Such principles are a complete contradiction to those who oppose any doctrine other than their own. These individuals and groups have existed in one form or another for three centuries. They are not a recent phenomenon and Grand Masters in many parts of the world have had dialogue with them in an endeavour to convince them that Freemasonry is an organization for good in the community.

Multi-cultural Australia.

At the beginning of the 21st century, Australia is a land where a large percentage of the population was born elsewhere or has at least one parent born in another country.

At the federation of the Australian colonies in 1901, that overseas location was predominantly the British Isles but not so today.

We have many citizens whose first language is not English and who have emigrated from countries where Freemasonry has not existed for more than half a century or is seen to be the special reserve of English speaking expatriates.

They know nothing of our organization and nor do most of their Australian born offspring and yet, unlike the Australian Government, the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the

Australian Capital Territory has not produced any literature in a foreign language.

Perhaps it is time to do so.

Specialist Lodges.

The school Lodges, Lodge Army and Navy and Lodge Fire Brigades are examples of this type of Lodge. There are others. Many, however, such as Lodge Bankers, have ceased to exist.

One of the principal reasons was the insistence by the Board of General Purposes that Lodges meet each month as stated on the warrant. This meant that a member who sought to belong to his local Lodge as well as one or more specialist Lodges was faced with an unreasonable attendance requirement.

The change to the Book of Constitutions, adopted in June 1995, was intended to overcome this problem and, as a result, new specialist Lodges such as The Sydney Lodge No. 1020, Lodge Millennium No. 2000, Lodge France No. 1021 and Lodge Galileo No. 1019 have recently been consecrated.

Perhaps some of the earlier Lodges such as Bankers, Rugby and Fortian could be revived on the basis of the revised Regulation.

Brotherhood and Caring.

A glance at the earlier volumes of the history of Grand Lodge and the membership statistics published in the annual Grand Lodge Proceedings will show that, in the 1950's and 1960's there were many Lodges with more than 200 members.

It was a time when Freemasonry made the mistake of believing that 'big was beautiful'. In other parts of the world, especially the United Kingdom and Europe, a Lodge with 50 members is considered large and any further applicants will often generate either a waiting list or a new Lodge.

They are successful because they believe that you cannot be a Masonic brother to someone you don't know.

We have introduced the concept of a Caring Officer for each Lodge and this has, in most cases, improved our brotherly contact with each other. There is a downside, however, when a member does not see it as his concern that another member is ill on the basis that it is the Caring Officers' responsibility.

'Should you, in the daily walks of life, meet with a poor and distressed brother'

applies to each of us and not just the Caring Officer.

The Internet.

The recent wide-spread use of the Internet has led to many articles on Freemasonry. Some are an accurate description of the objectives and principles of the Order but there are many others that, completely inaccurately, portray the Craft as an organization of evil.

Freemasons can readily and accurately assess the difference but the curious member of the public cannot and it has, as a consequence, become imperative that Grand Lodges, Private Lodges and individuals be prepared to refute,

in the plainest terms, the inaccurate and inappropriate material so readily available.

A greater degree of openness has been the result of this important trend.

The Future.

Freemasonry is not alone in being concerned about the number of members it has to carry on its work and each Grand Master in the future will, no doubt, continue to seek opportunities to improve the situation.

There needs to be caution, however, as there is no point in having a large membership if the members have little or no involvement in Masonic activities. It was this lack of opportunity for involvement which was largely responsible for dwindling membership in Private Lodges.

All too frequently, if a new member did not seek office he was left to his own devices and given little or no encouragement to contribute to the affairs of the Lodge in a manner and time-frame best suited to him.

This approach continues to be the case in all too many Lodges and whilst the old maxim of 'no Master-no Lodge' remains true, there must be a recognition of the desires and ability of the individual and, wherever this is the case, the future of the Lodge and, as a consequence, the Grand Lodge will be assured.

CHAPTER 1

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MOST WOR BRO RONALD LEWIS HALE JOHNSON

(18 AUGUST 1988 TO 7 AUGUST 1992)

By the end of August 1988 the festivities associated with the bicentenary of British settlement in Australia and the centenary celebrations of the inauguration of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which had culminated in the glittering installation ceremony of Most Wor Bro Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson, at the Sydney Town Hall on 18 August, were over.

The new Grand Master announced as his theme:

**LET ALL FREEMASONS UNITE AND MEET THE
CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE**

Most Wor Bro Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson - A Profile.

Most Worshipful Brother Ron Johnson was born in Parramatta, NSW, the only son of Ron and Grace Johnson. Educated at Wyong High School, he completed a boat-building apprenticeship with Lars Halvorsen and Sons, a leading Sydney boat-building firm.

Early in his career, Ron joined the Royal Australian Naval Reserve and completed his National Service in the Navy.

During his formative years he altered his career path towards sales and marketing. He

gained employment with Prospect County Council in a clerical role before pursuing a sales career with a large firm of timber merchants.

Ron joined Hardboards Australia Limited, a division of Colonial Sugar Refinery Co., in a sales promotional role where he moved into staff training and public relations. As he developed his sales and communication skills in this challenging field, he became Sales Training and Public Relations Manager.

In 1979, Ron joined Parker Hannifin Australia Pty Ltd, a leading international fluid power organization, where he became National Sales Manager. He is a member of the Public Relations Institute of Australia (NSW) and was a foundation member of the NSW Institute for Training and Development.

His Masonic family background no doubt provided some stimulus towards the Masonic involvement in which he found himself. His grandfather held Grand Lodge rank in the United Grand Lodge of England and his late father was a Past Junior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of NSW.

Bro Ron Johnson was initiated by his father as a Lewis in Lodge Blacktown No. 393, UGL of NSW. He affiliated with Lodge Burnside No. 729 in 1961 where he became the Worshipful Master in 1969. At the request of three Worshipful Masters he served the office of Director of Ceremonies. In 1976 Ron was appointed District Grand Inspector of Workings for 39 District, where he and his wife May became well known and respected. In June 1984, he received the conferred rank of Past Junior Grand Warden.

He was invited to participate in seminars associated with the opening of the Masonic Centre in Sydney and was a very active member of the Committee of Masonic Education. He was the Secretary of the 39 District Masonic Association.

Other Masonic Orders to which Ron belongs are the Ancient and Accepted (Scottish) Rite and the Order of the Secret Monitor.

Ron's sporting interests have included football, cricket, squash, sailing and golf. He is a member of Muirfield Golf Club and was the President of the Parramatta Masonic Club Golf Club.

Ron and his wife May have a daughter Terrie-Ann and a son Murray.

District Grand Inspectors of Workings Convention

Not only did the Craft have a new Grand Master but there were 94 newly appointed District Grand Inspectors of Workings who began their two year term on 1 September 1988.

They assembled at the Sydney Masonic Centre for a convention on 12 and 13 September attended by the Grand Master who was well qualified to give the new DGIWs guidance and advice having served the office himself during the 1976-78 term.

September Quarterly Communication

On Wednesday 14 September 1988, Most Wor Bro Johnson presided over the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. He began his address by saying:

'From the sounding of the first gavel this evening a new era commenced in this Grand Lodge. It heralded the commencement of regular Grand Lodge Communications, in this, the second century of Freemasonry in New South Wales under the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

You and I, brethren, are privileged to be part of history as it has its effects upon the future of the Craft and the Craft's concerns for the community at large.'

The Grand Master expressed his appreciation to his predecessor, Most Wor Bro Professor Roy Allan Woodman LLM, PGM and, referring to the Grand Installation ceremony, he said that Most Wor Bro Woodman was 'an inspiration to all present.'

Presentation of Grand Directors of Ceremonies Batons to the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master explained to the members of Grand Lodge that the Board of General Purposes had, on the recommendation of its Grand Stewards Committee, decided to have made 16 batons, of plain but tasteful design, to remain the property of Grand Lodge but to be used by each Grand Officer during his term of office and, whilst in office, allocated duties as a Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Grand Master visits his Mother Lodge

Lodge Blacktown No. 393 was honoured by the presence of the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro R.L.H. Johnson on 1 October 1988.

The occasion was the 50th anniversary of Right Wor Bro William R.G. (Ron) Johnson, PJGW, having installed his successor into the chair of the Lodge. Right Wor Bro William R.G. (Ron) Johnson was the Grand Master's father and initiated Most Wor Bro Johnson as a Lewis in July 1954.

Most Wor Bro Johnson's grandfather, Wor Bro William (Bill) Johnson, affiliated with Lodge Blacktown in 1949 and held the rank of Past Provincial Assistant Grand Standard Bearer in the United Grand Lodge of England prior to coming to Australia.

As a gesture to the Johnson family the Worshipful Master gave a detailed history of the family and asked the Grand Master to unveil a plaque in the Lodge Room. To the complete surprise of Most Wor Bro Johnson, the plaque turned out to be a portrait of himself as Grand Master.

The Grand Master was deeply moved by the gesture and thanked the Lodge for their thoughtfulness.

Consecration of Leisure Coast Daylight Lodge No. 999

On 29 October 1988, the day of the consecration of Leisure Coast Daylight Lodge No. 999, heat wave conditions prevailed, the temperature rising to 35 degrees. There were over 200 Masons in the Wollongong Masonic Hall when, at 2pm, the Grand Master was announced and entered accompanied by 80 Grand Officers. The total attendance was some 350.

The Grand Master then opened the Lodge and proceeded with the installation of Very Wor Bro

Bohumir (Bob) Muzik, the Worshipful Master Designate, who became the foundation Worshipful Master of Leisure Coast Daylight Lodge.

Consecration of Pambula Daylight Lodge No. 1000

History was created on 12 November 1988 when the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Officers travelled 480km to the south coast town of Pambula to consecrate Pambula Daylight Lodge No. 1000.

In doing so, New South Wales became one of the few Masonic Jurisdictions in the world, and the first in Australia, to have registered one thousand Lodges on its roll.

Not all have survived, but Lodge Baddeley No. 205, which was consecrated on 7 July 1892 at Pambula was certainly working and was able to sponsor the new Lodge.

Death of Right Wor Bro Henry Lamert Thomas, PDGM.

Prominent NSW Freemason, Right Wor Bro Henry Lamert (Mert) Thomas, PDGM, PPBB, passed away on 16 November 1988.

Right Wor Bro Thomas was initiated in Lodge Eastwood No 390 on 4 July 1935. His employment took him to Casino where he affiliated with Lodge Casino No 103 on 19 December 1936. He served as Worshipful Master of Lodge Casino in 1940-41.

He affiliated with the Research Lodge of New South Wales No. 971 on 19 September 1969 and he retained his membership of each of these three Lodges until his death.

His other activities included:

- District Grand Inspector of Workings No. 28 District 1950 - 52
- Official Lecturer from 1953
- Member of the Board of Benevolence and President in 1959 - 60
- Past Junior Grand Warden conferred 1957
- Representative of the Grand Lodge of Norway from 1960
- Member of the Committee of Masonic Education from its establishment in 1961
- Member of the Board of General Purposes 1961-72
- Councillor of the Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of NSW 1962-70
- Grand Librarian 1963-69
- Member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence 1963 and Chairman until 1972
- Member of the Masonic Publications Committee 1968-74
- Past Assistant Grand Master conferred in 1969
- Past Deputy Grand Master conferred in 1984

Right Wor Bro Mert Thomas was also active in other Masonic Orders.

The Commission for the Future

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 14 December 1988 at the Masonic Centre, Castlereagh St., Sydney, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro R.L.H. Johnson, made an important announcement:

'The Board of General Purposes has formed "The Commission for the Future", charged with one of the most delicate and important roles performed by any committee established by NSW Freemasons. It's task is simple, yet awesomely responsible: to examine every aspect of the Craft and plan the future of Masonry in New South Wales.

The Commission was formed on the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a proper plan be implemented to consider how the assets and income of Grand Lodge can best be utilised for the benefit of Freemasons and Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction.

Unlike many committees, this one has a definite life span: its final report and recommendations must be submitted to the Board of General Purposes meeting in April 1989.'

The Report of the Board of General Purposes gave additional details concerning the Commission.

Terms of Reference

- a. The administrative organization of the Grand Secretary's office embodying computerisation for financial accounting and membership records.
- b. The level of contributions to the Masonic Temples (Buildings) Fund.
- c. The level of Grand Lodge Dues in relation to General Purposes Expenditure.
- d. The continual decline in the usage of the Masonic Centre by Private Lodges and other Orders of Freemasonry.
- e. The hiring of the Masonic Centre for non - Masonic functions.
- f. The provision of suitable accommodation for the Grand Lodge Museum.

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- g. The promotion of the Craft in the Jurisdiction and the advisability of appointing a Public Relations Officer.
- h. The publication of a periodical magazine for distribution to all members or the circularisation of *The NSW Freemason* as a free issue to all members.
- i. The extension of our social work such as the provision of facilities for the youth of the community.
- j. Rationalisation of Masonic buildings throughout the Jurisdiction.
- k. Masonic Dress - Personal dress of candidates, Regalia.
- l. Name of the organization.
- m. The Craft's image
- n. At which age bracket should the Commission be aiming?
- o. Retaining Membership - Age Structure.
- p. Involvement of women in associated activities of the Craft. Social programme.

The following brethren were invited by the Most Wor Grand Master, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and the Grand Treasurer, to constitute the Commission:

Right Wor Bro Hector.I.M. MacFarlane, AM,
PAGM

Right Wor Bro Gordon H. Watt, PAGM

Right Wor Bro George L. James, AM, PJGW

Very Wor Bro Maurice J. Chapman, PDGIW

Very Wor Bro David P. Redfern, PDGIW

Very Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch, PDGIW

Wor Bro Richard M. Dawes, PM

Brother Alan Gale

with the Grand Master,
President of the Board of General
Purposes,

Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary

as ex - officio members.

The Commission was empowered to request reports from the various Boards and Committees of Grand Lodge as appropriate.

The Grand Master urged the brethren to get involved and concluded his remarks by saying:

'Most importantly, the Commission needs to hear from all Masons who want to ensure the Craft has a sound future.

This is not a committee designed to work in isolation, but rather it needs to work with and hear from those at the coalface of Masonry.

It has already co - opted a number of Masons to its working parties, and it will be contacting Masons and non - Masons as it seeks to lay a firm foundation of hope and prosperity as we begin the second century of Freemasonry in New South Wales.

I can't stress enough the need for brethren to pick up the phone or write a letter containing their thoughts and suggestions.

The future is a challenge we all need to meet. Let's do this together.'

Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviours, Plaisterers and Bricklayers

The Board of General Purposes considered a request that members of the Craft in New South Wales be permitted to join the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviours, Plaisterers and Bricklayers, and that an assemblage of the Order be

permitted to work in a New South Wales Masonic Lodge Room.

It was resolved by the Board:

- i. That should a brother join the Order his Masonic standing will not be affected.
- ii. That it saw no objection to the working of the Degrees being performed within a New South Wales Masonic Lodge Room.

Removal of the word 'Temple' as the Designation of a Masonic Meeting Place.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 9 March 1988, the report of the Board of General Purposes contained the decision of the Board to discontinue the use of the word 'Temple' to designate a Masonic meeting place:

The meeting place of a Lodge has, over the years, been variously described as 'The Masonic Hall', 'The Masonic Temple', 'The Lodge Room' or 'The Masonic Centre'

With a view to emphasizing and demonstrating to non - Masons and the general public that Freemasonry is not a religion, the Board has given much thought and consideration to the desirability of discontinuing the use of the word 'Temple'.

The Board decided, on the advice of the Grand Chaplains and with the concurrence of the Most Wor Grand Master that, as when and where practicable, the word 'Temple' be henceforth replaced in the Book of Constitutions and other Masonic publications with the words 'Lodge Room', 'Masonic Hall' or 'Masonic Centre', as appropriate, but that no change

will be made in respect of the use of the word
'Temple' in the Ritual.

The report was adopted by the Grand Lodge
without comment.

At the Quarterly Communication held on 14
December 1988, the President of the Board of
General Purposes, Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy
PDGM, submitted a motion which detailed the
changes to be made to various Regulations
contained in the Book of Constitutions to
enable the decision taken in March to be put
into effect.

After considerable discussion, the motion was
put to the meeting and declared carried.

*Death of Right Wor Bro Heber Baker Williams,
PDGM*

Freemasonry lost a stalwart member on 10 February 1989 in the passing of Right Wor Bro Heber Baker Williams, PDGM.

In his address to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro R.L.H. Johnson spoke of Right Wor Bro Williams' service to the Craft.

Right Wor Bro Williams served in the following Grand Lodge Offices and positions:

- District Grand Inspector of Workings of No 12 District for the 1964-65 term.
- Assistant Grand Master 1975-76.
- A member, from June 1968 (and for a lengthy period as Chairman) of the Publications Committee which is responsible for the publication of *The NSW Freemason*. He was still taking a very keen interest in this work up to the time of his death.
- A member of the Committee of Masonic Education from 1973 to 1980 during which he journeyed to Canada to attend the Masonic Workshop held in Banff to secure additional information.
- A nominee of the Board of General Purposes on the Council of The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of NSW since 1979.
- One of the Grand Master's metropolitan appointees on the Board of General Purposes from May 1985.
- In 1984 he was elevated to the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master in recognition of his tremendous contribution in many ways for the benefit of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction, not the least of which

was his outstandingly generous
contribution in the way of calligraphy
and layout in printing.

Presentation to Most Wor Bro Professor Roy A. Woodman, LL.M, Past Grand Master

An Appreciation Dinner was held at the Sydney Masonic Centre on Tuesday 7 March 1989 to honour the Immediate Past Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Professor Roy Allan Woodman, LL.M and Mrs Rosemary Woodman.

During the evening, highlights from Most Wor Bro Woodman's term as Grand Master from 1985 to 1988 were recounted and a suitable presentation made on behalf of the Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Wearing of Masonic Jewels

In answer to an enquiry received from a Lodge, the Board of General Purposes advised Grand Lodge at the September 1988 Quarterly Communication:

- i That only one Collarette Masonic Charity Jewel should be worn in Lodge at any one time.
- ii That, apart from a Grand Representative's Collarette Jewel from a Sister Grand Lodge, the wearing of Jewels at the Festive Board is not acceptable and should be strongly discouraged.

The matter was referred back to the Board. The Report of the Board of General Purposes to the March 1989 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge again raised the matter and, this time, the Report was adopted.

- i Only one Collarette Masonic Jewel is to be worn in the Lodge Room at any one time.
- ii The wearing in the South or Festive Board of more than one Masonic Jewel is discouraged.

- iii Jewels relating to the Degrees as defined in Regulation 1 of the Book of Constitutions, and Presentation Jewels, should not be worn in the South or Festive Board. For the purpose of defining 'Presentation Jewels', the Board refers to Past Masters' Jewels and Past Officers' Jewels.
- iv The wearing in the South of a Jewel commemorating a special occasion, such as a Lodge or District Centenary or Anniversary, 50 years' membership and the like, is left to the discretion of the individual brother.

Property and Trustees - Regulation 56 Book of Constitutions

At the March 1989 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the President of the Board of General Purposes, Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy explained the necessity for changes to Regulation 56 of the Book of Constitutions. He said:

'For many years this Grand Lodge has received the benefit of certain exemptions from the payment of Land Tax by reason of the disposition of the funds of the Grand Lodge for various charitable purposes.

In late 1988, amendments were made to the Land Tax legislation with a view to eliminating certain loopholes which had enabled some organizations of an inherently non - charitable nature to receive exemption from Land Tax. This legislation was not intended to refer to this Grand Lodge, but, because of the general working adopted in the statute, it has become necessary to reconstitute Regulation 56 of the Book of Constitutions. The new legislation provided a timeframe whereby Land Tax would be payable from 31 December, 1988 unless an exempt organization

has specified the manner in which its funds were to be used and also the manner in which those funds were to be applied in the event of a dissolution of the organization.

Only organizations specifically approved by the Commissioner after the commencement of the new legislation have exemption from Land Tax.

The legislation further provided that organizations had only until 30 June 1989 in which to obtain an exemption from the Commissioner.

As a consequence of this legislation, and the advice received from the taxation consultants retained by the Grand Lodge, a new Regulation 56 has been drafted in the terms printed in the Agenda.'

Unveiling of the two Masonic Coats - of - Arms of New South Wales to Mark the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Formation of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales

Two Masonic Coats - of - Arms of New South Wales affixed to the eastern wall of the Grand Lodge Room, cast in aluminium and coloured strictly in accordance with heraldic requirements, were unveiled by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Coat - of - Arms of the former Grand Lodge of New South Wales is positioned in the north - east whilst the Coat - of - Arms of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales is located in the south - east.

A full explanation of both Coats - of - Arms will be found in Appendix II.

A brief history of the former Grand Lodge of New South Wales and The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was given by the Grand Master.

At the request of the Grand Master, the Grand Chaplain, Very Wor Bro Revd Raymond C. Green, offered a Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication.

The Grand Director of Music, Right Wor Bro Noel W. Melvin, PAGM, accompanied by the Grand Organist, Very Wor Bro Peter T. Kneeshaw, PDGIW, sang 'Great Lord of Life' composed by Henry.

Centenary of The United Grand Lodge of Victoria

During the period from 14 to 20 March 1989, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Johnson accompanied by Mrs May Johnson and a large delegation of Masons and their partners from New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, travelled to Melbourne to attend the Grand Installation and the various functions associated with the celebration of the centenary of the establishment of The United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Visit by Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland

Following the Grand Installation in Melbourne, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Most Wor Bro, the Most Hon. The Marquess of Donegall, LVO, visited the Sydney Masonic Centre.

In a letter of acknowledgement to Most Wor Bro Johnson, Lord Donegall said that, on his return to Ireland his sisters - in - law were surprised to learn that their grandfather,

Baron Carrington, KG, PC, GCMG, had been a Freemason and had served as Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England, the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales in 1888 and, later, Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire.

*Death of Right Wor Bro Albert Cyril Petrie,
PAGM*

Albert Petrie lived all his life in the Shoalhaven District, most of it near the Shoalhaven River. He was born on 5 September 1898 on a 40 ha property which his father selected at the down-stream end of Longreach about 13 km up the river from the Nowra bridge.

Albert was balloted for and initiated in Lodge Abercorn No. 60 on Tuesday 25 June 1929.

To Albert, Freemasonry became not only a fraternity but a way of life. He was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1937. He became District Grand Inspector of Workings for No. 46 District for the 1946-48 term. He had conferred on him the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden in 1957. Finally, on 14 June 1978, he was elevated to the rank of Past Assistant Grand Master.

In 1954, a meeting was called at Bomaderry, to investigate the possibility of establishing a Lodge in that growing district because of the large number of Masons living in that area. Right Wor Bro Petrie donated a block of land suitable for a Masonic Hall with the idea that a Lodge Bomaderry should be formed. Plans continued with the idea of building a new Masonic Hall at Bomaderry but the then District Grand Inspector of Workings, Very Wor Bro Frank O. Moorhouse, was concerned about the

advisability of erecting a new building when a Masonic Centre was available in Nowra only a short distance away.

It was obvious that the brethren wanted to keep a Bomaderry atmosphere in the new Lodge and the problem was solved in a very happy way. It was unanimously decided to name the new Lodge, 'Albert C. Petrie' No. 954 and incorporate the Petrie crest in the insignia, and on 7 July 1962, Right Wor Bro Albert C. Petrie was installed as foundation Master in a Lodge which will always bear his name.

Centenary of Lodge Condoblin No. 185

On Saturday 13 May 1989, the Grand Master attended the Centenary Installation of Lodge Condobolin No. 185.

Whilst the brethren attended the Installation, the ladies were entertained at afternoon tea and, later, joined the brethren for the Installation banquet at the Condobolin RSL Club.

On Sunday 14 May, Mother's Day, the brethren and their families joined in worship at All Saints Anglican Church and, after morning tea, the Grand Master and Mrs May Johnson visited patients in Condobolin Hospital.

Quarterly Communication June 1989.

Most Wor Bro Johnson in his address to Grand Lodge said:

'To keep pace with modern society and, hopefully, project our thinking into the future, a great deal of work still needs to be done, and it befalls on each and every one of

us to think very carefully about this Craft of ours and to contribute to its very being as part of the future.

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Any movement that will lift people out of the ordinary and the customary to new heights of knowledge, understanding, appreciation "must do it now".

- If we don't go - we won't grow.
- If we don't grow we will stagnate.
- It is not for the favoured few.
- It is for one and all.

We must achieve this growth through knowledge, labour and perseverance.'

Interim Report of the Commission for the Future

An interim report of the Commission was received at a special meeting of the Board of General Purposes on 8 May 1989. The decisions taken were:

- a. A Grand Secretary Designate be appointed to work with the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Ray Cannon, until his retirement on 6 July 1990.
- b. An Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Committee of the Board of General Purposes be appointed.
- c. Contributions to the Masonic Buildings Fund be suspended.
- d. The committee room on the third floor of the Sydney Masonic Centre be made available for the purpose of establishing a Grand Lodge Museum.
- e. Professional assistance be obtained for the purpose of surveying the present understanding of the Craft's image held by both members and non - members.

- f. That a programme be developed to educate members of the Craft in openness, pride, and those matters concerning Freemasonry which may be freely stated or discussed with non - members.
- g. That the Masonic Buildings Board be the organizing body to administer appropriate rationalisation where applicable and provide expert advice to maximize utilisation of Masonic buildings.
- h. That the charging of a registration fee in respect of any subscribing member from a recognised Sister Constitution who is affiliating with a Lodge of this Constitution be discontinued.
- i. That Private Lodges be recommended to discontinue charging an affiliation fee where a brother is affiliating with the Lodge from another Lodge.

Jewels of Office for Past Grand Wardens and Past Grand Stewards

Grand Lodge adopted amendments to the Regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions to the effect that:

All Past Grand Officers may wear the jewels of their respective offices on a blue enamelled oval medal, excepting the following.

- a. Past Junior Grand Wardens and Past Senior Grand Wardens who have served
 - (a) as Junior Grand Warden or Senior Grand Warden for a term; or
 - (b) as Junior Grand Warden for part of a term and as Senior Grand Warden for the remainder of the term.

Who, in either case, may wear on apron and gauntlets only, the jewel of the office or the higher of the offices so held, and

shall wear on their collars the jewels of their respective offices on an enamelled oval medal; and

- b. Past Grand Stewards, who may wear the jewel of their office on crimson enamel.

Appeal Against a Decision of the Board of General Purposes

The President of the Board of General Purposes, Right Wor Bro Eddy explained that at a meeting of the Board held on 15 February, 1989, the Board had, at the request of the Grand Master, considered two statements of complaint which the Grand Master had received from two Past Masters of Lodge Ballina, No. 112, alleging that a Past Master of that Lodge had, on the eve of the Lodge's election of officers held on 7 February, 1989, canvassed each of them for a vote.

After a full investigation, the Board had decided that the Past Master concerned was guilty of the offence and that he be admonished and, in accordance with the Regulations, he was ineligible to hold office in any Lodge for a period of five years.

The Past Master concerned appealed against the Board's decision and addressed Grand Lodge at the June 1989 Quarterly Communication in support of his appeal. On being put to the Grand Lodge, his appeal was dismissed.

Application by Brethren for lifting of their suspension from all Masonic privileges for having failed to dissociate themselves from the irregular Bodies styled 'The New South Wales Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons' and 'The Newcastle Mark Lodge No. 1'.

An application was received by the Board of General Purposes for the lifting of the suspension from all Masonic privileges during the pleasure of the Board imposed on six Brethren on 16 April, 1986, for having failed to dissociate themselves from the irregular Bodies styled 'New South Wales Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons' and 'The Newcastle Mark Lodge No. 1'.

The Board considered the application and decided that:

- a. Unless the Body styled as the 'New South Wales Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons' and the Body styled as 'Newcastle Mark Lodge No. 1' are recognised and accepted by The United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory (which Body this Grand Lodge recognised on 10 September, 1980, as having the sole right in New South Wales to work the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason and the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch under Regulation No. 1 of the Book of Constitutions), or
- b. The brethren concerned dissociate themselves from the Bodies styled as the 'New South Wales Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons' and the 'Newcastle Mark Lodge No. 1', the Board is not prepared to lift the suspensions as requested.

Bi - monthly Meetings

As the result of a request from a country Lodge, the Board of General Purposes decided that it could not see its way clear to permit the Lodge to meet bi-monthly.

Amendment to Calling Off Regulation

An amendment to the Book of Constitutions was proposed at the June 1989 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge to allow a cooling off period and for a resignation to take effect at the next meeting of a Lodge after it had been read.

The motion was carried and subsequently confirmed.

Time limit for Grand Officers and Members of Boards and Committees

At the June 1989 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Right Wor Bro R. Paul Fletcher PSGW moved:

The total period of time for which any brother shall be entitled to hold any particular elected office of the Grand Lodge or be entitled to be a member of any particular Board or Committee of the Grand Lodge in any capacity, other than an ex-officio capacity, shall be seven years.

There was also a clause to include present incumbents. The motion was lost.

Appropriate media notice for individual Lodges to place in a Newspaper.

An enquiry was received from a country Lodge seeking advice as to the wording for a suitable media notice to be placed in a newspaper advising the aims and objects of Freemasonry.

The Board granted approval for the following notice as being suitable for individual Lodges to use -

(Square and Compasses may be reproduced)

FREEMASONRY

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales is in its second century in New South Wales. If you would like to know something about Freemasonry; Its:

- Origins
- Teachings
- Aims
- Achievements
- Members

Contact
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Centenary of Lodge Wardell and Concord United.

On Saturday 24 June 1989, Lodge Wardell and Concord United No. 182 hosted a Combined Meeting of District 35 to celebrate the Lodge's centenary. The Assistant Grand Master, Right Wor Bro. John Talty and 87 brethren were present to witness the initiation of Mr John Phillips.

Sesquicentenary of Freemasonry in Parramatta

The programme for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the granting of a Charter to the first Masonic Lodge in the town of Parramatta, the Parramatta Lodge of St John No. 668 English Constitution in 1839, included a number of features.

At noon on Saturday 1 July 1989, the Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Alderman Alan A. Hyam, received the Grand Master, Most

Wor Bro Ronald L. H. Johnson, at the Council Chambers.

The Lord Mayor presented the Grand Master with a special plaque commemorating 200 years of the city's existence.

The Grand Master presented the Lord Mayor with a set of Masonic Centenary Commemoration Plaques.

On Saturday 1 July 1989, a Special Communication of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was held at the Parramatta Town Hall.

Some 250 brethren were seated for this historic event.

An address entitled *A Short History of Freemasonry in Parramatta*, prepared by Very Wor Bro John Crosher, PDGIW, was presented by the President of the Board of General Purposes, Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy PDGM.

Before closing the Communication, the Grand Master presented three gavels, especially made and engraved for the occasion, to the Worshipful Master and Wardens of Lodge Resurgo No. 223.

On Saturday evening, 1 July, a Celebration Dinner Dance was held at the Parramatta RSL Club at which the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L. H. Johnson, Mrs May Johnson and the Lord Mayor of Parramatta were the Guests of Honour.

On Sunday, 2 July, a large number of brethren with wives and families, attended the 10.45am service at the Cathedral Church of St John. It

was a delight to see the Church filled with some 450 people from many parts of the metropolitan area.

A most pleasant and inspiring service was presented at which the Grand Master read the Lesson from the Old Testament. The Lesson from the New Testament was read by Bro Ronald D. Brill, a Churchwarden of St John's.

The Rector and Senior Canon, the Revd Raymond J. Bomford, ThL (Hons), welcomed the Congregation and referred at length to the historical significance of the weekend.

Canon Bomford concluded with a reference to the First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians 1: 3-11.

The weekend celebrations concluded with a luncheon at The Mandarin restaurant enjoyed by some 150 brethren, their families and friends. A collection was made in support of children with cerebral palsy.

Death of Very Wor Bro Raymond Dunham, District Grand Inspector of Workings, No. 19 District

On Sunday 9 July 1989, a memorial service was held in the Church in the Market Place at Bondi for the late Very Wor Bro Ray Dunham who died suddenly whilst visiting his parents in Liverpool, England, on 5 June 1989.

Bro Dunham was initiated in Lodge Antiquity, No. 1 on 3 December 1973 and he re-affiliated on 8 February 1984.

He affiliated with Lodge Honour No. 519 on 2 July 1984 and served as Worshipful Master for the 1986 - 87 Masonic year. He also affiliated

with Lodge Centenary No. 373 on 13 September 1988.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence

The Report presented to the Quarterly Communication on 14 June 1989 by the Chairman, Right Wor Bro Frank J. Coe PJGW contained an important observation:

Throughout the reports, from Sister Constitutions throughout the world, runs a thread of realisation that the Craft has become insular, self-satisfied and out of contact with the communities about it. There is common determination to reverse this trend. It may well be that the widespread, irrational attacks by Churches on Freemasonry have struck a spark that is bringing the Craft out of its shell, inducing a hard look at our aims and methods, and in time will revitalise the Fraternity.

It is noted that replies to Church attacks are not defensive but positive assertions of the character, goodwill and value of Freemasonry. The lesser number of attacks in this year and the acceptance, in at least some areas, that Freemasonry is a force for the benefit and welfare of ALL people, is evidence that this approach is the correct one.

Grand Installation of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland

On Saturday 8 July, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Johnson, accompanied by a large delegation, attended the installation of Most Wor Bro Malcolm J. Kinross as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland in Brisbane.

Death of Right Wor Bro Alfred John Watson (Jim) Dennis PDGM

Right Wor Bro Alfred John Watson (Jim) Dennis was born in Maroubra, NSW, in 1924.

He received his education at the Maroubra Junction Primary and High Schools.

During World War II Jim Dennis served with the Royal Australian Air Force in the South Pacific area.

Alfred John Watson Dennis was initiated as a Lewis into Lodge Unanimity No. 227 on 17 January 1944. On 5 March 1947 he was a foundation Steward in Lodge Matraville No. 689 and was installed as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1954. He later served as Director of Ceremonies and Secretary of the Lodge and was in continuous office for 31 years. He also affiliated with Lodge West Ryde No. 453, on 17 January 1976.

In 1962 he was appointed District Grand Inspector of Workings No. 16 District and held the position of President of the No. 16 District Past Masters Association since that date.

In March 1971 he was elected as a member of the Board of Benevolence and served the office of President during the 1979-81 term. The rank of Past Junior Grand Warden was conferred in 1969.

On his proclamation as Grand Master in 1982, Most Wor Bro Harold George Coates, OBE, appointed Right Wor Bro Jim Dennis as his Assistant Grand Master. After serving in that office for two years, Jim was appointed Deputy Grand Master for the 1984-85 term. He

represented the Grand Lodge of Minnesota from June 1978 until his death.

Proclamation of Most Wor Bro Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson for a Second Term.

A Special Communication for the proclamation of the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson, and for the investiture of Grand Officers, was held in the Grand Lodge Room, The Masonic Centre, Sydney, on Wednesday, 26 July, 1989.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master.

Most Wor Bro R. L. H. Johnson was duly proclaimed as Grand Master; Right Wor Bro Noel Frederick Dunn was proclaimed as Deputy Grand Master; and Right Wor Bro John Michael Morrison Talty as Assistant Grand Master.

In his address, the Grand Master said:

'The three great tenets of Freemasonry are BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH. Let us all look objectively into the lessons to be learned that are inculcated by these ideals and in the beautiful ceremonies associated with the Craft.

I firmly believe that, until we put our house in order and return to a QUALITATIVE approach to Masonry where true fellowship is valued equally, if not more than RITUALISTIC ability, our ranks will suffer numerically. Let me say that I enjoy our Masonic ritual as much as anyone. However, that was not the reason why I joined Freemasonry thirty - five years ago.

I joined to enjoy the company of men whom I respected and who were quietly contributing to their communities and to society generally.

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Brethren, The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales has always practiced the principle of QUALITY, and the work the brethren have done in the past and continue to do, is of tremendous importance to the value of the Craft.

However, if there is one thing other than QUALITY - which I would urge all brothers to consider - it is UNITY. If we unite rather than - as has occurred in some instances - compete with each other, I am sure that we will all be the better for our labours in the quarry.

Let us unite and work together as never before. Freemasonry's contribution throughout New South Wales and Australia - and indeed the world - has been, and presently is GREAT, but it can be even GREATER if WE but MAKE it so.'

Dinner Party for Ladies

A Dinner Party for Ladies was held at the Waterside Restaurant, Pier One. Ladies were invited to join the Grand Master's wife, Mrs May Johnson, the wife of the Deputy Grand Master, Mrs Faye Dunn, and the wife of the Assistant Grand Master, Mrs Dawn Talty. Ladies foregathered in the Ionic Room, Masonic Centre to be transported by bus to the restaurant. They later returned to the Masonic Centre to join the brethren.

*Death of Right Wor Bro Heyworth Scott Opie,
 PDGM*

The Freemasons in the far west of New South Wales and many in South Australia mourned the death of Broken Hill resident, Right Wor Bro Opie on 2 August 1989.

He was initiated in Lodge Umberumberka No. 141 on 24 January 1923 and served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1930 - 31. On 19 November 1948, he became a foundation member of Lodge Avery No. 751 at Broken Hill and he served as District Grand Inspector of Workings for No. 23 District in 1942 - 44. The rank of Past Junior Grand Warden was conferred in March 1949 and the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master in June 1959.

Canvassing for Election to Office

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 13 September 1989, the President of the Board of General Purposes, Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy PDGM moved a motion to alter the Regulations in the Book of Constitutions to vary the prescribed penalty for a brother found guilty of such an offence. The amendment added the words 'or such lesser period as the Board of General Purposes shall determine.'

The President, in submitting the motion, said that the Regulation that dealt with canvassing for any office in a Lodge currently provided that, in addition to any of the penalties provided by Regulation, the brother concerned shall be ineligible to hold any office in any Lodge for a period of five years.

That five year disqualification period was automatic and inflexible. Accordingly, it was not currently possible to fix a period of disqualification having regard to such matters

as the circumstances surrounding the offence or the Masonic contribution of the brother in question.

The proposed amendment would retain the five year disqualification period as a maximum but would enable a lesser period of disqualification to be imposed should the circumstances of the particular case warrant such a reduction.

The motion was carried and subsequently confirmed.

Candidate Involved in Divorce Proceedings.

The Board of General Purposes decided that, whereas it had been the practice to require a candidate to supply a Statutory Declaration as well as his Decree Nisi and Decree Absolute and a Confidential Statement setting out the reasons for the breakdown of the marriage, it would, in future, be necessary for such a candidate to be required to furnish only a photostat copy of his Decree Nisi and Decree Absolute and a Confidential Statement setting out the reasons for the breakdown of the marriage.

Travelling Certificates

The Board of General Purposes decided that a Travelling Certificate could be issued by the Grand Secretary to an Entered Apprentice Freemason or a Fellowcraft Freemason travelling overseas. The previous practice was for such a certificate to be issued to a brother who had attained the rank of Master Mason.

*Consecration of Lodge Jerrabomberra Daylight
No. 1001*

On Saturday 30 September 1989, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro R.L.H. Johnson and the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge travelled to Queanbeyan to consecrate Lodge Jerrabomberra Daylight No. 1001.

Lodge Murrumbidgee Daylight No. 1002

On Saturday 28 October 1989, the Grand Master consecrated Lodge Murrumbidgee Daylight No. 1002 at Wagga Wagga.

Appointment of Grand Secretary - Designate

Following the announcement by the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Raymond G. Cannon that he would retire on 6 July 1990, the Board of General Purposes appointed Very Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch PDGIW, a Past Master of Lodge Pennant Hills No. 905 as Grand Secretary Designate to facilitate a smooth hand over of the duties of the office.

Very Wor Bro McCulloch commenced duty on 9 October 1989.

Centenary of Freemasonry in Blayney

Freemasonry came to Blayney when Lodge Carringtonia No. 187 was consecrated on 9 November 1889. The Lodge was named in honour of the Grand Master and Governor of New South Wales, Baron Carrington, KG, PC, GCMG.

The Masonic Hall was erected and dedicated on 18 November 1910.

The centenary celebrations were held over the weekend of 18-19 November 1989 and, to mark the occasion, the Grand Master and his wife Mrs May Johnson, together with Grand Officers and their wives were in Blayney for the weekend.

At the historic installation ceremony the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L H Johnson and a delegation of some 40 Grand Officers entered the Lodge to witness the re-installation of Wor Bro John Gordon by Wor Bro Clifford Kearney. A banquet followed in the Blayney Rowing Club attended by 200 Masons and ladies.

Important Third Degree Ceremony

On 21 November 1989, the Grand Master attended the regular meeting of Lodge Shaw Stewart St John No. 133 at Leichhardt to witness the raising of Bro His Grace Archbishop Gibran Ramaoui, the Primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of Australia and New Zealand.

Consecration of Lodge Northern Line Daylight No. 1003

On Saturday 25 November 1989, the Grand Master accompanied by Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge, consecrated Lodge Northern Line Daylight No. 1003 at the north - western Sydney suburb of Beecroft.

Development of Masonic Archive

The Board of General Purposes approved the establishment of a Masonic Archival Section as part of the functions of the Library and Museum. The archivist appointed was Very Wor Bro Thomas K Taylor PDGIW.

Candidates and Subscribing Members Living Apart from their Wives

The Board of General Purposes decided that, whereas it had been the practice to require a candidate or a subscribing member to supply a Statutory Declaration and a Confidential Statement setting out the reasons for the breakdown of a marriage which led to a separation, it would, in future, be necessary for such a candidate or subscribing member to furnish a Confidential Statement only, setting out the reasons for breakdown of the marriage.

Circulation of Minutes

A motion was put to Grand Lodge at the December 1989 Quarterly Communication by Very Wor Bro Henry Ferris PDGDC that the Book of Constitutions be amended to include:

The Minutes shall be read aloud at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, or printed and issued to every member present and, if found correct, shall be confirmed, and signed by the brother ruling the Lodge at the time.

The idea was that the minutes of a Lodge meeting could be printed and circulated to members rather than have the Secretary read them in full.

The motion was opposed by the Grand Registrar, Right Wor Bro John Dick PDGM speaking as the adviser to the Grand Lodge.

The motion was declared lost.

Change of Name of Investigation Committee

At the December 1989 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge a motion was presented by the President of the Board of General Purposes, Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy PDGM that the Book of Constitutions be amended to:

- a. Alter the title of the Lodge Investigation Committee to that of Nominations Committee.
- b. The Grand Master on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes may grant a dispensation waiving all or any of the requirements contained in the Regulations for the nomination of candidates.

It was the view of the Board of General Purposes, that the title of the Investigation Committee might be changed to a more appropriate title, and one more in keeping with the duties discharged by that important committee.

The Board considered that the second suggestion had limited merit, and that a relaxation of the present requirements ought to be permitted only in rare instances and where it is clear to the Board and the Grand Master that there should be a departure from the normal procedure. Concurrence in both would be necessary.

The motion was carried.

Consecration of Laurelbank Daylight Lodge No. 1004

On Saturday 3 February 1990, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson assisted by the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge, consecrated the Laurelbank Daylight Lodge No. 1004 at the Laurelbank Masonic Centre, Willoughby.

The foundation Master was Right Wor Bro Donald G. Davis, PJGW.

Centenary of Freemasonry in Bombala

The weekend of 17-18 February 1990 was one full of festivities surrounding the centenary of Lodge Mountain No. 190 at Bombala.

The Grand Master and his party were afforded a Civic Reception prior to the Lodge meeting which was followed by a banquet, with ladies, at the local club where 250 people attended.

The Grand Master presented, on behalf of Grand Lodge, a cheque for \$500.00 to the Bombala District Hospital to commemorate the centenary.

Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania

Freemasonry came to Tasmania, then known as Van Diemen's Land, with Irish Lodges attached to British Regiments serving on the island.

The first stationary Lodge was formed in 1828 but it did not survive.

Subsequently, other Lodges were formed under the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland and the United Grand Lodge of England.

Along with many members from NSW and the ACT, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Johnson, attended the Grand Lodge of Tasmania's centenary celebrations in Hobart.

The Grand Installation was held on Friday 23 February 1990, and at the Grand banquet which took place on 26 February 1990, the Grand Master presented on behalf of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, a cheque for \$5,000

as a donation to the 'Masonic Centenary Medical Research Foundation' which was set up to mark the centenary of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania. We have a very strong affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Tasmania and it was thought most appropriate that NSW make such a donation to this Medical Research Foundation.

Introduction of the Waratah Link

For many years, *The NSW Freemason* had been a magazine available by subscription and, although it regularly contained reports of Grand Lodge Proceedings and other matters affecting the Craft, there was only a small percentage of Masons in the Jurisdiction who subscribed to the magazine and, as a result, a substantial proportion of the membership had little or no idea of what was taking place or of initiatives being taken by the Grand Master.

A proposal to distribute *The NSW Freemason* to each member was rejected on the basis of cost and so the Grand Master decided to print and mail to every subscribing member of the Jurisdiction a small pamphlet called *The Waratah Link*.

The first issue was delivered in March 1990. It was an eight page folded format with each page measuring 21 by 10cm. A message from the Grand Master began:

Welcome to a piece of Masonic History!! This is the first time a Grand Master of this Grand Lodge has been able to send a message direct to every brother in the knowledge that it will be delivered to his home address.

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This publication is the first of a series of links which will build a strong chain of Masonic communication stretching across the State.

The publication of *The Waratah Link* was a small but successful beginning along the road towards improved Masonic communication.

Death of Most Wor Bro Harry Rickards Maas PGM

Freemasonry in NSW lost one of its most respected and beloved members on Thursday 5 April 1990 with the passing of Most Wor Bro Harry Rickards Maas, Past Grand Master, at the age of 84 years.

Most Wor Bro Maas, who was survived by his wife Marjorie and daughter Anne, died at the Royal North Shore Hospital following a short illness.

His many friends and brethren gathered at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium for the funeral service conducted by Right Wor Bro Revd Harold Ctercteko, PAGM, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L. H. Johnson, spoke highly of the contribution made to Freemasonry by Most Wor Bro Maas in the many important posts held by him during a Masonic career which spanned 66 years.

The Grand Master said:

'The passing of such an eminent and esteemed Freemason as Most Wor Bro Harry Rickards Maas, PGM, is indeed a most significant loss, not only to this United Grand Lodge of New South Wales but to the many Freemasons, their families and friends to whom he endeared himself through his dedication and unfailing

endeavours for the good of Freemasonry over his very long and distinguished Masonic career since his initiation as a Lewis on Anzac Day in 1924 in Lodge Far West No. 482, in the little town of Tullamore in the west of New South Wales where he was then working as a jackaroo.

On returning to Sydney in 1927, Most Wor Bro Maas affiliated with Lodge Bondi No. 424. He took a very keen interest in the Waverley Bondi Lodge of Instruction where he developed his great ability as a ritualist.

In 1936 he had the distinct honour of being installed as Master of Lodge Bondi in the presence of the Governor of New South Wales and Grand Master, His Excellency Lord Gowrie, VC, PC, GCMG, CB, DSO and BAR, KSt.J.

After the war, upon returning to his civil occupation in 1945, he renewed his former association with Lodge Bondi and from that tie it can be stated that he literally took a leading and continuing role in all facets of Freemasonry right up to the time of his death.

At the private level he has been a member of some 12 Lodges and, at the time of his death, was serving for a second term of office as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge which bears his name - Lodge Harry Maas No. 949 - which he had the privilege of consecrating in May 1962, whilst serving as Grand Master.

At the Grand Lodge level he served as District Grand Inspector of Workings for the then 'L' District for the 1948 - 50 term; as Deputy Grand Master from 1953 until 1957; and as Grand Master from 1959 until 1962.

In addition he served for varying periods in the following capacities: a Grand Lodge Trustee since 1978; a member of the Board of Benevolence; a member of the Board of General

Purposes; a member of the NSW Masonic Hospital Board and, a member of the Council of The William Thompson Masonic School and Hostel. He has also taken a very keen interest in the work of all Masonic charities, having been a Patron of the NSW Masonic Youth Welfare Fund since 1962, Councillor of The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of NSW from its inception in 1949 until 1974, the residential block of Maas House being so named in his honour.

He served as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near this Grand Lodge since 1969.

Beyond his Craft activities, Most Wor Bro Harry Maas has taken a very keen interest in other Masonic Orders, such as the Royal Arch in which he served as its Grand Scribe Ezra from 1966 until 1977 and when the United Supreme Grand Chapter was formed in 1980, he became a Past First Grand Principal and Past Grand Master. He was also active in the Ancient and Accepted (Scottish) Rite and the Order of the Secret Monitor.

Most Wor Bro Harry Maas was a man of friendly disposition, a brother of wide experience and sound judgement and a Masonic student of discernment - a combination of qualities which rendered him well fitted to occupy the important posts to which he was appointed or elected.

Truly it may be said that he lived respected and died regretted.'

Confirmation of Appointment of Very Wor Bro Ian Robert McCulloch, PDGIW, as Grand Secretary

With the concurrence of the Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes confirmed the appointment of Very Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch as Grand Secretary.

On 12 April, 1990, Very Wor Bro McCulloch assumed the administrative powers and responsibilities of the Office, whilst Right Wor Bro Ray Cannon, PAGM, was delegated specific tasks until his retirement on 6 July, 1990.

75th Anniversary of Anzac at Lodge Army and Navy

On 18 April 1990, Lodge Army and Navy No. 517 hosted a special meeting in the Grand Lodge Room of the Sydney Masonic Centre to recognise the 75th anniversary of Anzac.

The open meeting was hosted by Wor Bro Rear Admiral Guy Griffiths AO, DSO, DSC in the presence of the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson.

The guest of honour was His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Rear Admiral Sir David Martin KCMG, AO, who delivered the keynote address.

Consecration of Lodge Cockburn Daylight No. 1005

On Saturday 19 May 1990, the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Officers journeyed to Tamworth to consecrate Lodge Cockburn Daylight No. 1005.

Naval Masonic Vigilance Committee

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 13 June 1990 the Board of General Purposes advised that they had reviewed the procedure relating to enquiries made through the Naval Masonic

Vigilance Committee concerning candidates who were currently serving or had formerly served in the Royal Australian Navy. The Board decided as follows:

- a. Where Petitions for Initiation were received relating to current serving members of the Royal Australian Navy, the Naval Vigilance Committee would be allowed a timeframe of 60 days in which to report back to the Grand Lodge office. If no reply was received within that time, and subject to other enquiries being satisfactory, the Lodge would be permitted to proceed with the Petition.
- b. Where Petitions for Initiation were received from former Naval personnel, the Naval Masonic Vigilance Committee would not be asked to institute enquiries except in a fall - back situation.

Request from Lodge Leinster Marine, No. 2, which Sought to Perform Ceremonial Work According to the Irish Ritual.

The Board of General Purposes in June 1990, decided to inform the Lodge that it was not permissible for the Lodge to work in accordance with the Irish Ritual on a permanent basis, but that it was possible for the Lodge to seek a dispensation to demonstrate work in the Irish Ritual on an occasional basis, after the Lodge had been called from Labour to Refreshment.

Cameras in the Lodge Room

With ever-increasing use of more advanced technology, the Board of General Purposes in June 1990 reviewed its previous decisions relating to the use of cameras in Lodge Rooms and extended these to include the use of video cameras.

Candidates Previously Involved in Divorce Proceedings

At the June 1990 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Johnson said:

'Brethren, there is one matter that I would like to bring to your attention - an important matter which concerns candidates previously involved in divorce proceedings.

In June 1957, Most Wor Bro Thomas L. Warren, Grand Master, made a pronouncement that a candidate who had been a respondent in divorce proceedings, no matter on what grounds the divorce had been obtained, was not eligible for admission to the Craft.

From January 1976, new divorce legislation came into effect stating that, from that date, the only ground for divorce in Australia was irretrievable breakdown of marriage.

In March 1977, Most Wor Bro Noel W Warren, Grand Master, announced that no ground for divorce would be an absolute bar to a person seeking to join, or rejoin, the Craft. In making this decision, Most Wor Bro Warren said he nevertheless enjoined the Board of General Purposes to continue to require the highest standards for admission.

To ensure that those high standards were maintained, the Board of General Purposes continued to require to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, for examination by the Board's Investigation Committee, all papers in connection with a candidate's nomination together with the relevant Decree Nisi and Decree Absolute or photostat copies thereof, a Statutory Declaration as well as a Confidential Statement from the candidate setting out the reasons for the breakdown of

the marriage. In recent times the necessity for a candidate to furnish a Statutory Declaration has been discontinued.

In the light of a recommendation which I have now received from the Board of General Purposes, I have decided that, if a Divorce Decree was made more than six years prior to the date of a Petition for Initiation or Affiliation there will, in future, be no necessity - in the absence of a specific reason to do so - for the candidate to be required to submit to the Board for examination, his Decree Nisi and Decree Absolute and Confidential Statement.

The Board of General Purposes is arranging for appropriate amendments to be made to the documentation and when this has been done an appropriate circular will be sent by the Grand Secretary to all Lodges.'

Election of a Grand Lodge Trustee vice Most Wor Bro Harry R. Maas, PGM (Deceased)

Nominations were received from the President of the Board of General Purposes, Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy, PDGM and Right Wor Bro Gordon H. Watt, PDGM.

A ballot was taken and Right Wor Bro Gordon H. Watt, PDGM was declared elected.

Retirement of the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Raymond Gilbert Cannon PAGM

On the evening of Saturday 30 June 1990, 330 brethren, ladies and friends gathered in the Banquet Hall of the Sydney Masonic Centre for a dinner dance reception, to pay their respects and appreciation to the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Raymond Gilbert Cannon, Past Assistant Grand Master, and his wife, Tuppy.

The occasion was an Appreciation Dinner Dance arranged as a tribute to both Ray and Tuppy on his retirement as Grand Secretary following 42 years service with the administrative staff of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Right Wor Bro Ray Cannon joined the Grand Lodge office staff as a male shorthand typist in March 1948, served as Chief Clerk and was elected as Deputy Grand Secretary in December, 1963.

He became Grand Secretary in September, 1969.

Consecration of Richmond Valley Daylight Lodge No 1006

On Saturday 7 July, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson, accompanied by several Ceremonial Grand Officers, travelled to Ballina in the far north of the State to consecrate Richmond Valley Daylight Lodge No. 1006.

Proclamation of Most Wor Bro Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson for a third term. Ladies in Attendance

A Special Communication for the proclamation of the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson, and for the investiture of Grand Officers, was held in the Grand Lodge Room, the Masonic Centre, Sydney, on Saturday, 21 July 1990.

It was a special and important occasion in the history of the Grand Lodge as the proclamation was held on a Saturday rather than the Wednesday which had been prescribed in the Regulations and it was the first time that ladies were invited to witness the ceremony.

The Grand Master was duly proclaimed after which the President of the Board of General

Purposes, Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy, Past Deputy Grand Master, presented the Grand Master with a gold collarette jewel to be henceforth worn by the Grand Master during his term of office.

Right Wor Bro Noel Frederick Dunn was proclaimed as Deputy Grand Master, and Right Wor Bro John Michael Morrison Talty as Assistant Grand Master.

In his address, the Grand Master said:

'What a wonderful sight confronts me, with beautiful ladies adorned in colourful garments and the brethren resplendent and regaled in their Masonic attire in a Grand Lodge Room which is filled to capacity.

Ladies and brethren, it is all very well to become established, the important thing is to grow. It is all very well to meet in the Lodge Room and transact the ceremonial and business in hand, if this is all Freemasonry has to offer, then it is a somewhat negative organization. To be wrapped in oneself does not reduce a purposeful or attractive picture; to be centred on oneself is to become a stagnant personality.

Freemasonry has endeavoured to avoid such conditions and has deliberately set out to serve not only the Masonic brotherhood but also the community.

As this fact has become known to the public, people have become aware of, as well as appreciative of the principles and work of the Craft.

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Freemasonry has no need to hang its head, nor apologise for its existence. It certainly has

its ethical standards and also the obvious expression of those principles.

We only need to look at the figures announced by Grand Masters over the years. Millions of dollars have been spent in alleviating hardship and distress, meeting problems of various descriptions and setting youth on a road to worthwhile living through education, counselling and medical support.

The range is from childhood to aged people, irrespective of Masonic association.

Ladies and brethren, Freemasonry is concerned with people -

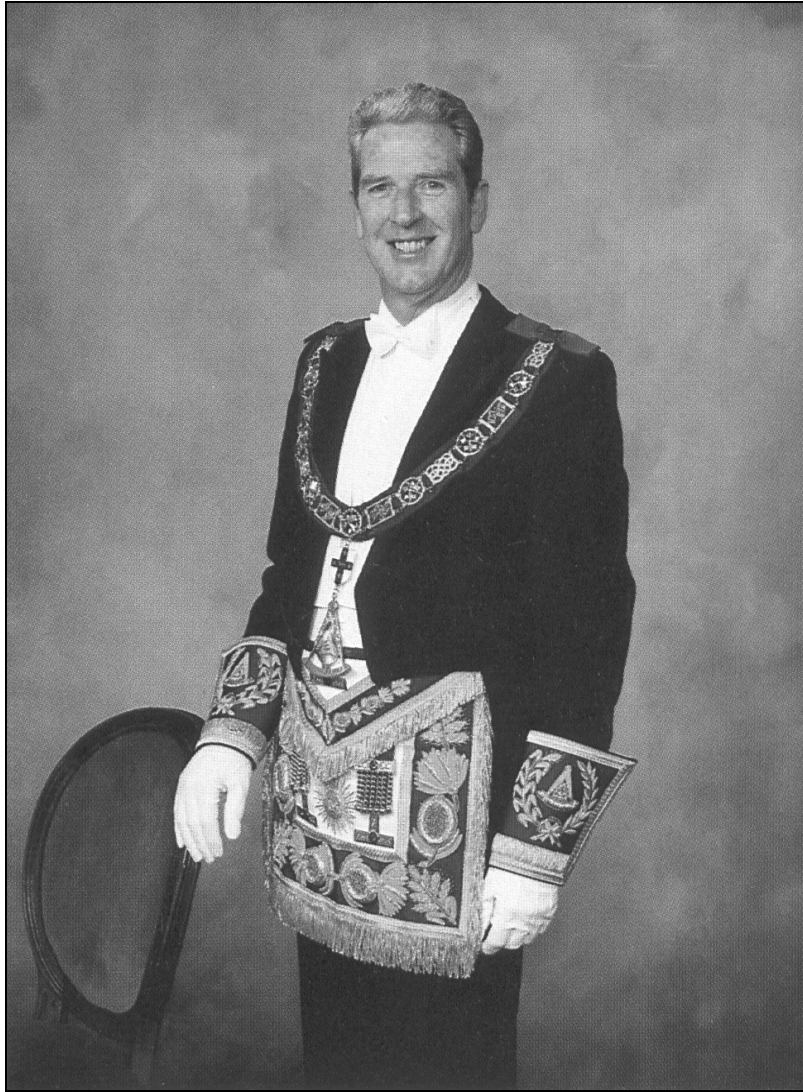
- It seeks to build character and relationships
- It encourages individuals to do this through acknowledgement of religious truth, through self-forgetting service and non-discriminating fellowship.

The future holds a challenge of enormous proportions.'

Death of Sir David Martin.

On 10 August 1990, His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir David Martin, KCMG, AO, Governor of New South Wales died in St Vincents Hospital after a long illness.

Though not a Freemason, Sir David Martin had many friends who were members of the Craft. Sir David displayed this friendship by attending a special Anzac meeting of Lodge Army and Navy held at the Masonic Centre, Sydney in April 1990. Sir David delivered the keynote Anzac address at the



Most Wor Bro RONALD LEWIS HALE JOHNSON
Grand Master
1988 - 1992



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JOHN M M TALTY



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IAN R MCCULLOCH



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JOHN DICK



Right Wor Bro Revd
HAROLD E CTERCTEKO



Right Wor Bro
REGINALD J BARRINGTON



Portrait of Most Wor
Bro



L. to R.. Very Wor Bro Noel Cole, Mr Bruce Harris, (Rolf's
brother) Mr Rolf Harris.

HARRIS Brothers, Visit 1991 to inspect portrait of William
Thompson (above) painted by their Grandfather Right Wor



Canberra Dinner Dance 1991



NSW Masonic Historical Society Committee 1995



Portion of Grand Lodge Office Staff
Yve North, Ian McCulloch (standing) Ken
Bellingham,
Jenny Richards

meeting and spoke at the Festive Board. As was often the case, Sir David made the youth of the community a focal point in both of his addresses.

Sir David Martin, together with Lady Martin, had also attended the Masonic Centre on Friday 23 March 1990. On that occasion he had supported the Grand Master's Charity Sportsmen's Night, 'Magic Moments in Sport', held in aid of the Royal New South Wales Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.

The Grand Master represented the Grand Lodge at the State Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney.

Centenary of Lodge Austral No. 194.

On 15 August 1990, the Grand Master attended a First Degree ceremony to celebrate the centenary of Lodge Austral. The Lodge had been consecrated on 10 July 1890 at the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney by the Grand Inspector of Workings, Very Wor Bro John P. Dale.

The foundation Master was Wor Bro Alfred John Burbidge.

Centenary of The Lodge Federation No. 196.

On Saturday 6 September 1990, this Lodge held its annual installation ceremony at the Campbelltown Masonic Centre, Ambarvale, and celebrated its centenary in the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn.

The City of Campbelltown Masonic Centre was an official bicentennial project. The first

regular meeting was held on 3 June 1989, following the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by Wor Bro Jack Longhurst, one of Campbelltown's oldest residents.

Gift of Bibles to St Andrew's Cathedral.

In September 1990, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Johnson advised:

'During the Church service at St Andrew's Cathedral on 22 July 1990, we were informed that vandals had stolen the Bibles and Prayer Books which are used by the congregation. On your behalf, I have made an offer to the Dean of the Cathedral that Freemasonry will help to repay that loss.

I am proud that I can make these practical demonstrations of the charitable sentiments which Freemasons cherish.'

On Sunday 24 February 1991, Right Wor Bro Harry Harris, PAGM, member of the Board of General Purposes, attended the Morning Prayer Service at the Cathedral as a representative of Grand Lodge to witness the Dedication of the 10 Bibles. On his arrival at the Cathedral, Right Wor Bro Harris was greeted by the Senior Warden of the Cathedral, Mr Gordon Worthy.

The brief Ceremony of Dedication was conducted by Canon Doctor Peter Jensen in the presence of Bishop Ken Short. In the Dedication, Doctor Jensen used the following words:

'We Dedicate these Bibles, O God our Father, as a gift of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales for communal use by the Cathedral of St Andrew. We pray for your blessing on the use of these Scriptures within this Cathedral. We ask that all who read them will

understand more fully your mind and your will to the glory of your Name and the extension of your Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.'

Warrant of Confirmation.

It is only when a Lodge Warrant is lost in exceptional circumstances that the Grand Master authorises the issue of a Warrant of Confirmation.

In September 1990, Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes that the Most Wor Grand Master grant a Warrant of Confirmation to Lodge Blackheath No. 370, following the loss of the original Charter by fire in the Lodge Room.

Use of Video Equipment in Lodge Rooms.

In September 1990 the Board of General Purposes decided that the following guidelines for the use of video cameras shall apply:

There is no objection to photographs or videos being taken in the Lodge Room before the Lodge is tyled or after it has been closed. In this case, no problems arise in regard to the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Tracing Boards or the set-up of the Lodge Room for Degree work.

When the Lodge is open, photographs or videos may be taken in the Lodge Room on the occasion of an installation, re-installation, proclamation or some special event such as the presentation of Patent of Office to a District Grand Inspector of Workings or the presentation of a Forty, Fifty, Sixty or Seventy Year Certificate, provided that:

- The relevant Degree ceremony, or ceremony of installation, re-installation or proclamation, has been completed.
- The approval of the Most Wor Grand Master, or his Representative is obtained (if there is no Grand Representative, the approval of the Worshipful Master is required).
- The use of a video camera in a Lodge Room must be by resolution of the members of the Lodge.
- No photographic tripods are used.
- One brother only is authorised to take the photographs or video.
- No more than three photographs at any one meeting are taken or the equivalent time utilised in videoing.
- The Volume of the Sacred Law, the Tracing Boards, and the overall set-up of the Lodge Room are not included in the photographs or video.
- The camera equipment is bought into the Lodge Room only during the time of use and is removed immediately thereafter.

New and Revised Publications.

At the September 1990 Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge approved the printing of:

- A new leaflet titled *Understanding Freemasonry*
- A revision of the booklet *A Guide to Publicity for Freemasonry* which had been re-titled *Suggested Publicity for Freemasonry*.

Amendment to Regulations - Voting and Scrutineers.

A motion was put to the September 1990 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge by Right Wor Bro R. Paul Fletcher, PSGW, to alter one of the methods of voting on matters before the Grand Lodge.

Right Wor Bro Fletcher advised Grand Lodge that the motion removed the provision in the existing Regulation for a division and substituted a provision for a secret ballot. The principal purpose was to enable a brother to cast his vote without embarrassment or fear of reprisal. It was envisaged that the use of the secret ballot provision would be infrequent. At present, Right Wor Bro Fletcher said, brethren note that decisions were made on a show of hands and because of peer pressure the decisions do not reflect a vote of conscience. Therefore, brethren have become frustrated as Grand Lodge is seen by many to have become a 'rubber stamp', and consequently brethren stay away from Communications. This motion, he claimed, would correct that tendency and encourage attendance of brethren at Communications.

These statements were supported by Right Wor Bro Arthur A Kennedy, PAGM, as seconder for the motion.

Right Wor Bro John Dick, PDGM, the Grand Registrar, proffered advice to the Grand Lodge and suggested that members should consider whether it was desirable for five members to determine how a matter before Grand Lodge was to be determined. He also pointed out that, with the exception of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, he could find no Sister Constitution which had similar legislation. It was also possible, he said, that technical difficulties might ensue in that, based upon the current

wording of the motion, if a brother was nominated unopposed for a Grand Lodge Office, he may still have to be elected by secret ballot.

Those speaking against the motion questioned the supposed inability of brethren to stand up and be counted. In particular Right Wor Bro Hector I.M. MacFarlane, AM, PAGM, also raised objection to matters of this nature being placed before Grand Lodge with short notice and decisions being made in haste. He strongly recommended barrier legislation similar to that used by the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

At the end of the debate, the Grand Master put the motion. The votes were counted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies who delivered the numbers to the Grand Master and the motion was declared carried.

Centenary of Lodge Liverpool Plains No. 191.

Saturday 6 October 1990 was a most important date for the Quirindi brethren because on that day the Most Wor Grand Master attended the centenary celebrations of Lodge Liverpool Plains No. 191. It had been 53 years since a reigning Grand Master had visited the Lodge.

Consecration of Eastern Beaches Daylight Lodge No. 1007.

On Saturday, 27 October 1990, the Grand Master and the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge consecrated the Eastern Beaches Daylight Lodge No. 1007 at the Bondi Masonic Centre.

Over 200 brethren attended and, following the consecration, witnessed Wor Bro Arthur Manson installed as the foundation Master.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Twenty-seven Masons from New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, together with ladies, accompanied the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Johnson and Mrs May Johnson to Perth to attend the installation of Most Wor Bro Curnow A. Knuckey as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia on Saturday 3 November 1990.

The installation was held in the Perth Concert Hall in the presence of 2,000 brethren.

Sesquicentenary of Freemasonry in Maitland.

On 10-11 November 1990, Freemasons from various parts of the Hunter Valley and Newcastle areas met in Maitland in the company of the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson, his wife May and other Grand Lodge Officers and their partners to celebrate 150 years of Freemasonry in the Maitland Lodge of Unity No. 4.

Celebrations commenced on Saturday afternoon at the Maitland Town Hall when a Civic Reception was extended to the Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge and their partners by the Mayor of Maitland, Alderman Roy Fairweather and Mrs Fairweather.

Later that afternoon, the Maitland Lodge of Unity No. 4 was tyled and the Worshipful Master of Lodge Mindaribba No. 307, Wor Bro Len Burgess, made a formal presentation to the Maitland Lodge of Unity consisting of three new

pedestals for the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden, to mark the sesquicentenary of the Lodge. Wor Bro Burgess stated that these pedestals were presented to the Maitland Lodge of Unity to help to continue to cement the ties between the two Lodges.

The Worshipful Master of the Maitland Lodge of Unity presented the Grand Master with a plaque to mark the historic event in Freemasonry.

On the Saturday evening, 114 Masons and their partners, the Mayor and his wife, and other leading citizens of Maitland assembled at the Town Hall to enjoy a dinner dance in honour of this historic event.

Grand Master Visits Widows' Association.

On Saturday 17 November 1990, the Grand Master visited the Northern Districts Widows' Association to join with the ladies in an enjoyable luncheon at the Laurelbank Masonic Centre at Willoughby.

The Grand Master spoke of the important role played by Widows' Associations in many parts of the Jurisdiction and the obvious companionship the ladies enjoyed in each others' company.

Centenary of Lodge Star of Australia No. 200.

On Saturday 17 November 1990, the Grand Master attended the centenary meeting of Lodge Star of Australia No. 200 at the Hurlstone Park Masonic Centre.

The Lodge was consecrated by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro His Excellency the Right Hon. 7th Earl of Jersey, GCMG, Governor of New South

Wales, in the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney, on 22 September 1891.

The Lodge was formed mainly for Italian brethren and was named La Stella D'Italia. Wor Bro Harry Passmore was the foundation Master.

During the early years, Italian brethren were obligated in their own language.

In 1904, the Lodge changed its name to The Star of Australia and ceased working in the Italian language.

Centenary of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Christchurch on the South Island of New Zealand was the city chosen to host a most important event in the history of Freemasonry in that country - celebrations to commemorate the one hundredth year of The Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand.

Twenty-three Grand Officers and a number of ladies accompanied the Grand Master and Mrs May Johnson on what proved to be an extremely enjoyable five-day stay in Christchurch.

In all, over 2,400 people from all parts of the world took part in the festival. At the Grand Installation Most Wor Bro Robert David Orr was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

The Future Progress of Freemasonry.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 12 December 1990, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson said:

'Brethren, the key issue for this Grand Lodge through 1991 will be "membership". The issue will be kept alive and constructively managed by the Strategic Planning Group of the Board of General Purposes. It will be taken into the field with participatory workshops at strategic locations around the State and I strongly encourage all Masons, no matter what their office or rank to engage themselves actively in the programme.'

Publication Committee Re-constituted.

At the December 1990 Grand Lodge Communication, the Grand Master announced that, on the advice of the Commission for the Future, he had re-constituted the Publications Committee.

The Publications Committee, reporting directly to the Grand Master was primarily responsible for the publication of *The NSW Freemason*.

Final Report of the Commission for the Future.

The President of the Board of General Purposes and Chairman of the Commission for the Future, Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy, PDGM, presented the Report in detail and went on to say that he wished to recognise and record his appreciation for the work of many people involved in the deliberations of the Commission.

The President said that a booklet had been produced to provide a quick reference, status report on the recommendations made by the Commission to the Board of General Purposes. Supporting notes on all the recommendations and an outline of the strategies proposed to achieve the goals were set out in the full Final Report of the Commission, a 200 page document. This was available in the Grand

Lodge Library and would be made available to brethren on a loan basis.

It was the Commission's view that it be disbanded on the presentation of this Final Report to the Board of General Purposes and that its work be continued by the Strategic Planning Group. This was Recommendation No. 95 and it was adopted unanimously by the Board of General Purposes at a Special Meeting on Wednesday 28 November 1990.

Past District Grand Inspector of Workings Breast-pocket Jewel.

At the December 1990 Communication of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes gave approval for the wearing of a Past District Grand Inspector of Workings Breast-pocket Jewel, and laid down the following guidelines:

- The Jewel may be worn in conjunction with Craft Lodge regalia only.
- Only a Past District Grand Inspector of Workings (served) is entitled to wear the Jewel
- The Jewel may be worn only in the Lodge Room during Lodge meetings.

Payment for Professional Services.

The Board of General Purposes in December 1990 confirmed its decision that the Grand Treasurers and the Grand Registrars may receive payment (at 75% of the recognised professional rates) for services rendered on behalf of the Grand Lodge which are over and above the normal requirements of their Office.

Launching of Grand Lodge History.

As part of the business for the December 1990 Grand Lodge Communication the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson, launched the History of New South Wales Freemasonry *From Diamond Jubilee to Centenary* written by Right Wor Bro M.H. (Harry) Kellerman, OBE, BEc, PDGM, Grand Lodge Librarian.

Masonic Youth Art Award.

On Monday 25 February 1991, the Assistant Grand Master, Right Wor Bro John Talty, and the Deputy Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Graham Maltby, represented The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales at the annual prize-giving ceremony held at the Board of Studies, North Sydney.

The Assistant Grand Master presented the Masonic Youth Art Award to Miss Tiffany Lee-Shoy, a former student of Wollongong High School, for being the top, three unit visual art student in the 1990 Higher School Certificate examinations. Tiffany commenced further studies at the Wollongong University in the Faculty of Environmental Science, a seven year part-time course while being employed during the day at BHP Wollongong.

Death of Miss Joan Margaret Allan.

On Wednesday 27 February 1991, Freemasonry lost one of its most ardent supporters when Joan Margaret Allan passed away at Neringah Hospital, Wahroonga, after a long illness.

Freemasonry had always been a familiar factor in Joan's life. Her father and brother were members of Lodge Collaroy No. 702, and other

members of her family were also Masons. Even as a little girl she would enjoy the many family activities which Lodges organized at that time. Later she would be taken to Ladies' Nights where she was often asked to play and accompany other artists in entertaining the brethren and their ladies.

At the March 1991 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson said:

'I am saddened to have to make reference to the passing of a lady who, over many years, had become extremely well known to a large number of brethren, not only in this Grand Lodge, but also in Lodges throughout this Jurisdiction and within interstate Jurisdictions.

At the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the brethren stood for a Minute's Silence in remembrance of a gracious lady.

Prospective Candidates at Festive Board.

At the March 1991 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes granted approval for prospective candidates to attend the Festive Board of a Lodge subject to the concurrence of the members of the Lodge.

A prospective candidate was not to be invited to the Festive Board on nights of installation or when Degree work had been carried out in the Lodge Room.

The Wearing of Masonic Jewels in Lodge and at the Festive Board.

In March 1991, the Board of General Purposes announced a revised policy for the wearing of Masonic jewels:

GRAND OFFICERS (PRESENT AND PAST)

- Breast jewels are not permitted. The only exception to the rule is Past Grand Masters' Presentation Jewels and Masonic Centre Buildings Fund Jewels.
- Collarette Jewels: One only may be worn at any one time whether in the Lodge Room or at the Festive Board.

Permitted Collarette Jewels include: Past Grand Masters' Presentation Jewels, Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges Jewels, Jewels of recognised Masonic Charities, (eg Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes and Masonic Youth Welfare Fund, Past Grand Master (Mark) Presentation Jewels, Past First Grand Principal (Royal Arch) Presentation Jewels.

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Breast Jewels: no limit, but brethren are expected to exercise discretion in the number worn at any one time.

Permitted Jewels include those related to the Degrees as defined in Regulation 1 of the Book of Constitutions. Presentation Jewels, Charity Breast Jewels of recognised Masonic Charities, 50 Years' Membership Jewels, Centenary/Anniversary Jewels.

For purpose of definition, Past Masters' Jewels and Past Officers' Jewels are to be regarded as 'Presentation Jewels'.

Collarette Jewels: As for Grand Officers.

The wearing of more than one Masonic Jewel (Collarette or Breast) in the South or Festive Board is discouraged.

The United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

On 20 March 1991, Masons assembled in Melbourne from each State in Australia and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand to witness the installation of Most Wor Bro Major-General Francis Eric Poke, AO, RFD, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Forty Masons and ladies from New South Wales made the journey to Melbourne. As a result, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson, and Mrs May Johnson had the distinction of leading the largest visiting delegation at the series of events.

The Grand Lodge of South Australia.

On Saturday 20 April 1991, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Johnson and a delegation from New South Wales, attended the installation of Most Wor Bro Donald J. Alexander as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia in Adelaide.

One of the functions associated with the installation was a demonstration of the German ritual for the brethren.

Special Communication at Newcastle.

On Saturday 25 May 1991, a Special Communication of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was held in the City Hall, Newcastle.

In his address, the Grand Master said:

'The first lesson taught in Freemasonry is to be a good man and true:

Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue.

That hypocrisy and deceit are unknown amongst us, is a precept learned in the First Degree.

The truth, although admittedly the right thing, is often unpopular and impolite. Sometimes at personal risk, therefore, we must 'tell it like it is!'

The Grand Master went on to emphasize the need for member participation in Masonic education and communication and the necessity for an ongoing commitment to work for the benefit of Freemasonry.

He concluded with:

'Let us, therefore, determine our goals and make necessary adjustments to our course to achieve our goals.

I think we have a problem. What do you think?

The Freemasonry of today was inherited from our forebears.

The Freemasonry of tomorrow will be determined by the Masons of today.'

IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO YOU AND ME.

Following the Presentation of three papers, the Grand Master proceeded to introduce an open session during which questions from the floor were received. These questions were handled by a panel comprising:

Right Wor Bro Grahame H. Cumming, PSGW,
(Moderator)
Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy, PDGM, President,
Board of General Purposes
Right Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch, PJGW, Grand
Secretary
Right Wor Bro Graham G. Maltby, PSGW, Deputy
Grand Secretary
Very Wor Bro John G. Hawley, OAM, DGIW,
District No. 60.

The NSW Freemason 'History' Competition.

In order to increase the number of subscribers to *The NSW Freemason*, the Publications Committee held a 'history' competition. The names of some 500 new subscribers from April to 31 May 1991 were included in a draw. The winner of the two volume set of the Grand Lodge History *From Diamond Jubilee to Centenary* was Very Wor Bro Peter R. Lipman, PDGDC.

Grand Lodge Auditor Not to Seek Re-election.

The Grand Master stated that he wished to acknowledge the long service to this Grand Lodge of Very Wor Bro H.K. (Ken) Farckens, PDGIW.

Ken first became involved with the Grand Lodge audit 44 years ago in 1947 when he was a clerk for the late Walter W. Vick. In 1957 Ken, was elected a Grand Lodge Auditor and he has served in that capacity ever since - a period of 34 years.

Retirement of Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy, Past Deputy Grand Master, as President of the Board of General Purposes

After eleven years in the chair of authority, Right Wor Bro James Lewis Eddy, PDGM, vacated the office of President of the Board of General Purposes at the proclamation held on Saturday, 20 July 1991.

The Grand Master wished Right Wor Bro Eddy and his wife, Mary, good health and happiness, and expressed the hope that each derive as much pleasure and satisfaction in the future as they have in the past.

Amendments to Guidelines for 'Open' and 'Friendship' Nights.

The Board of General Purposes agreed guidelines in the situation where non-Masons were invited to enter the Lodge Room during an 'Open' or 'Friendship' Night:

- I The Lodge is not in working session (ie closed)
- ii The Worshipful Master and brethren be permitted to wear their regalia.
- iii The Officers of the Lodge be permitted to occupy their respective chairs.
- iv The Lodge Room can be prepared, but the following to apply:
 - The Volume of the Sacred Law must be closed and the Square and Compasses laid to one side.
 - The first Tracing Board only may be displayed.
 - Working Tools may be displayed.
 - There is to be no Degree preparation (no lights etc).

Distribution of Masonic Literature.

The Board adopted a proposal that Masonic Clubs be asked to assist with the distribution of

leaflets which explain and promote Freemasonry. The Clubs readily co-operated with the request.

New Masons' Night.

A wish expressed by the Grand Master to meet new Masons with five years membership or less came to fruition in the form of a dinner dance.

It was an outstanding success with participants from many parts of the State.

Death of Right Wor Bro Lieutenant-Colonel Sidney Taplin, MBE, ED, JP, Past Deputy Grand Master.

Bro Taplin's Masonic career commenced in 1927 when he was initiated in Lodge Kilwinning No. 13 where he became Worshipful Master in 1937. He joined Lodge Verity No. 570 in 1944 and in 1947 was instrumental in forming Lodge Tranmere No. 712. He was the foundation Secretary of Lodge Tranmere and served continuously in that office until shortly before his death.

In June 1939, he was elected Grand Steward. He rose rapidly in Grand Lodge, serving in each Office to reach the chair of Senior Grand Warden in 1949.

This distinguished brother served on the Board of General Purposes 1945-58 and on the Ritual Committee 1945-60. The rank of Past Deputy Grand Master was conferred on 31 July 1957.

In 1956, he was appointed Representative near this Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and was honoured by that Grand Lodge with the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden.

Right Wor Bro Taplin passed away on 22 June 1991.

Consecration of Montague Daylight Lodge No. 1008.

On Saturday 29 June 1991, the Grand Master and the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge travelled to Narooma to conduct the ceremony of consecration of Montague Daylight Lodge No. 1008.

The Lodge, and nearby island, were named in 1770 by Lieutenant James Cook, RN, after George Montagu Dunk, Earl of Halifax, (1716-1771). The present spelling later became officially recognised.

Grand Master Proclaimed for Fourth Term.

A Special Communication for the proclamation of the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson, and for the investiture of Grand Officers, was held in the Grand Lodge Room, The Masonic Centre, Sydney, on Saturday 20 July 1991.

In his address, the Grand Master said:

'Brethren, during most of this century, and especially in recent years, a great deal of time and energy has been devoted to the achievement of effective communication.

As institutions, businesses, schools, organizations and governments grow larger and more complex, problems in communicating become more intense.

In Freemasonry, we are constantly dealing in all forms of communication. However, unless someone hears or interprets what we are saying, we are merely only marking time.

As a result, if we choose to ignore more pieces of information than we effectively absorb, many statements will go unheard.

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A membership which has little understanding of the organization to which it belongs is unlikely to become actively involved to introduce new members.

A community which lacks understanding of the objectives and principles of an organization practising in its midst is not likely to readily accept that organization and be sympathetic to its aims and practices.

A family which has no knowledge of an organization to which one of its members belongs is unlikely to encourage other family members to participate in its activities.'

Freemasonry Goes to Air.

On 13 August 1991, the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch, PJGW, was contacted by Radio Stations 2GB and 2BL with requests for interviews to be broadcast live by radio personalities Jeremy Cordeaux and Margaret Throsby. The text of the interviews was published in the October 1991 issue of the *NSW Freemason*, Vol. 23 No. 5, as an example of increasing community interest in Freemasonry and to highlight the need for Masonic education, clear thinking, good communication skills and uniformity in public discussion on the Craft.

*Special Regional Grand Lodge Communication,
Canberra.*

A Special Regional Grand Lodge Communication and the associated events was held at Canberra on Saturday and Sunday 17 and 18 August 1991.

Strong support from brethren and their ladies, provocative, even controversial papers delivered at the Communication itself, an attractive round of social functions to complement the more serious work of the Communication, and organization of a high order were features which ensured that the weekend held interest and stimulation for all involved.

The result was that all of the organized functions were given great support. More than three hundred brethren were present at the Special Communication; two hundred people attended the Dinner Dance at the Hellenic Club on the Saturday

evening; the congregation at the Sunday morning Church Service at the Chapel of St Paul, Duntroon, numbered more than 500 including the regular parishioners; and about 170 brethren and ladies were at the farewell luncheon at the Masonic Centre following the Church Service.

Features of the Communication were the presentation of addresses by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson, and three invited speakers, a question and answer session following the presentation of papers under the moderatorship of Right Wor Bro Grahame H. Cumming, PSGW, and a number of musical items by The NSW Masonic Centenary Ensemble under the direction of Right Wor Bro Noel W. Melvin, PDGM, Grand Director of Music.

*Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, 11
September 1991.*

In his opening address, the Grand Master said:

'A question often asked of me and senior members of this Grand Lodge is "What are you people in Grand Lodge doing to assist us as members of Private Lodges?"

A reasonable question, and one which requires careful thought before answering, as there is often the tendency to become DEFENSIVE and use a philosophical approach traditionally knee-deep in MASONIC JARGON.

Now, I personally prefer to answer such a question by telling it as it has happened, using specific examples of events which have occurred in more recent times as well as on-going programmes which are going to be of significant value in Private Lodges and can also be of benefit to our Community.'

De Facto Relationships.

The Grand Master also addressed the matter of De Facto Relationships. He advised Grand Lodge:

'At the June Regular Communication I stated that I had decided to review this Grand Lodge's policy in relation to De Facto relationships. I also informed Grand Lodge that I was awaiting detailed advice which would enable me to make a more complete statement at a later date.

Let me say at the onset that this Grand Lodge, and I as its Grand Master, will continue to strongly encourage all brethren to support the traditional concept of family life based upon a marriage between man and wife regularised,

preferably within the chosen Church of the family concerned.

Since 1981, a number of important developments have occurred in this area. In 1984, the New South Wales Parliament enacted the De Facto Relationship Act as a result of a report prepared by the New South Wales Law Reform Commission.'

This Act:

- Allowed De Facto partners to enter into co-habitation or separation agreements. These provisions being new to the law of this State, and
- Introduced a power in the Courts to make orders in relation to the property and maintenance of De Facto partners.

The De Facto Relationship Act is not the only relevant piece of legislation giving rights to De Facto partners. A De Facto partner is now an eligible person within the meaning of the Family Provision Act, 1982 to make a claim upon the estate of a deceased De Facto partner.

Accordingly, the law has now reached a point where De Facto partners have been granted significant rights and legal recognition. The law has not gone so far as to make it illegal for the Craft to discriminate against prospective candidates on the ground that they are living in a De Facto relationship. However, the changes are sufficiently significant to justify a careful re-consideration of the existing policy.

As a result of these matters I have, after consultation with fellow Grand Masters throughout the whole of Australia and New Zealand, the Grand Registrars and Grand Chaplains, decided that, in the future, the fact that a prospective candidate or

subscribing brother is living in an existing De Facto relationship with a woman will not, of itself, constitute an automatic bar to admission to the Craft, continuation therein or constitute un-Masonic conduct.

The existence of the De Facto relationship should be regarded as a relevant factor to be taken into account by the Lodge Nominations Committee. It will be a matter for this Committee to determine upon all the material before it whether on balance the candidate should be recommended to the Lodge. However, in coming to its recommendation the Lodge Nominations Committee shall consider the qualitative nature of the De Facto relationship in question and, in particular, shall reach a decision that the relationship is stable and lasting and is not based on elements of promiscuity which are unacceptable to the Lodge and the Craft in general.'

Disqualification to Visit.

In September 1991, Grand Lodge adopted an amendment to Regulation 172 by deleting the existing wording and substituting:

Subject to this Regulation, a brother who has ceased to be a member of a Lodge shall not be permitted to visit any one Lodge more than once until he again becomes a member of a Lodge, provided, however, that the Worshipful Master of a Lodge which such brother has previously visited may permit such brother to make further visits.

Honorary Members Holding Office.

An amendment to Regulation 174 (b) was adopted in September 1991:

An honorary member of a Lodge shall not, without the permission of the Grand Master,

hold any of the Regular Offices in the Lodge as defined in Regulation 115 (a) other than the office of Treasurer, Secretary and Tyler.

Lodge Richard Coley Celebrates 150 Years.

On 25 October 1991, a special meeting was held in the Masonic Centre in Kable Street, Windsor, to celebrate the sesquicentenary anniversary of Lodge Richard Coley No. 152.

The Assistant Grand Master, Right Wor Bro John Talty attended, accompanied by many other Grand Lodge Officers. Some 120 members and visitors were also present to celebrate the special occasion.

An address titled *Our Sesquicentenary - the first 150 years* was given by Wor Bro Gary Dean, a Past Master and the Lodge Historian.

Special Regional Communication of Grand Lodge at Orange on 2 November 1991.

In his opening address to the Communication the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Johnson said that he believed that we should face our commitment to the future.

Radio publicity, including announcements on Station 2GZ Orange and by an interview with the Chairman and Secretary on the Orange Community Radio, were conducted to explain the work of the Communication and the principles motivating the Order.

A comprehensive series of events were arranged for the weekend to coincide with the Communication.

Features of the Special Regional Grand Lodge Communication were the presentation of addresses by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson, and three invited speakers - Right Wor Bro Grahame H. Cumming, PSGW; Right Wor Bro Dr. Norman F. Brown, President of the Board of General Purposes, PJGW and Wor Bro Phillip J. Clark, Worshipful Master of Lodge Canoblas Lewis No. 806. A question and answer session followed the presentation of papers under the moderatorship of Right Wor Bro Cumming.

Masonic Meeting a First at 'The Ridge'.

Those who have visited Lightning Ridge and those who share an interest in Australia's gemstone, the opal, often refer to one of the most unique towns in New South Wales as simply 'The Ridge'.

On Friday 8 November 1991, Lodge Collarenebri No. 595 and Lodge Barwon No. 208 (Walgett) held a combined No. 73 District meeting at 'The Ridge'. This was the first Masonic meeting ever to be held at Lightning Ridge and was the result of much planning, publicity in local newspapers, and behind the scenes activity.

The work of the evening was to pass Bro George Svec, a local opal cutter, to the Second Degree with brethren from both Lodges sharing the work. Visiting brethren from as far afield as Narrabri, Brewarrina and Sydney attended the meeting.

The Lodge meeting was held in the Assembly Hall of the Lightning Ridge Primary School. The furniture for the meeting, including the Master's chair and pedestal, Tracing Boards, Charter, Working Tools and Volume of the Sacred

Law, were transported 90 km from Collarenebri and set up in the school hall after the school had closed for the day. The mosaic pavement was marked out with masking tape on the timber floor boards.

In the South, held at the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club, the District Grand Inspector of Workings, Very Wor Bro Richard Symonds congratulated Wor Bro Lloyd Hall, the Master of Lodge Collarenebri, on the planning he had done to make the meeting a success.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, 11 December 1991.

In extending a welcome to the Communication, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson said:

'Brethren, I propose initially to spend a short time outlining some aspects relating to membership in our Craft.

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Some aspects of membership on which it is reasonable to pass comment include the fact that:

- There is an aura surrounding Freemasonry which is hard to describe.
- Freemasonry evokes an allegiance and a commitment from its members.
- The rituals and ceremonies of Freemasonry have an attraction words cannot fully describe.
- Freemasonry advocates support for the traditional family way of life, a high standard of morality, and dedicated community service. Charity is at the heart of Freemasonry.

- Freemasonry's reputation for secrecy makes it distinct. Its response has long been that it is a society with secrets not a secret society and that the secrets are disclosed in many books held in many public libraries.
- Freemasonry has been faithful to its code of supporting the law of the land.
- Freemasonry has generally adopted a conservative and traditionalist public profile perhaps leaning toward an 'Establishment' point of view.
- Freemasonry in New South Wales and elsewhere in Australia has never been involved in public scandals and any charge of sedition. Any Mason convicted of a criminal offence has been dealt with internally without delay.
- Freemasonry has conducted its business and community activities with honesty and integrity and has largely been spared the public testimony and so-called "confession" of former members.'

Confidentiality of the Computerised Listing of Members' Names and Addresses.

Having sought the opinions of all Lodges, the Board of General Purposes adopted the following policy:

- Principles - The Board adopted a number of principles which it saw as fundamental, bearing in mind the expressed opinion of the Private Lodges:
- Ownership - the membership data base is the property of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and it may be used in any situation directly related to the purpose for which the information was given. This principle allows for disclosures of which the individual is reasonably likely to have been aware at

the time of the collection of the information.

- Management and Use - the collection, preservation, and utilisation of the data base shall be carried out by the Grand Lodge office staff with appropriate security. An audit of approved uses will be made from time to time by the Grand Secretary.
- An Individual's Right of Access - an individual member may have access to his own records through the Grand Secretary's staff, with appropriate identification having been provided.

Allowed Uses: The Board identified a number of uses which should be allowed at this stage

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- Direct mailing of a Grand Lodge magazine or newsletter
- Members' Masonic Records (central data base development)
- Internal statistical analysis
- Services to Lodges (eg address labels of Lodge members)
- Member List (Lodges) by District - for the use of the District Grand Inspector of Workings.

Exclusions: The Board decided the mailing lists were not to be used by or for any individual, group, or organization which is not under the direct control of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Payment for Professional Fees.

Grand Lodge adopted the policy for the payment of professional fees submitted by the Board of General Purposes at the 11 December 1991 Quarterly Communication.

- i Freemasonry in New South Wales will require to undertake special projects from time to time.
- ii Consultants may be required for specialist services.
- iii There may be projects of a confidential nature requiring the appointment of Masons only.
- iv The Board of General Purposes and all other Boards and Committees of Grand Lodge may appoint any person, group of persons or firm, as consultants for special projects. Elected Grand Lodge Officers may be appointed only with the approval of Grand Lodge. The scale of fees shall be approved by the Board of General Purposes prior to appointment.
- v Consultants shall report in writing each month to their respective appointing Board or Committee for each special project for the entire duration of the project. The reports shall include all costs progressively incurred.
- vi The Boards and Committees shall submit a special report to Grand Lodge during the duration of the project. Such reports shall include significant costs progressively incurred.

The phasing-in of this policy commenced from the next investiture of Grand Officers and only applied to new assignments.

Consecration of Macarthur Daylight Lodge No. 1009.

On Saturday 29 February 1992, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson and the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge, journeyed to the City of Campbelltown Masonic Centre at Ambarvale to consecrate the Macarthur Daylight Lodge No. 1009.

The Lodge takes its name from Captain John Macarthur (1767 - 1834), an Officer in the New South Wales Corps, not known to have been a Freemason, who was one of the pioneers of Australia's wool industry.

Consecration of Nambucca Valley Daylight Lodge No. 1010.

The Lodge was consecrated by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson on Saturday 7 March 1992 at the Nambucca Heads Masonic Centre.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, 11 March 1992.

In his address to Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson said:

'For Freemasonry to flourish in each Lodge, a specific purpose is required to inspire the brethren to the highest levels of achievement.

This is of particular relevance at the Private Lodge level where the future of the Lodge is dependent on there being:

- A specific objective or mission aimed at achieving a higher goal than simply servicing its members.
- A strong sense of identity amongst its members.
- An ability to convey an aura of credibility within and without the organization.'

Death of Right Wor Bro Max Oswald Samuel Thomas, Past Assistant Grand Master.

Right Wor Bro Thomas was initiated in Lodge John T. Jennings No. 426, on 6 May 1937. He became Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1947.

He was elected a Grand Steward in 1949 and progressed to become Senior Grand Warden for the 1958-59 Masonic year.

Following service as a Ceremonial Officer, Right Wor Bro Thomas was an elected member of the Board of General Purposes from 1958 to 1979. He also served on the Council of The William Thompson Masonic School and Hostel from 1966 to 1988.

The rank of Past Assistant Grand Master was conferred on Right Wor Bro Thomas in 1973.

He passed away on 16 December 1991.

Issuing of a Clearance Certificate to a Brother who has been Charged to Appear in a Court of Law.

The Board decided that a Clearance Certificate could be granted to a brother who had been charged with an offence, to appear in Court sometime in the future, provided all Masonic obligations had been satisfied.

Eligible Signatories of Lodge Cheques.

The Board decided that eligible signatories be - the Worshipful Master, the Immediate Past Master, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden and one other elected Officer. A minimum of two (2) and not more than four (4) of the signatories to be authorised to sign.

Distribution of the NSW Freemason to all Members.

At the December 1991 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, it was announced that the *Waratah Link* would not be produced during 1992.

At the March 1992 Quarterly Communication the President of the Board of General Purposes, Right Wor Bro Dr Norman Brown, PJGW, moved the adoption of the following motion:

In order to improve communications within this Jurisdiction and to maintain the best possible public relations image, Grand Lodge hereby agrees as follows:-

'That the *NSW Freemason* should be distributed to all members in the months of March, June, September and December of each year, commencing with the issue of September 1992 and that in order to cover the costs involved an amount be added to the Grand Lodge Dues as set under Regulation 201 at each June Regular Communication, and that for the year commencing July 1992 the additional sum be set at \$2.50 per half year.'

An amendment in the following terms was moved by Right Wor Bro Gordon H. Watt, PDGM, Chairman of the Publications Committee:

That the *NSW Freemason* should be distributed to all members in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December of each year, commencing with the issue of August 1992 and that in order to cover the costs involved, an amount be added to the Grand Lodge Dues as set under Regulation 201 at each June Regular Communication, and that for the year commencing July 1992 the additional sum be set at \$3.50 per half year.

The amendment was seconded by the Secretary to the Publications Committee, Right Wor Bro Raymond G. Connon, PDGM, Past Grand Secretary.

After some discussion, the amendment was put to the meeting and carried. The amendment, having thus become the motion, was also carried.

Election of Grand Officers.

On this occasion there were two nominations for the office of Grand Master received at the Special Communication of Grand Lodge held on Thursday 5 March 1992 and presided over by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson.

They were the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro Noel Frederick Dunn and Right Wor Bro James Lewis Eddy, PDGM.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on Wednesday 11 March, a ballot was taken and Right Wor Bro Noel Frederick Dunn declared Grand Master Elect.

There were also three nominations for each of the offices of Grand Treasurer and Deputy Grand Treasurer. Both offices were vacant.

The nominees were:

Wor Bro John H. Mann, Very Wor Bro William E. Copp and Right Wor Bro John S. Pearson.

As a result of a ballot, Right Wor Bro Pearson was elected Grand Treasurer and Wor Bro Mann was elected Deputy Grand Treasurer.

Long Serving Brethren Retire from Office.

Frank L. Hodgson.

The election as Grand Architect in September 1936, of Most Wor Bro Frank L. Hodgson, OAM, PGM, was not the beginning of his career as a Grand Lodge Officer. He served as a Grand Steward in 1934 and 1935 and was serving as Grand Pursuivant in 1936 when he was elected to the Office in which he served so faithfully and well for the next 55 years.

Most Wor Bro Hodgson's Masonic career commenced on 5 July 1922, when he was initiated in The Australian Lodge of Harmony No. 5. He served as Worshipful Master in 1932 and, following in his brother's footsteps, he became Treasurer of the Lodge in 1944.

From 1945 to 1988 he served as a member of the Council of the William Thompson Masonic School and Hostel. He was elected as President of the NSW Masonic Youth Welfare Fund in 1955. Since December 1968, he served as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Reginald J. Barrington.

Right Wor Bro Reginald J. Barrington, Past Deputy Grand Master, was initiated in Lodge Chelmsford No. 261, in June 1945, became a foundation member of Lodge Barnstaple No. 841, in October 1951, and served as its Master in 1961-62. He also served as Worshipful Master of Lodge Chelmsford in 1969-70 and 1971-72.

He was Secretary of Lodge Chelmsford No. 261, for 13 years and served as the District Grand Inspector of Workings of No. 30 District for the 1966-68 term.

Without doubt it can be said that Right Wor Bro Barrington was outstanding as Grand Treasurer from 1975 to 1992 and that his work and endeavours did a tremendous amount to ensure the present and future financial stability of Grand Lodge.

Leslie A. Peaty.

Right Wor Bro Leslie A. Peaty, PAGM, joined the Craft in Lodge Victory No. 330, at Summer Hill, on 14 October 1946, and subsequently affiliated with a number of Lodges. In one of them, Lodge C C Paterson No. 701, which met in the Hurstville Masonic Centre, Right Wor Bro Peaty served as its Worshipful Master in 1957-58.

He began his career as a Grand Lodge Officer whilst Immediate Past Master of Lodge C C Paterson by being elected as a Grand Steward for the 1959-60 Masonic year. He progressed to Senior Grand Warden in 1967-68.

In December 1971, he was elected as a metropolitan member of the Board of General Purposes. Having been a senior Bank Officer, he made a valuable contribution in the deliberations of the Board's Finance Committee as well as the other Committees on which he served from time to time.

Douglas C. Brideson.

Right Wor Bro Douglas C. Brideson, PAGM, became a Freemason in Lodge Croydon No. 389, on 8 March 1944. He was a foundation member of Lodge R S Cropley No. 820, at Petersham and served as its Master in 1954-55. He was the District Grand Inspector of Workings for No. 33 District for the 1968-70 term.

Having been transferred to the Goulburn district in his capacity as a Police Officer, Right Wor Bro Brideson affiliated with The Goulburn Lodge of Australia No. 58, in 1971.

Always a person with a point of view and never afraid to express it, Doug Brideson made sure that the thoughts and opinions of country brethren were made known to the Board of General Purposes on which he served as a country member for 15 years.

Centenary of Lodge Barwon No. 208

On the evening of Friday 27 March 1992, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson, and a group of Grand Lodge Officers attended a barbecue at Walgett to open a weekend of celebrations for the 100th Installation of Lodge Barwon No. 208, which was consecrated on 7 December 1892.

A history of the Lodge since its consecration, *Where the Waters Meet*, was written by Wor Bro. Wal Coombes.

That afternoon, the Grand Master, accompanied by some 25 Grand Lodge Officers, attended the centenary installation of the Lodge. Some 115 brethren saw Wor Bro Richard Phelps instal Right Wor Bro W.G.C. (Clide) Hannaford, PSGW, into the chair of the Lodge.

The centenary, the Grand Master's visit and the renovations to the Lodge building were recognised when Most Wor Bro Johnson invited Wor Bro Keith Ward to assist him in unveiling a plaque on the northern wall of the Lodge Room. Wor Bro Ward directed and personally carried out much of the renovations.

New Masons' Night.

The 1992 event took place in the Banquet Hall of the Sydney Masonic Centre on Saturday 11 April, when the Grand Master and his wife May, the Deputy Grand Master and his wife Faye, the Assistant Grand Master and his wife Dawn were received into a large and enthusiastic gathering of Masonic brethren, their friends and ladies. Distance was no barrier to this event as there were brethren and their ladies attending from as far south as Cooma, Tottenham in the west, Scone in the Hunter Valley, a large number from the Central Coast and most Metropolitan districts.

Twilight Lodge at Sawtell.

The first Twilight Lodge in New South Wales, Lodge Sawtell Twilight No. 741 came into being on Friday 1 May 1992.

Wor Bro Mervyn Latham was installed as the first Master.

The proceedings were honoured by the presence of the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson and 30 Grand Lodge Officers. Also present were 21 foundation members and some 60 visitors. One hundred and seventy members and ladies attended the banquet.

Lodge Sawtell No. 741 was consecrated on 7 May 1948 by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro (Sir) Frank McDowell, originally meeting at Coffs Harbour but moving to Sawtell from May 1954.

Changing circumstances saw a removal back to the new Masonic Centre at Coffs Harbour in April 1988.

*Consecration of Clarence Valley Daylight Lodge
No. 1011.*

The Lodge was consecrated at Grafton on Saturday 2 May 1992 by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson and Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge. Wor Bro James D. Wigg was installed as the foundation Master.

*Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge May
1992.*

By special resolution of Grand Lodge, the Quarterly Communication scheduled for June was held on Wednesday 13 May 1992 to allow the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to attend the 275th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns).

It was the last Regular Communication over which Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson presided as Grand Master.

In his address he summarised the major initiatives of his administration.

He said:

'The principles of involvement and self-motivation are fundamental within Freemasonry. They apply to the humblest Office of a Lodge equally as they do to the office of Grand Master. They imply that brethren who hold office will receive the full support of their colleagues, with there being no place for the person who only wants to stand on the sidelines and fire off non-constructive criticism against those who are doing their best.

The facts I want to reinforce here are very important. They are:

- Firstly, that if brethren wish to be members of this unique organization they must maintain a strong sense of involvement. Freemasons who remain Freemasons in name only with no real understanding of our ideals or involvement in our tasks do not do themselves credit, nor do they do the organization a great deal of credit.
- Secondly, that mutual support and teamwork are vital, being, as you know, enshrined in our ritual. This is not just a question of the security derived from mutual support. It also predicates that the sum of the efforts of the whole team will be greater than the efforts of the individual members if measured separately.
- Thirdly, that the life of a Lodge, or of a Jurisdiction, is a continuum in which the past and the future are separated by an infinitesimally fine line, being the present. The past is relevant for the experiences it provides but our focus has to be on the future which is the only part of the continuum, which we can modify now. Therefore, it's no good looking back and just hoping to re-create supposed past glories. Any group of human beings has to decide its objectives for the future and to define actions which will bring about the attainment of those objectives.

Brethren, it was for such reasons that I, at the commencement of my term as Grand Master, adopted the motto:

**LET ALL FREEMASONS UNITE AND MEET
THE CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE.**

Fees and Dues of Members of More Than One Lodge.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 1 May 1992, the following motion was adopted:

- a. Where a brother holds membership in more than one Lodge, the Fees and Dues payable to Grand Lodge for such brother, as determined in accordance with the Regulations of the Book of Constitutions, shall be the same as if he were a member of one Lodge only.
- b. The brother's Fees and Dues shall be paid as determined by the Board of General Purposes by one of the Lodges in which he holds membership.

The Grand Lodge Dues for the 12 months commencing 1 July 1992 were:

General Purpose Dues:	
	\$9.00 per 6 months per member
NSW Freemason:	
	\$3.50 per 6 months per member

The annual Grand Lodge Dues of \$25 for this Jurisdiction were less than all other states with the exception of Tasmania.

Recognition of Grand Rank.

On 13 May 1992 Grand Lodge adopted a motion:

The Grand Master may direct that Grand Lodge will recognise the Grand Rank held by a brother in other Jurisdictions as Grand Rank in this Grand Lodge but with such precedence and upon such terms as the Grand Master shall determine.

The new Regulation was designed to overcome any possible unfortunate or unpleasant situations and puts in place a formal channel for the

orderly, considered and more satisfactory means of determination by the Grand Master in recognition of Grand Rank of brethren from other Jurisdictions and their precedence in New South Wales.

Grand Master Created a Member of the Order of Australia.

Congratulations were extended to the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson, on being created, together with a number of other people listed in the Queen's Birthday Honours, a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for his services to the community and to The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Not only is this a great personal honour for Most Wor Bro Johnson but it is also a recognition of the work done by the Craft for the community.

The Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory expressed the hope that Ron and his wife May would live long to enjoy this significant distinction.

The 275th Anniversary of the (United) Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson, AM, and the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch, together with their respective wives, were thrilled to be able to accept an invitation to be guests at the celebrations in London to mark the 275th anniversary of the founding of The Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) and the 25th anniversary of the installation of the Duke of Kent, KG, as

Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Death of Bro Roy Freeman.

Bro Roy William Freeman, Past Grand Organist died on 16 June 1992.

Bro Freeman was initiated in Lodge Port Jackson No. 387, on 6 September 1921. A brilliant musician, Bro Freeman gave freely of his talent to the Church and to Freemasonry almost from the time he was able to play a piano.

He served with distinction as Grand Organist for a period of 33 years from 1946 to 1979.

His contribution to Freemasonry was outstanding.

Centenary of Lodge Baddeley No. 205.

On Saturday 4 July 1992, Lodge Baddeley No. 205 celebrated its centenary. The Lodge meets at Pambula, 475 km south of Sydney and some 50 km from the Victorian border.

The Lodge was named after Wor Bro Charles Henry Baddeley, a pioneer of the district.

Queensland Grand Installation.

On Saturday 1 August 1992, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson, AM, accompanied by a delegation of Grand Officers, attended the installation of Most Wor Bro William H. Roache as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Retirement of the Assistant Grand Master, Right Wor Bro John Michael Morrison Talty.

As the four years of Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson's Grand Mastership concluded, so did the four years which Right Wor Bro John Talty served as Assistant Grand Master.

Right Wor Bro Talty was initiated as a Lewis on 21 November 1955, in Lodge Temperance Liverpool No. 438.

He affiliated with Lodge Artarmon No. 372 in 1975 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1978-79, He served as the Assistant Preceptor of the Kuring-gai District Lodge of Instruction from 1986 and a Director of the Board of the Artarmon Masonic Hall Company Pty Ltd.

In January 1988, John was one of the Grand Master's appointees to the Board of General Purposes and in August of the same year he was appointed Assistant Grand Master.

During his subsequent re-appointments in 1989, 1990 and 1991 John chaired:

- The Committee for the very successful Grand Master's Sportsmen's Night held in March 1990.
- The successful Grand Master's New Masons Nights held in 1991 and 1992.
- The Membership Management Committee of the Board of General Purposes.

End of Term.

Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson, AM, relinquished the office of Grand Master on 7 August 1992.

CHAPTER II

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MOST WOR BRO NOEL FREDERICK DUNN

(7 AUGUST 1992 - 2 AUGUST 1996)

The Grand Installation

A glittering and spectacular occasion, a Special Communication for the installation of the Grand Master-elect, Right Wor Bro Noel Frederick Dunn and for the investiture of Grand Officers, was held in the Town Hall, Sydney on 7 August 1992, in the presence of over 2,000 Masons.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson, AM, at 7.00 p.m.

The Grand Lodge was favoured by the attendance of distinguished brethren who were received with their accompanying Grand Officers:-

- Most Excellent Companion, E. Norman Garland, First Grand Principal and Grand Master of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.
- Most Wor Bro Arthur E. Thomas, Honorary Past Grand Master, representing the Grand Lodge of Japan.
- Most Wor Bro William H. Roache, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

- Most Wor Bro Curnow A. Knuckey, OAM, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.
- Most Wor Bro C. Bryce Ward, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.
- Most Wor Bro R. David Orr, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.
- Most Wor Bro Major General Francis (Frank) E. Poke, AO, OSt.J, RFD, ED, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.
- Most Wor Bro Donald J. Alexander, BE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.
- Wor Bro Arthur E. Buss, PM, representing the Grand Lodge of California.
- Right Wor Bro Ross M. Collins, District Grand Master representing the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Master-elect, Right Wor Bro Noel Frederick Dunn, was duly installed and proclaimed as Grand Master. Right Wor Bros Ian Henry Pike and Thomas Albert Robson were invested and proclaimed as Deputy Grand Master and Assistant Grand Master respectively.

In his address, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Dunn said:

'Installing Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ron Johnson, Member of the Order of Australia, I thank you sincerely for your good wishes and encouragement to me on my installation as Grand Master.

I am most grateful to you - firstly for the dignified and sincere manner in which you have installed me into the Chair of the Grand Lodge this evening. The ceremony as performed by you will remain in my memory for the rest of my life as the highlight of my Masonic career.

I am grateful too, for the examples which have been set by you and by our predecessors in

this office and I trust I can carry on the good work which you and they have started. You have been tireless in your efforts in flying the flag of Freemasonry, not only throughout New South Wales, but within Australia, New Zealand and, more recently, The United Kingdom. You have set a standard which will be very difficult to emulate.

I thank you, Most Wor Bro Johnson, for your confidence in appointing me as your Deputy during the past four years and for your nomination of me as Grand Master. I will be glad to receive your support and will value your friendship in the future.

To Most Wor Bro Professor Roy Woodman, LLM, Past Grand Master, I thank you sincerely, for appointing me as your Assistant Grand Master in 1985. Your invitation was the start of my progression to this important office.

The responsibility and challenge the office of Grand Master demands, has been accepted by me knowing that I can expect the full support of the brethren throughout the Jurisdiction.

Brethren may be assured that my main concern will always be for the future of the Craft.

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Brethren, Masonry is dependent upon friendships and I am most appreciative for the many friends my wife Faye and I have made within this wonderful Craft of ours. To those of you who have travelled great distances to be with us this weekend, for the kind messages of support received through the mail, by telephone or personally, our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your encouragement.

A great number of people have contributed to the success of this wonderful ceremony. Foremost amongst these are the members of the

Organising Committee led by their Chairman, the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Ian McCulloch.

Our Grand Director of Music, Right Wor Bro Noel Melvin, who had planned and directed our musical programme for the evening is unable to be with us due to illness, and is sadly missed but we know his thoughts are with us. With Bro Noel's sudden illness and following the old adage that the "Show must go on" Right Wor Bro Roy Barnett has taken up the baton and Bro Colin Gill has stepped in to perform the Solo "In the Beginning", Thank you brethren for your efforts. To our Grand Organist, Very Wor Bro Peter Kneeshaw, the members of the NSW Masonic Centenary Ensemble and the Heralds under the direction of Bro Harry Woods, thank you all for your musical contribution.

I thank our two Past Grand Masters, Most Wor Bro Robert Hammond and Most Wor Bro Harold Coates, OBE, who participated as presenting sponsors; the regalia bearers, Wor Bro Mark King and Wor Bro John King, and all brethren who contributed in some way to the success of this magnificent spectacle.

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Brethren, there is much that can, and needs to be done to improve the image of our Craft. Many matters were identified through the "Commission for the Future", which related to the promotion of the Craft, both within and without the Order. It is my aim to pursue those items to completion that are currently in progress and to implement those outstanding matters determined by the Commission to be beneficial to the future of the Craft.

I believe in the principles of Freemasonry, and acknowledge that much can and should be done to enhance our image to not only

ourselves but also to the wider community, to reassure people that we are a body of men who teach, practise and care about such basic principles as truth, honesty, integrity, morality, belief in God, and the brotherhood of man; in a changing and troubled society.

The fundamental principles taught by Freemasonry are the foundation of a healthy society and in my view there has never been a greater need than now within our community when these teachings are needed to be emphasized and practised. We as Freemasons are well equipped to lead the re-introduction of these principles into our community.

A determined stand by a united body of Freemasons may provide the helping hand which a confused society is seeking. We will never know, if we are not prepared to share these principles with our neighbours.

Finally brethren, in commencing this new Masonic year, let all Freemasons endeavour to recognise the needs of others and extend the hand of friendship to those less fortunate than ourselves.

I recommend you ask yourself, "What of my Craft should I be sharing with my brother, my friends and my neighbour?"

Brethren, the theme which I have adopted for the coming year is:

COMMUNICATE FREEMASONRY - SHARE YOUR CRAFT

During the Grand Installation, over 250 ladies joined Mrs Faye Dunn at a special Ladies Dinner held in the Banquet Hall of the Sydney Masonic Centre.

Lee Richardson and Lois Ferguson provided first-class and enjoyable entertainment during the evening.

Tour of the Masonic Sites of Sydney.

A Masonic history coach tour of Sydney by the Masonic Historical Society of New South Wales was conducted on Saturday 8 August as one of the functions associated with the installation of Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The tour highlighted some of the rich Masonic heritage of the city, such as street names, statues, buildings, foundation stones etc., involving Freemasons from the past and of the present whose contribution to society is something of which we can surely be proud.

Commentary during the three hour tour was provided by the President of the Society, Right Wor Bro Donald G. Davis, PJGW, and the Director of Research, Right Wor Bro Grahame H. Cumming, PAGM.

The Masonic Historical Society of New South Wales, was formed in 1991 to examine matters of Australian Masonic historical interest.

Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn - A Profile.

The third of four sons of Frederick and Linda Dunn, Noel was born in Granville, New South Wales, and is a second generation Australian of English extraction.

He received his primary education at Granville Primary School and later completed the Pre-Apprenticeship Course in Fitting and Machining

at Granville Technical High School. Further study at the Granville and Sydney Technical Colleges resulted in the award of the Toolmaking Certificate in 1950 and the Production Engineering Certificate in 1956.

From 1947-57, Noel was employed by Australian General Electric Pty Ltd (Auburn) where he trained as an apprenticed toolmaker and was later involved in the design of manufacturing tooling for electrical and electronic products.

In 1957, he moved to Telephone and Electrical Industries Pty Ltd (later Plessey Australia Pty Ltd) as a methods engineer, and, in this capacity, travelled to Sweden and the United Kingdom to undertake specialised study in the operation and manufacture of the crossbar telephone system, and was instrumental, with others, in establishing the manufacture of this system within Australia.

In 1961, he became the Production Engineer, 1966 the Chief Industrial Engineer and, in 1978, was promoted to Manager of the Plessey Australia Pty Ltd, Meadowbank site. This position he still held when he retired in December 1990, having completed 33 years of service.

In 1956, Noel married Faye (nee Locke), a Past Worthy Advisor of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Faye served as Worthy Matron of Ryde Chapter No. 44 of the Order of the Eastern Star and President of Friends of Exodus, the fund-raising arm of the Exodus Foundation, a mission for the homeless and destitute members of our society.

They have a son, Graham and a daughter Julie.

In Noel's younger days he played soccer for St Marks, Granville, in the Protestant Churches competition and later coached and managed junior soccer teams in the Gladesville/Hornsby competition. He was an enthusiastic athlete and competed in Sydney and interstate competitions as a member of the Parramatta and later the Western Suburbs athletic clubs, favouring middle distance running and high jumping events. He now plays lawn bowls as a member of Denistone Bowling Club, when time permits. Hobbies include philately, photography and gardening.

Noel was initiated in The Sir Walter Scott Lodge No. 123 in 1952 and installed into the chair of that Lodge in 1969. He served as Social Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, and as Chairman of The Walter Scott Lodge Centenary Committee from 1981 to 1984.

Nominated and elected a Grand Steward in 1972, he served in the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Offices for nine years believing the highlight years to be:

1975 Grand Standard Bearer
 1978 Grand Director of Ceremonies
 1979 Grand Inspector of Workings, Area
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 1980 Senior Grand Warden.

He was appointed Assistant Grand Master for three terms, 1985-87, and Deputy Grand Master from 1988 to 1992.

He also served as a Trustee of The Sir Walter Scott Lodge.

Grand Treasurer and Deputy Grand Treasurer

The newly invested Grand Treasurer was Right Wor Bro John S.

Pearson, Past Assistant Grand Master and his Deputy was Very Wor Bro John H. Mann.

Neither was a stranger to financial Office in the Grand Lodge, each having previously served for a period as Deputy Grand Treasurer.

John Pearson was born in Wauchope, New South Wales on 30 August 1933 and following a 'nomadic' primary and secondary school life, as a result of school-teacher parents, joined the Commonwealth Bank of Australia at Kiama.

Early in 1953, he moved to the central banking area of the Commonwealth Bank's Head Office. When the Bank was split in January 1960, he continued with the Reserve Bank of Australia and remained in Head Office until the end of 1988 serving in most departments and rising to head four of them. From 1989 to 1992, he headed the Reserve Bank's New York operation, retiring from there in February 1992.

John's scholastic achievements commenced at the Sydney Technical College where he gained the Accounting Certificate. He became an Associate of the Australian Society of Accountants and an Associate of the Australian Institute of Bankers before graduating from the University of Sydney as a Bachelor of Economics with First Class Honours and the University Medal for Accounting.

Following his initiation in Lodge Bega No. 220 as a Lewis in January 1952, Right Wor Bro Pearson was passed and raised in Lodge Kiama

No. 35. He later affiliated with Lodge Eastwood No. 390 in 1969 and became Worshipful Master in 1975-76. At the same time he was appointed to the Board of General Purposes by the Grand Master. This was followed by his

election to the newly created office of Deputy Grand Treasurer in 1978, a position which he held until moving to New York in 1988 where he affiliated with The Hollands Lodge No. 8, New York State Constitution. He was also appointed the Representative near this Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. As a result of his Masonic endeavours he was appointed as a Past Junior Grand Warden in 1980, Past Senior Grand Warden in 1985 and Past Assistant Grand Master in 1986.

Very Wor Bro John Mann was born on 26 August 1947 in County Durham, north-east England and emigrated to Australia in 1972. He qualified as a chartered accountant and, following an extensive career working in various chartered accountant's offices, he commenced his own practice in 1976. In 1991 he entered into partnership with Widen and Company, Chartered Accountants, as partner in charge of insolvencies.

Very Wor Bro Mann was initiated in Lodge Redfern No. 82 in 1976, and was Worshipful Master of that Lodge for three years prior to the surrender of its Charter in 1984. He is currently a member of Lodge Halcyon Carlton Lewis No. 565 and Lodge Beecroft No. 359 where he served as Worshipful Master of the latter in 1988-89.

The Grand Architect, Very Wor Bro Gary A. Green.

Following the retirement of Most Wor Bro Frank Hodgson, OAM, Past Grand Master, from the office of Grand Architect, a close friend and colleague, Very Wor Bro Gary Green, was elected to the office.

Very Wor Bro Green spent his early life in Carlton and Sans Souci, and was educated at the Carlton South Primary School and the James Cook High School, Kogarah.

He studied at the NSW Institute of Technology, receiving his Diploma in Technology (Architecture) in 1974 and became a Registered Architect with the Board of Architects of New South Wales in 1975. In the same year he was accepted as an Associate of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects. He graduated a Bachelor of Architecture from the NSW Institute of Technology (now the University of Technology, Sydney) in 1976; was accepted as a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Architects in 1983 and was registered as a Chartered Architect in 1984.

His professional career commenced at Waterloo in 1975 and centres round the design, documentation and contract administration of commercial and industrial developments. He has also undertaken Land and Environment Court of New South Wales representations and specialised building ordinance knowledge commissions.

His Masonic career commenced in Lodge Sandringham No. 884, where he was initiated on 14 February 1979. He affiliated with The Australian Lodge of Harmony in March 1986, and became its Worshipful Master in June 1991.

Back O' Bourke

Brethren of Lodge Central Australia No. 88 at Bourke advised that they have to allow an extra hour for travelling because of the large number of kangaroos which they are likely to encounter when driving to and from their Lodge meetings.

As Australian poet, A.B. (Banjo) Paterson put it, country people have 'pleasures that the townsfolk never know.'

Metropolitan Masons, on the other hand, allow an extra hour to avoid the large number of cars.

Australasian Grand Masters' Conference.

The Australasian Grand Masters, including Deputy and Assistant Grand Masters, held their bi-annual conference in the Masonic Centre, Sydney on Monday 10 August 1992. All Grand Lodges were represented and the meeting provided a useful forum for the interchange of ideas for the betterment of the Craft generally and for the more efficient administration of the affairs of each Jurisdiction.

The Conference was chaired by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn. The Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch, acted as the Conference Secretary charged with minuting the discussions and disseminating the decisions to Sister Constitutions and other interested bodies.

District Grand Inspectors of Workings Convention 1992.

The three-day convention for the 1992-94 District Grand Inspectors of Workings throughout New South Wales and for their wives kept the Masonic Centre in Sydney very busy from Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 September.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn, gave the opening address in which he encouraged leadership and District participation according to personal abilities and characteristics.

He emphasised that the District Grand Inspector of Workings is a Grand Lodge Officer in his own right on visits and is to be addressed as such and not as the representative of the Grand Master unless specially allocated that role.

He also stressed the value of preparation and planning.

The convention was organized by the Board of General Purposes and chaired by the President, Right Wor Bro Dr Norman Brown, PJGW.

For the first time, workshops on 'do's' and 'don'ts' for the District Grand Inspector of Workings, report writing and speech preparation, communication and time management, and demonstrations for the ladies added variety and interest. The ladies were able to participate in all sessions except those on ritual matters when they were involved in other options.

A dinner dance on the Monday evening, lunch with the Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers on the Tuesday, and a bus tour of Sydney's night lights and sights for the ladies and the Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication for the District Grand Inspectors of Workings on the Wednesday night, concluded the programme.

The NSW Freemason sent to all Masons

The August 1992 issue of the *NSW Freemason* was the first to be distributed directly to every subscribing member of a Lodge in the Jurisdiction. The Publications Committee, chaired by Right Wor Bro Gordon Watt, PDGM, were responsible for the production.

Affirmation of Loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen

On 29 September, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn, called on His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, AC, and presented to His Excellency a message of loyalty and support to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Grand Master was accompanied by Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson, AM, PGM, and the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch, PJGW.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

May it please your Majesty.

We your faithful servants, officers and brethren of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, desire at the commencement of our new Grand Master's term to re-assure Your Majesty of our loyalty and devotion to your Most Gracious Majesty and Throne.

We re-affirm our loyalty to Your Majesty's Person, family and Throne. This we do in our prayers, and by our support of Your Majesty's Laws in the State of New South Wales, and our furtherance of the brotherhood of man so that peace, love and understanding may prevail

amongst all the peoples who dwell in Your Majesty's realm.

We have the honour to be Your Majesty's faithful servants.

Signed in our name and in our presence and by our agreement.

NOEL FREDERICK DUNN
Grand Master

The Grand Master received a reply from Buckingham Palace:

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
3RD December 1992

Dear Mr Dunn,
I am commanded by The Queen to convey her warm thanks to you, the officers and brethren of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales for your kind message of loyal greetings.

Her Majesty received this message with much pleasure and sends her best wishes to you all.

Yours Sincerely
Kenneth Scott

Strategic Planning Group

Taking an early initiative at the commencement of his term as Grand Master in August 1992, Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn convened a group of Masons, to establish the initial process of setting up a strategic plan for Freemasonry in New South Wales.

The Strategic Planning Group were:

Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn, Grand Master
Right Wor Bro Ian Pike, Deputy Grand Master

Right Wor Bro John Pearson, PAGM, Grand
Treasurer
Right Wor Bro Dr Norman Brown, PJGW, President
of the Board of General Purposes
Right Wor Bro Ian McCulloch, PJGW, Grand
Secretary
Very Wor Bro John Armfield, PJGW, Deputy Grand
Registrar
Very Wor Bro Gary Green, Grand Architect
Right Wor Bro Gordon Watt, PDGM (Sydney)
Right Wor Bro George James, AM, PSGW (Sydney)
Right Wor Bro David Redfern, PJGW (Sydney)
Very Wor Bro Neil Richardson, PDGIW (Newcastle)
Very Wor Bro Peter Larkin, PDGIW (Goulburn)
Very Wor Bro Heinz Regel, PDGIW (Sydney)
Wor Bro David Dobson, Past Master (Canberra)
Bro Stephen Brown, Senior Warden (Newcastle)

Introduction of strategic planning similar to that used in modern management had been adopted by the Board of General Purposes on the recommendation of the Commission for the Future and was endorsed by Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson, AM, whilst he was Grand Master.

Objectives:

- i 'Go public' by establishing effective marketing, publicity and promotional programmes to improve external communications.
- ii 'Go local' by establishing effective communication links at all levels to improve internal communications.
- iii Implement investment strategies, efficiency of operations and income earning strategies consistent with sound financial management to maximise the return on investments.
- iv Construct a financial strategy and budget to implement the strategic plan.

- v Introduce a programme to maximise the retention of existing members.
- vi Implement a membership programme to increase membership intake by no less than 10% per annum of total membership.
- vii Review and report on options to modify or re-arrange ritual to promote interest and excellence in ritual and ceremonial.
- viii Design and publish a format for the conduct of Festive Boards to promote interesting and enjoyable Souths.
- ix Recommend options to provide flexibility in Lodge meetings to improve interest and attendance.
- x Publish suggested programmes and hints for the conduct of appropriate and enjoyable social activities to encourage wider participation by brethren and partners.
- xi Review roles, responsibilities and structure of Boards and Committees and recommend appropriate changes to achieve effective decisions.
- xii Review the role, responsibility and selection procedures of Grand Inspectors of Workings and District Grand Inspectors of Workings and recommend any changes to meet the needs of Freemasonry in the 1990's.
- xiii Implement an appropriate process at Grand Lodge and Private Lodge levels to co-ordinate education and training programmes.
- xiv Introduce an effective membership information and management system to provide a data base and reporting system to meet the administrative and marketing requirements of Grand Lodge and Private Lodges.
- xv Publish a code of minimum standards for Masonic buildings to improve the public image of Freemasonry.

- xvi Introduce a system to strategically manage Lodge buildings to achieve developments which are economically viable.
- xvii Conduct a comprehensive review of Masonic education and training and implement appropriate programmes to provide personal development for brethren.
- xviii Develop publicity and public relations programmes to promote a positive community awareness of Freemasonry and enhance the image of Private Lodges.
- xix Co-ordinate publicity and public relations programmes to ensure the maximum cost effective use of resources.
- xx Document publicity and public relations policies to ensure consistency with desired image.
- xxi Circulate to Lodges a community service options programme to encourage every Lodge and District to be involved in at least one current community service programme in a Masonic year.
- xxii Develop a procedure for Grand Lodge to participate in or co-ordinate major community service projects to improve community involvement.

With the aim of creating a desired future for Freemasonry in New South Wales the Strategic Planning Group devoted the two weekends (day and evening) of 4-6 and 20-21 September 1992, as well as other discussion periods, in drawing up a Strategic Plan.

Mr Greg Vance of Vance Australia, an experienced and well qualified external facilitator, was engaged to assist the group in its deliberations to formulate a Mission Statement and the development of the planning process.

The following Project Managers were appointed by the Grand Master to develop ways and means of accomplishing the objectives to achieve the Critical Success Factors established by the Strategic Planning Group.

Critical Success Factors.

Project Managers:

Effective internal and external communication:
Right Wor Bro Ian McCulloch, PJGW, Grand Secretary.

Proactive and effective financial management:
Right Wor Bro John Pearson, PAGM, Grand Treasurer.

A viable, quality membership base, regardless of race, creed, or political persuasion: Right Wor Bro Gordon Watt, PDGM, Chairman, Publications and Community Relations Committees.

Quality Lodge meetings, social activities and fellowship: Right Wor Bro Grahame Cumming, PAGM.

Effective property and facility management:
Very Wor Bro Gary Green, Grand Architect.

Effective training and personal development:
Very Wor Bro Robert Ridding, PDGDC, Chairman, Committee of Masonic Education.

Appropriate organizational image: Right Wor Bro Ian McCulloch, PJGW, Grand Secretary.

Effective community service: Right Wor Bro Thomas Robson, Assistant Grand Master.

Core Values:

To believe in a Supreme Being.

To adhere to the three key principles of
brotherly love, relief and truth.

To be law abiding.

To conduct all activities honourably and
harmoniously.

To give priority to family.

To develop a better individual.

Mission Statement.

To be, and to be recognised as being, an organization of excellence for all worthy men, regardless of race, creed or political persuasion - making good men better and promoting tolerance, fellowship, personal development and community involvement. We will perpetuate Freemasonry for future generations.

The Grand Master exhorted brethren to assist his Strategic Planning Group to revitalise Freemasonry in New South Wales, by -

- Taking to their hearts the 'Core Values' and the 'Mission Statement'
- Striving to achieve the 'Critical Success Factors' by supporting Project Managers in their endeavours to accomplish their objectives.

Support and Encouragement of Youth and Ladies' Orders

At the September 1992 Grand Lodge Communication the Grand Master advised that, during recent

years, much thought had been given to ways in which the image of the Craft could be improved in the community.

Towards this end the Community Relations Committee and the Board of General Purposes had investigated Youth and Ladies' organizations and had resolved that Masonically affiliated Youth and Ladies' Orders are worthy of our support and encouragement.

Youth Orders:

Youth Orders, which include The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and the Order of DeMolay for Boys, are organizations which should be encouraged to provide a service to the youth of the community and the families of Lodge members.

To assist these Orders in their endeavours, it has been resolved that the Orders:

- Be recommended to brethren as worthy of their support and participation in an advisory capacity and to encourage the involvement of their families as members.
- Be recommended to Private Lodges and Masonic building owners as worthy of logistical and financial assistance should the Lodge wish to make such a decision.

Ladies' Orders:

Ladies' Orders, which include The Order of the Eastern Star and The Order of the Amaranth, are organizations for ladies from families with Masonic involvement. Their charitable work and association with The Frank Whiddon Masonic

Homes of New South Wales is well known to many Freemasons.

These Orders provide a social outlet for the wives and families of Masons and are to be encouraged to continue their good work.

It has been resolved that these Orders:

Be recommended to brethren as worthy of their involvement in a supportive and advisory capacity and to encourage the participation of their families as members.

Such involvement, the Grand Master pointed out, should not detract from our members' participation in Craft Freemasonry.

Logistical Assistance and the Sharing of Social Activities:

The Youth and Ladies' Orders are:

Recommended to Private Lodges and Masonic building owners as worthy of logistical assistance and the sharing of social activities should the Lodges wish to make such arrangements.

The Grand Master made reference to the fact that it should be noted that 'Logistical Assistance' referred to the use of Lodge Rooms or Masonic Halls for meetings of the Youth and Ladies' Orders so mentioned should the Orders and the building owners wish to make such arrangements.

Recognition of Grand Rank.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 9 September 1992, an addition to the Book of Constitutions was approved:

The Grand Master may direct that Grand Lodge will recognise the Grand Rank held by a brother in other Jurisdictions as Grand Rank in this Grand Lodge but with such precedence and upon such terms as the Grand Master shall determine.

Grand Orient of France.

The abovementioned Grand Lodge is not recognised by the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Information received in the Grand Lodge office indicated that the Grand Orient of France was intending to establish a Lodge in Sydney under the name of Lodge La Perouse.

Brethren of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales were warned that any Lodge forming part of or attached to the Grand Orient of France was un-recognised. Their members were not to be afforded visiting rights to our Lodges and our members must not visit their Lodges.

It was therefore, extremely important that visitors who claimed membership of a Lodge attached to a French Grand Lodge be subjected to a careful examination to ensure that any such brother is from the National Grand Lodge of France (Grande Loge Nationale Francaise) as this was the only French Grand Lodge recognised by the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Fees and Dues of Members of more than one Lodge.

Where a brother holds membership in more than one Lodge, the fees and dues payable to Grand Lodge for such brother, as determined in accordance with Regulation 201, shall be the same as if he were a member of one Lodge only.

The brother's fees and dues shall be paid as determined by the Board of General Purposes by one of the Lodges in which he holds membership.

Formation of a Marketing Committee.

The Board of General Purposes agreed to the formation of a Marketing Committee to operate under the umbrella of the Community Relations Committee. The Marketing Committee was responsible for the promotion and sale of Masonically related merchandise at meetings, festivals and the like. Merchandise display units have, as a consequence, been positioned in the foyer of the Masonic Centre, Sydney.

Nomination of Affiliates.

Grand Lodge resolved, on 9 September 1992, that the nominators of a candidate for affiliation, who is a member in good standing of any other registered Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, shall not be required to have known and been personally acquainted with the candidate for affiliation for any specified period.

Centenary of Lodge Namoi No. 207.

On Saturday 12 September 1992, the Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Officers from Sydney, attended the centenary installation and associated functions of Lodge Namoi No. 207 at

Narrabri, situated on the Namoi River, some 577 km north of Sydney.

Grand Master at New Daylight Lodge.

In the first visit to Lodge Coopernook No. 356 by a Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn and a large delegation of Grand Officers joined in celebrating a change to daylight meetings of the Lodge at the Taree Masonic Centre on 10 October 1992.

The occasion saw the installation of Wor Bro Laurie Ruprecht in a ceremony conducted by Wor Bro Allan Emerton.

In presenting an illuminated scroll commemorating the occasion to the Lodge, the Grand Master spoke on his theme 'Communicate Freemasonry - Share your Craft' and afterwards, with his wife Faye and over 150 brethren and ladies, enjoyed the installation dinner at St Mary's Catholic Church Hall.

75 Years on the Murray.

A night of reminiscing, including a talk by two members who had been stationed at the Tocumwal RAAF Station during World War II, was enjoyed when Lodge The Murray No. 315 at Tocumwal celebrated its 75th anniversary on 13 October 1992.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Dunn and Grand Officers from Sydney journeyed to Tocumwal for the occasion.

With members, widows of past members and friends present, some 130 people saw the District Grand Inspector of Workings, Very Wor

Bro James Baker, unveil a new Past Masters' Honour Board.

A history of the Lodge was prepared for the occasion.

Appreciation Dinner for Ron and May Johnson.

Over 200 brethren and ladies gathered in the Banquet Hall at the Sydney Masonic Centre on Saturday 24 October 1992 to express their thanks and appreciation for the leadership and contribution made to this Grand Lodge and to the Craft throughout New South Wales by Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson, AM, and his wife, May, during Ron's term of office as Grand Master from 1988 to 1992.

The Dinner was attended by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn and Mrs Faye Dunn; the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro Ian Pike; the Assistant Grand Master, Right Wor Bro Tom Robson and Mrs Maurya Robson; the President of the Board of General Purposes, Right Wor Bro Dr Norman Brown and his wife Gay; the President of the Board of Benevolence, Right Wor Bro Jim Kirkness and his wife Beryl and Past Grand Masters, Most Wor Bro Robert Hammond and Mrs Cath Hammond; Most Wor Bro Eric Primrose; Most Wor Bro Professor Roy Woodman and his wife Rosemary; together with Mrs Phyllis Blight.

Apologies were received from Past Grand Masters, Most Wor Bro Noel Warren and his wife Ronda, who had just changed their place of residence, and Most Wor Bro Harold Coates, OBE, and his wife Kit, who were committed to a long standing appointment and also from Mrs Jean Primrose who was not well that evening.

The extent of the laughter and chatter during the evening reflected just how much those present enjoyed the programme organized for them.

Contributions to the success of the evening were:

Right Wor Bro John Talty, PAGM, who proposed the Toast to the Guests of Honour.

Right Wor Bro Glen Jones, PSGW, who acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Right Wor Bro John Hile, PSGW, who proposed the Toast to the Grand Master.

Right Wor Bro John Davison, Junior Grand Warden, who made the presentation to the Guests of Honour which consisted of a painting by Mrs Jean Melvin and a piece of Royal Doulton titled *The Wizard*. This was particularly special to Ron and May as Ron's late grandfather was a member of the Royal Doulton staff and ultimately rose to be the chief accountant of the company situated in Lambeth, London. The piece will complement an item from Lambeth which Ron and May treasure.

Wor Bro Colin Gill, a member of the NSW Masonic Centenary Ensemble, sang several brackets of songs which included 'Ol' Man River' and 'If I Ruled the World'.

In his proposition of the toast to the Guests of Honour, Right Wor Bro John Talty made reference to the very confident and positive attitude which Ron had adopted right from the commencement of his term of office. John also paid a tribute to the very creditable manner in which Ron had performed his duties and had been so ably supported by May who was greatly admired by everyone.

Such was the happiness of the evening that many brethren and ladies were congregated in small groups laughing and chatting together for quite a while after the formal conclusion of the evening's proceedings.

Lodge St Andrew goes Twilight.

On 9 November 1992, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn attended the inaugural meeting of Lodge St Andrew No. 7 as a Twilight Lodge meeting at the Sydney Masonic Centre. It was the first such Lodge at the Centre.

Grand Installation in New Zealand.

On 26 to 28 November 1992, the Grand Master, accompanied by a number of Masons and their partners, travelled to Auckland, New Zealand for the installation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Most Wor Bro Kenneth Wilson Norton.

Strategic Plan Launched.

The Grand Master advised at the December 1992 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge that the Strategic Plan had been completed and that he had appointed an Action Programme Review Committee consisting of:

- The Deputy Grand Master - Right Wor Bro Ian Pike
- Right Wor Bro George James, AM, PSGW
- Right Wor Bro David Redfern, PJGW.

Young Masons Group

The Grand Master announced that a sub-committee of the Community Relations Committee had been created under the Chairmanship of Right Wor Bro R Paul Fletcher, PSGW, to investigate the feasibility of the introduction of a Young Masons' Association. Such an association would be aimed at providing for the Masonic and social needs of the under 40 year old Masons and the Grand Master invited them to accept the responsibility for liaison with youth and youth organizations within the community.

Use of Lodge Rooms by other Orders.

In addition to Masonic Orders that already use Lodge rooms, the Board of General Purposes advised:

Associated Male Order recommended to be permitted to hold meetings in Lodge Rooms:

- The Order of De Molay for Boys

Associated Ladies' Orders recommended to be permitted to hold meetings in Lodge Rooms:

- The Order of the Eastern Star
- The Order of Amaranth
- The International Order of Rainbow for Girls
- The Daughters of Job

The decision to permit such Orders mentioned above to hold meetings in Lodge Rooms rests with the individual owners of Masonic buildings.

The use of Lodge Rooms and supper rooms shall be governed by such regulations as individual Masonic building owners shall determine from time to time.

The Board of General Purposes shall determine, in conjunction with the Ritual Committee, what furniture shall be removed, where practicable, prior to each use by an associated Order.

Masonic building owners shall satisfy themselves that the use of Lodge Rooms by such Orders shall not be detrimental to the dignity or fabric of the Lodge Room or Freemasonry in general.

Staff Retirement.

On 31 December 1992, Wor Bro David Sissons retired after 37 years service and Wor Bro Don Ferguson retired following his six years in the Grand Secretary's office.

Conference of Leaders of Masonic Orders.

An historic meeting took place on Tuesday 2 February 1993, when the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn, invited leaders of associated Masonic Orders to attend a conference in the Masonic Centre, Sydney.

Right Wor Bro Grahame Cumming, PAGM, acted as conference moderator.

This conference, which was the first of its kind known to have taken place in this Jurisdiction, set out to identify the roles, aims and objectives of each of the Masonic Orders which function in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

The ultimate goal was to be able to issue guidance to brethren with regard to the further steps they might contemplate in pursuing their Masonic self-education after they had gone

through the three Craft Degrees. Naturally, the focus of many brethren moves on to further Degrees in other Orders and it was considered imperative that they should have correct information at hand when considering such an important step.

Advertising.

The Board of General Purposes agreed that names of Lodges and dates and times of meetings may be -

- Advertised in local newspapers
- Displayed on a notice board outside a Masonic Centre
- Displayed on a roadside sign

The following form of advertisement was approved by the Grand Master and the Board of General Purposes for a Lodge considering an Open Night or similar event. It could be placed in a newspaper or form part of a handbill to be distributed as a letterbox drop.

(Square and Compasses may be reproduced)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FREEMASON?

If you would like to know something about
Freemasonry; Its:

- Origins
- Teachings
- Aims
- Achievements
- Members

Contact
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It was suggested that this form of advertisement, which had been previously approved, be used as a model. If it was intended that, if the advertisement to be published should vary extensively from this form, a draft was to be submitted to the Grand Secretary in advance, with a request for approval.

Regional Communication at Coffs Harbour.

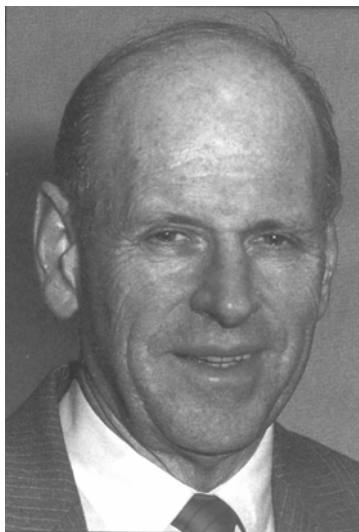
A Special Regional Communication was held on Saturday 20 February 1993 at the Coffs Harbour Masonic Centre.

Grand Lodge tyled at 2.30 pm with over 180 brethren comfortably seated in the Lodge Room. The Grand Master's opening address stressed the importance of planning at all levels of Freemasonry and the need for the Craft to be positive towards constructive change. Communication between all areas and levels of Freemasonry was highlighted as a pressing need as, too, was the need for Lodges to embrace a membership which spans two or three generations and successfully meets the demands of each.

Other speakers continued the work of the Strategic Planning Group.



Most Wor Bro NOEL FREDERICK DUNN
Grand Master 1992 - 1996



Right Wor Bro
IAN H PIKE



Right Wor Bro
THOMAS A ROBSON



Right Wor Bro
HARRY HARRIS



Right Wor Bro Dr
NORMAN F BROWN

Special Communication of Grand Lodge held on Monday 3 May 1993.

The purpose of this Special Communication was to consider the Special Report of the Board of General Purposes regarding the tenure of Office and structure of the Boards and Committees of Grand Lodge, which was presented by the President, Right Wor Bro Dr Norman Brown, PJGW, in four parts.

PART A

Structure and composition of Boards and Committees of Grand Lodge.

PART B

Tenure of Office of members of Boards and Committees of Grand Lodge.

PART C

Age limit for members of Boards and Committees of Grand Lodge.

PART D

Method of nomination and information to be provided for candidates for election to Boards and Committees of Grand Lodge.

Parts A, B and D were adopted by Grand Lodge, Part C was referred back to the Board of General Purposes for further consideration.

Centenary of Lodge Gwydir No. 211.

The centenary of Lodge Gwydir No. 211 at Bingara, attended by the Grand Master, proved to be a very happy occasion with the Lodge Room filled to capacity. The ladies joined with the

brethren for the centenary banquet in the Community Hall which had been decorated with memorabilia of the Lodge and surrounding districts and proved a very suitable venue for a most successful function.

Ritual Revision and Reprint.

At the June 1993 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn reported the availability of reprints of the First, Second and Third Degree ritual books and The Codification of the Decisions of the Ritual Committee.

He advised that these rituals would be available as three separate books only. (one for each Degree). The Sectional Lectures would be reprinted as a fourth book.

The new rituals contained a number of amendments:

1. Perhaps the most significant of these related to the mode of preparation of candidates.
2. Some unnecessary repetition was removed from the ritual.
3. Opportunity was taken to extend the instructional text for the benefit of Wardens and Deacons who do not have access to The Codification of Decisions of the Ritual Committee to further assist them in performing their respective duties.

Open or Friendship Nights.

The Board of General Purposes report to the June 1993 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge contained a detailed list of requirements

for meetings where other than Masons were to be present which had been approved by the Board in conjunction with the Grand Master.

- i The Lodge is not opened. No form of Masonic ceremonial may be conducted without the approval of the Grand Master.
- ii The Officers may sit in their usual places and wear full regalia if they so desire. This includes the District Grand Inspector of Workings.
- iii The Volume of the Sacred Law may be in position on the altar or on the Worshipful Master's pedestal and should preferably not be opened, but must not be opened where the text relates to the Masonic ritual. The square and compasses may be placed alongside but not upon. The compasses are not to be opened.
- iv The Deacons' wands may remain in position.
- v The swords, usually kept on the dais, must not be on display.
- vi The ballot box and ballot balls must not be on display.
- vii The working tools should not be displayed. If the box containing the tools cannot be removed from the Lodge Room, the First Degree working tools may be displayed but only in response to a direct question. It is recommended that the speaker then states:
'These tools, the 24 inch gauge, gavel and chisel, are those used by the operative stonemasons. We now have them in Lodge as symbols to remind us of our Masonic duty.'

viii The tracing boards should not be displayed. If the box containing the boards cannot be removed from the Lodge Room, the first tracing board may be displayed but only in response to a direct question. It is recommended that the speaker then states:

'This is a tracing board. As you would expect every building needs a plan and this one contains the symbols of Masonry to enable us to plan the building of our character.'

ix The emblems of mortality should not be displayed. If the box containing the emblems cannot be removed from the Lodge Room, the emblems may be displayed only in response to a direct question such as 'What is in that box?'

It is recommended that, should this occur, the brother conducting the meeting should then say:

'Let me quote from our ceremony: Let the emblems of mortality, which lie before you, lead you to contemplate your inevitable destiny, and guide your reflections to that most interesting of all human studies, the knowledge of yourself.'

The purpose of items (vii), (viii) and (ix) of these instructions is to give a direct answer to a direct question.

x The Lodge Warrant may be displayed if the Worshipful Master gives his sanction.

xi The Inner Guards' implement, the Tyler's sword, and the compasses, square and heavy setting maul used at the altar must not be displayed.

- xii The 'grave' must not be displayed.
- xiii The Lodge Room must not be set up for any Masonic Order other than the Craft. Any item of equipment pertaining to any other Order must be removed.
- xiv Smoking, eating and drinking in the Lodge room is not permitted.
- xv The mosaic pavement may be displayed.
- xvi The letter G may be displayed. When asked what it stands for, the answer should be:
 'God, whom Masons call the Great Architect of the Universe.'

Register of Skills and Abilities of Masons.

The Board of General Purposes in June 1993 decided that a voluntary listing of the skills and abilities of members of this Jurisdiction was to be established. The intention was that those who may wish to employ, or to be employed by a Mason, may refer to such a listing for availability. Similarly, those with a need for help, and with some Masonic association, could be given names of those Masons with special interests and talents which may be of use in a particular situation. The Register was to be instituted on a voluntary basis so that only those brethren who desired to have their qualifications and availability recorded would participate.

Proclamation of Most Wor Bro Noel Frederick Dunn for a Second Term.

On Saturday 17 July 1993, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn was proclaimed as Grand Master.

He re-appointed Right Wor Bro Ian H. Pike as Deputy Grand Master and, on the retirement from

office of Right Wor Bro Thomas Robson, he appointed Right Wor Bro George Richard Curry as Assistant Grand Master.

The flags of Australia and New South Wales were placed in position by the Grand Inspectors of Workings, after which the brethren sang the Royal Anthem.

The Grand Master received the following Representatives:

- The Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted (Scottish) Rite for Australia, Very Powerful Brother Norman Edward McCurdy Winckle, 33°.
- The Deputy for the Province of New South Wales, representing The Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for Scotland, Very Illustrious Brother Alexander Morris, 33°.
- The Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council of the Masonic Order of the Red Cross of Constantine for Australia, Most Illustrious Knight Paul Stanley Oehm, Knight Grand Cross.
- The Past Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave for New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory of the Red Cross of Constantine, Most Illustrious Knight Frank Morris Jefferies, Knight Grand Cross of Constantine.
- The Grand Supreme Ruler of the Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor for the Sovereign State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, Most Worthy Brother Frederick John Cooke.

- The Past Excellent King of Leinster Marine Royal Arch Chapter, representing the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, Very Excellent Companion Alan Victor Gibson.
- The Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Australian Capital Territory of the Royal Order of Scotland, Right Worshipful Brother Robert Francis Creighton.
- The Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New South Wales of the Royal Order of Scotland, Right Worshipful Brother James Neill.
- The Chief Adept for the Province of New South Wales of the Societas Rosicruciana in Scotia, Right Worthy Frater Douglas Duns.
- The Supreme Magus of the High Council of the Societas Rosicruciana in Terra Australe, Most Worthy Frater Robin McDonald Hair.
- The Knight Commander of the Temple of the District Grand Priory of New South Wales, representing the Great Priory of Scotland, Right Eminent Frater Robert John Munn.
- The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, Most Eminent Knight Terrence Edward Smith, MBE, Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders.
- The Past Grand Superintendent for Australia representing the Grand Superintendent for New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory with Tasmania of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Right Illustrious Knight Priest Arthur Edward Thomas.

The Grand Master then received Most Excellent Companion E Norman Garland, First Grand Principal and Grand Master of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and his accompanying Grand Officers.

In the course of his address, the Grand Master said:

'When speaking with Freemasons regarding their reasons for joining their Lodges, the predominant word found in their responses is "Friend" or "Friendship".

How many of us were nominated into the Craft by a friend or have since nominated our friend for admission into Freemasonry? Friendship is a most important ingredient of all successful organizations and Masonic Lodges are no exception.

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It is up to each of us, to work at building a lasting friendship with our Lodge members and their families and to renew that friendship on a regular basis. By so doing you will be playing your part in retaining membership within Masonry.

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Communicate Freemasonry - Share your Craft.'

Centenary of The Peel Lodge No. 209, Tamworth.

Following a round of press, radio and TV interviews on Friday 6 August 1993, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn and Mrs Faye Dunn received thirty-four Debutantes at

Tamworth's Annual Masonic Ball. With a Guard of Honour formed by Craft and Royal Arch Masons, the presentation was arranged so that the large number involved did not prolong the evening.

On the Saturday morning the Grand Master and his party were taken on a tour of the Northern Inland Masonic Retirement Centre with lunch at its headquarters *Moonby House*, where the Chairman, Very Wor Bro Barry McFarlane, extended an official welcome.

The Centre is a facility of The Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution of New South Wales.

That evening, accompanied by twenty-one Grand Officers and in the presence of 130 brethren, the Grand Master witnessed the centenary installation of The Peel Lodge No. 209, at the Tamworth Masonic Centre.

Masonic Widows' Associations.

On 30 August 1993, the Combined Masonic Widows' Association held its annual luncheon at the Sydney Masonic Centre. At the time, there were 21 Associations throughout New South Wales.

Masonic Badges which may be worn in Public.

The October 1993 issue of *The NSW Freemason* reported that the Board of General Purposes had advised on this matter. The only badges permitted were:

- Caring Officer's Badge
- Centenary Lapel Badge

- Square and Compasses Lapel Badge
- Badges struck for recognised Masonic Charities in this Jurisdiction.

The ruling also included a detailed list of Masonic Jewels which could be worn in Lodge and at the Festive Board.

i Jewels and Badges issued from the Grand Lodge:

- Caring Officer's Badge
 - Centenary Badge, ie a lapel badge struck for the centenary celebrations of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.
 - Masonic Centre Furnishing Fund Jewel. A breast jewel issued to brethren who made monetary donations towards the Masonic Centre and/or the furnishing fund of the Masonic Centre, Sydney, prior to and after its official opening.
 - Fifty Year Membership Jewel.
- ii Masonic Charity Jewels. Only one Masonic charity collarette jewel may be worn in Lodge at any one time.
- iii Lodge Jewels. Jewels as approved by the Board of General Purposes, struck by Lodges under the Jurisdiction of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales to commemorate a special event. These may be worn by the members of the Lodge which has struck the particular jewel. It is usual for the Board to stipulate that such a jewel will be attached to a sky-blue ribbon and that it will be worn only within the Lodge that struck the jewel.

- iv Presentation Jewels. Past Masters' jewels and Past Officers' jewels.
- v Civil and Military Decorations. Miniatures of approved decorations are worn with evening dress or dinner suit; full size decorations are worn with lounge suit.
- vi Mark and Royal Arch Jewels.
- vii Name Badges. The name badges must conform to the following specifications.
Size - 75mm x 20mm maximum
Colour - white lettering on black unless otherwise approved by the Board of General Purposes.
- viii Other Jewels and Badges. Jewels and badges approved from time to time by the Board of General purposes.

Suspension of Recognition of Sister Constitutions.

On the advice of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Grand Lodge in September 1993 adopted a recommendation of the Board of General Purposes that:

Grand Lodge suspend recognition of the Grand Orient of Italy in view of reported instances of corruption pertaining to a number of Masons in that Jurisdiction.

The recommendation also provided for Grand Lodge to suspend recognition of the Grand Lodge of Greece in view of the reported direct involvement of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in that Grand Lodge's affairs and also due to reports that the Grand Lodge of Greece is encouraging its members to actively participate in the

political disputation regarding the territory of Macedonia.

The question of the suspension of recognition of the Grand Lodge of Greece was referred back to the Board.

It was later decided to refer the matter to the Conference of Australasian Grand Masters to be held in Perth in October 1993. The conference decided to defer any action pending advice from the United Grand Lodge of England.

Meanwhile, the Grand Lodge of Greece retained recognition.

Emblems of Mortality in Lodge Rooms.

In September 1993, Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes:

That real body part depictions of the Emblems of Mortality be removed from Lodge Rooms and be replaced by paper or plastic representations. This policy can be implemented over several years with a target date by which all Masonic Centre owners be required to confirm.

Centenary of the New South Wales Masonic Club.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn was guest of honour at a special luncheon held at the NSW Masonic Club on 15 September 1993 to celebrate the centenary of the establishment of the Club.

Members and guests attended Evensong at St Andrew's Anglican Cathedral at the conclusion of the luncheon.

Death of Right Wor Bro Leslie A. Peaty.

Right Wor Bro Peaty, PAGM, died on 23 October 1993. He was elected a Grand Steward in 1959 and progressed to be Senior Grand Warden in 1968. He was a member of the Board of General Purposes from 1971 to 1992.

Most Excellent Companion Leslie Peaty was First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales in 1974-76.

Strategic Plan Launched.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 8 December 1993, the Grand Master launched the Strategic Plan for Freemasonry for 1994.

The Plan was produced by the Strategic Planning Control Group which comprised the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro Ian Pike, Right Wor Bros George James, AM, PSGW, Right Wor Bro David Redfern, PJGW and nine (9) Planning Groups to develop various action recommendations related to what were defined as the Critical Success Factors.

The Action Plans were developed relevant to each of the Critical Success Factors:

- Membership
- Meetings
- Meeting Places
- Leadership
- Finance
- Communications - Internal
- Communications - External
- Community

- Public Understanding

In presenting the Strategic Plan the Grand Master urged all Lodges and every brother to embrace the Plan enthusiastically and to develop and implement complementary Action Plans within their Lodges.

Chains of Office for Past Grand Wardens.

At the December 1993 Communication a notice of motion submitted to amend Regulation 196, was considered.

The proposed amendment provided for brethren who serve a full term of office as either Senior Grand Warden or Junior Grand Warden to be permitted to wear, after completion of their term of office, the regalia currently prescribed for Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers or, alternatively, a five star chain of gold or metal gilt.

The motion was debated at some length but failed to gain approval.

Establishment of an Executive Council.

In December 1993, Grand Lodge approved the introduction of a Regulation establishing an Executive Council. The Executive Council to consist of the:

- Grand Master (who shall be President of the Council)
- Grand Treasurer
- Grand Registrar
- Chairman, Board of General Purposes
- Chairman, Board of Benevolence
- Chairman, NSW Masonic Hospital Board

- Chairman, Masonic Buildings Board
- Chairman, Board of the William Thompson Masonic School and Hostel

The following were some of the wide-ranging powers and responsibilities with which the Council would be entrusted:

- Co-ordinate the activities of the various Boards and Committees of the Grand Lodge.
- Guide and assist the Grand Master and furnish him with information and advice regarding all Craft matters.
- Advise the Grand Master on matters normally considered to be the province of the Grand Master.
- Prepare and implement strategic planning for Freemasonry in New South Wales.
- Control and determine the manner of implementation of the decisions of the Grand Lodge and all Boards and Committees.

Upon adoption of the motion the Grand Master stated implementation of the new Regulation would commence immediately.

Frequency of Lodge Meetings.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes contained a decision in principle, and subject to a consideration of individual conditions, to permit Lodges to meet less frequently than monthly. Lodges considering this option would, however, be aware that there would be no waiver or variation of financial obligations such as Grand Lodge Dues. The Report was adopted.

Sydney Olympics.

The Board of General Purposes advised in December 1993 that it had caused the Grand Secretary to investigate the conditions of a sponsorship of the Sydney Olympics. As a result of this study the Board decided that the financial obligations of being a sponsor were too great but that this Grand Lodge would offer the availability of a Masonic Task Force to assist in the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

Lodge Moorabin No. 122 Surrenders Charter.

Lodge Moorabin No. 122, meeting at Wilcannia, surrendered its Charter early in 1994.

The Lodge was consecrated as The Lodge Moorabin No. 2075, English Constitution, on 31 March 1883 when the Revd. Edwin Henry Wright, Past Master of Lodge Central Australia No. 1898, English Constitution, came 'down the river' from Bourke accompanied by the then Bishop of Bathurst.

The Bishop opened and dedicated St James Church of England and the Revd. Wor Bro Wright consecrated the Lodge.

Wilcannia, on the Darling River, 740 km north-west of Sydney, was once the third largest river port in Australia. The town began to decline when motor transport replaced the river paddle-steamers.

Lodge Moorabin, a remarkable Lodge that had battled through droughts, floods and dust storms, held its final meeting, during a dust storm in November 1993.

Masonic Awareness Week - Saturday 12 March to Sunday 20 March 1994.

In an endeavour to make the community aware of the principles of Freemasonry, the Board of General Purposes approved arrangements for a Masonic Awareness Week to be held throughout the Jurisdiction.

The Foreword to the February 1994 issue of *The NSW Freemason* began:

A New Year has dawned - traditionally a time for taking stock of our personal lives and aspirations and for making resolutions to help us achieve those aims. It is a time of heightened awareness of ourselves and our environment. For the Freemasons of this State the coming year is one in which we will be striving for 'Masonic Awareness' - it will be a year of challenge in our relationship with the wider community, in our Private Lodges and in our relationship with Grand Lodge.

A definition of 'awareness' is 'consciousness, not ignorance'. Experience shows that the community at large is generally ignorant of Freemasonry. If the un-informed do know of its existence; it is only as an organization which they perceive to be a 'secret society'. The partially informed, especially those of fundamentalist and extreme persuasions, see and portray it as a satanic organization. Both perceptions thrive on ignorance, which in turn begets greater ignorance, suspicion and even fear. There is no greater fear than fear itself.

The programme was an outstanding success.

Retirement of Deputy Grand Secretary.

At morning tea on Tuesday 1 February 1994, Right Wor Bro Graham Maltby, Deputy Grand Secretary, PSGW, said au revoir as a member of the Grand Secretary's staff in the Grand Lodge office and entered into retirement. A gift in the form of a travel bag was given to him from the Grand Secretary and his staff as a memento of their companionship over the years.

Whilst Right Wor Bro Maltby was no longer employed on the administrative staff of the Grand Lodge, he retained the office and rank of Deputy Grand Secretary until he reached the age of 65 years.

In December 1974, Graham was invested as Deputy Grand Secretary by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Victor C.N. Blight, CBE - a time when the Grand Lodge was poised on making, possibly, the most important decisions in its history.

On Friday 4 March 1994, some 150 brethren and ladies were present at an appreciation dinner in the Ionic Room of the Sydney Masonic Centre to pay honour to Graham and his wife, Merice.

The toast to the Guests of Honour was proposed by Right Wor Bro John Dick, Grand Registrar. In it he paid a very high tribute to them both - Graham for the great sincerity and application he brought to his position, and Merice for the affection, encouragement and support she had unstintingly given to Graham throughout his term of office. A presentation in the form of a cheque to enable Graham and Merice to purchase audio equipment was presented to them by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn.

Freemasonry's Family Circle.

In March 1994, the Grand Lodge produced the booklet *Freemasonry's Family Circle*. It provided an explanation of the structure of Freemasonry in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and included an identification of the other Masonic Orders, their roles and inter-relationships.

Nominations for Grand Master.

At a Special Communication of Grand Lodge held on 3 March 1994, there were two nominations for the office of Grand Master. They were:

Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn, Grand Master

Wor Bro Robert W. Nightingale.

A ballot was taken and Most Wor Bro Dunn was declared elected.

Visit by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Greece.

A special meeting held in the No. 1 Lodge Room at the Sydney Masonic Centre on Monday 21 March 1994 was a most significant one in the history of Lodge Hellenic No. 888. The meeting was held in association with Lodges Australia No. 3, Arcadia No. 177, Bondi Mossong No. 424, Earlwood No. 582 and Mackay No. 761, each with a number of Greek brethren.

The significance of the occasion was the visit by two Grand Masters, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, accompanied by Most Wor Bro Christos Maneas, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Greece. A brief but sincere welcome was extended by the Worshipful Master, Wor Bro Abraham Constantin. After short

acknowledgements were made by each of the Grand Masters, the Lodge was closed.

Ladies, including Mrs Faye Dunn, Mrs Kleo Maneas, together with non-Masonic friends of members were admitted. Masonic Charity Jewels and Lapel Pins were presented to a number of brethren and ladies by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn, and by Mrs Dunn.

At the Festive Board a welcome was extended to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Greece. Each Grand Master was presented with an excellent painting of Sydney Harbour in appreciation of his attendance and as a memento of the occasion.

Prior to journeying to Canberra for their return home to Greece, Most Wor Bro Maneas and Mrs Maneas were taken on a brief visit to Orange and surrounding districts by Bro Chris Gryllis, a Councillor of Orange City Council. Whilst there, Most Wor Bro Maneas was made an Honorary Citizen of the City of Orange by Mayor John Davies.

Installation of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn, accompanied by 47 brethren, attended the installation of Most Wor Bro David Frewster at Adelaide on 15 - 18 April 1994.

Consecration of Laurieton Daylight Lodge No. 1012.

The Grand Master, attended by Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge, performed the ceremony of consecration of Laurieton Daylight Lodge No.

1012 at the Laurieton Masonic Centre on 23 April 1994.

Centenary of Lodge Hume No. 212.

The Grand Master journeyed to Holbrook on 30 April 1994 for the centenary celebrations of Lodge Hume No. 212 at Holbrook. The Lodge was named after the explorer, Bro Hamilton Hume, who was made a Mason on 12 September 1825 in The Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia No. 266, Irish Constitution, (later No. 2 UGL of NSW), at Sydney.

Centenary of Lodge Hiram No. 213.

Lodge Hiram No. 213 celebrated its centenary on 28 May 1994 in the Masonic Centre, Dungog, in the presence of the Grand Master.

The town, the centre of beef, timber and dairy industries was laid out in 1838. The Lodge had been consecrated on 24 May 1894 by the District Grand Inspector of Workings, Very Wor Bro Dugald Dobie assisted by Very Wor Bro Whysall.

Motion to Enable a Country Lodge to Appoint a Spokesman.

The President of the Board of General Purposes, Right Wor Bro Harry Harris, PAGM, moved the motion at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 8 June 1994 as follows:

That this Grand Lodge approves of a proposal whereby each Lodge whose place of meeting is more than 150 kilometres distant from the Masonic Centre, Sydney, may appoint a member of a Lodge meeting within that distance to act

as a spokesman for the appointing Lodge at Grand Lodge Communications, provided that:-

- i the appointed brother shall be a member of Grand Lodge at all times during his period of appointment and
- ii he shall not have power to vote on behalf of the appointing Lodge and
- iii the appointing Lodge shall report the name of its appointee to the Grand Secretary who shall record same in a register and
- iv no brother shall accept such appointment from more than one Lodge at any one time.

The Grand Lodge adopted this motion and, in the process of debate, an amendment to provide for proxy voting powers to be afforded to spokesmen was defeated.

Masonic Centenary Ensemble Concerts.

During Masonic Awareness Week 1994 the Ensemble performed concerts which covered the Central Coast, St George District and Masonic Districts 11 and 12 on Sydney's north shore.

This group of talented Masonic singers conducted and directed by Right Wor Bro Noel Melvin, Grand Director of Music, who, with supporting artists Mr Paul Edgar, Lee Richardson, Vicki Smith and Bro William Caukill, Past Grand Organist, were able to demonstrate in a practical way, through the medium of music, a facet of Masonic life not always appreciated by the general public.

A wide range of music was performed which included items from opera, folk songs, ballads and a Masonic cantata written for his Lodge by Bro Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The efforts of the Ensemble were enthusiastically received by

over a thousand people who attended these concerts.

Members of the NSW Masonic Centenary Ensemble agreed that the entire proceeds which these performances generated, and amounting to some \$6,000, be distributed to local Masonic charities and District palliative care cancer units.

Proclamation of Most Wor Bro Noel Frederick Dunn for a Third Term.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge for the proclamation of the Grand Master and the investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers was held in the Grand Lodge Room of the Masonic Centre, Sydney, on Saturday, 6 August 1994.

The Grand Master received Most Excellent Companion Robert E. Black, First Grand Principal and Grand Master of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and his accompanying Grand Officers.

In his address, the Grand Master said:

'Lodges have been encouraged to review their method of management and to delegate responsibility to a committee structure which would involve more brethren in the planning and implementation of the Lodge activities.

The quality of Lodge meetings and Festive Boards has been the centre of attention with the thought that if a meeting is not enjoyed by the membership, it is little wonder that some lose interest and drift away from regular attendance and ultimately resign from the Lodge.

Many Lodges have recognised the benefit of better management and planning of their affairs and are experiencing real benefit in resurgence of their activities.'

Whilst these proceedings were taking place, a most enjoyable Ladies Spring Dinner in July took place in the Ionic Room, where the ladies were entertained with a fashion parade.

On the Sunday morning the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Assistant Grand Master and their ladies were supported by Grand Lodge Officers at the 10.30 am Communion Service at St Andrew's Anglican Cathedral. Following the Service a considerable number of brethren and their families enjoyed luncheon at the Masonic Centre.

New Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master appointed and invested Right Wor Bro Revd. Raymond Charles Green, Grand Chaplain, as the Deputy Grand Master to replace Right Wor Bro Ian H. Pike, who was unable to continue in office due to business commitments.

Masonic Dress.

A survey of Lodges carried out in early 1994, concerning Masonic dress resulted in 80% of those who responded indicating that there should be no change.

The Grand Master directed that current dress rules would therefore be retained.

Survey of the NSW Freemason.

During early 1994, a survey of types of articles which appeared in *The NSW Freemason* magazine was distributed to over 700 readers through the District Grand Inspectors of Workings. Distribution was made on the basis of obtaining the views of a cross-section of members that would involve different age groups, time as Masons, occupations, and included wives and widows of Masons.

Several hundred replies were received and the results were placed before the Publication Committee for consideration and possible implementation.

The most popular categories, with both members and ladies, were those concerned with Masonic articles. However, 86% do not want any change in the present balance of Masonic and non-Masonic articles.

One aspect that needed to be clarified arose from queries to whom the magazine can be shown. The answer is - everyone. Members were encouraged to make sure the magazine was available for partners and family members to read and to pass it on to professional waiting rooms, or to libraries and to non-Masons.

Death of Most Wor Bro Noel William Warren, Past Grand Master.

Most Wor Bro Warren died on 23 August 1994.

He was the son of Most Wor Bro Thomas L. Warren, who had served as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales from 1955 to 1959.

He was born in Sydney on 14 January 1918 and spent his early years in Northbridge. He

received his education at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore) and began studies in law. He was commissioned a Flying Officer in the RAAF during World War II and, later, resumed his studies being admitted a solicitor in 1946.

His main enjoyment was music and he possessed a fine bass-baritone voice which gave pleasure to many people.

He, and his wife Ronda, had three sons and one daughter.

Bro Noel William Warren was initiated in Lodge Torchbearer No. 638, the Lodge for former pupils of Shore school, on 3 October 1947 and passed Fellowcraft on 5 March 1948 and raised a Master Mason on 7 May 1948. He was installed as Worshipful Master on 3 September 1954 by his father, the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro Thomas L. Warren.

Wor Bro Noel Warren was the foundation Senior Warden at the consecration of Lodge Thomas L. Warren No. 936 on 29 June 1959. He was installed as Worshipful Master the following year.

Most Wor Bro Noel Warren served as Assistant Grand Master in 1969-71, Deputy Grand Master in 1972-75 and Grand Master from 1976 to 1980. He served as a Grand Lodge Trustee from 1974 to 1993.

He exemplified his chosen theme of office as Grand Master -

WALK TALL.

International Co-Freemasonry.

During 1994, the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and the Board of General Purposes found it necessary to draw the attention of all brethren to Regulation 180 of the Book of Constitutions. Brethren were strongly advised against visiting or becoming involved with organizations not recognised by the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

In particular, brethren were advised they must NOT attend or become associated with meetings of International Co-Freemasonry. If any brother had inadvertently attended such a meeting, he was requested to make immediate contact with the Grand Secretary.

Prior to travelling overseas, it was suggested brethren contact the office of the Grand Secretary and ascertain those Masonic Constitutions which are and are not recognised by this Grand Lodge.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 14 September 1994, on separate motions presented by the Grand Registrar, Very Wor Bro John E. Armfield, Grand Lodge resolved to expel two brethren who were in breach of Regulation 180 by attending a meeting of an association, society or Lodge viz. International Co-Freemasonry prohibited by edict of the Grand Master made from time to time.

Ritual Amendment.

In September 1994, the Grand Master announced that, as a result of numerous requests concerning the Mode of Preparation for the first degree, the appropriate section of the ritual would be amended. The amendment would give discretionary power to the Worshipful

Master to implement the change. An addendum sheet was made available.

Taxation.

In September 1994, the Grand Treasurer, Right Wor Bro John Pearson reported that, after many months of negotiation, the Australian Taxation Office had determined that the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was subject to taxation. The Grand Treasurer advised that an appeal against the decision would be lodged.

Father of the Year.

Right Wor Bro Sir James Hardy, OBE, PDGM, was announced as the NSW Father of the Year. Sir James was the 1981 Australian Yachtsman of the Year and in 1966 won the World Sailing Championship in the 505 Class. He was a member of the Australian Olympic Yachting Team in Tokyo in 1964 and Mexico in 1968. An America's Cup Skipper on three occasions, he served as reserve helmsman and team advisor to John Bertram when Australia II won the America's Cup in 1983.

Dedication of Lodge Room at Byron Bay.

On 19 November 1994, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn and Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge journeyed to Byron Bay to perform the ceremonies of setting the foundation stone and dedication of the Byron Bay Masonic Centre.

Death of Most Wor Bro Frank Leslie Hodgson, OAM, FRAIA, JP, Past Grand Master.

Most Wor Bro Hodgson died, on 27 November 1994. He served the Grand Lodge as Grand Architect

from 1936 to 1992. The rank of Past Grand Master was conferred on him in June 1973.

He also served on the Council of the William Thompson Masonic School and Hostel for 44 years and was President of the Masonic Youth Welfare Fund of NSW for 37 years.

Past District Grand Inspector of Workings Breast Pocket Jewel.

In December 1994, the Board of General Purposes, having previously given approval in December 1990 for the wearing of a breast pocket jewel, laid down the following conditions:

- only a Past District Grand Inspector of Workings (who had served the office) would be entitled to wear the Jewel;
- the Jewel may be worn at all Lodge meetings, except when wearing Grand Lodge regalia;
- the ribbon attached to the Jewel would be garter blue;
- the Jewel may only be worn in the Lodge Room during Lodge meetings.

Membership Service Jewel.

The Board of General Purposes, in December 1994, adopted a recommendation that a membership service jewel would be struck for presentation to brethren having attained 40, 50, 60, 70 years or more membership. The jewel would be suspended from a ribbon of sky blue with the number of years' service attached thereto by an interchangeable number - 40, 50, 60 or 70 etc. which ever was the case.

Consecration of Batemans Bay Daylight Lodge No. 1013.

On 4 February 1995, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn and the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge journeyed to the south coast town of Batemans Bay to consecrate the new Lodge in a room at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club and install Wor Bro William A. Rudd as the foundation Master. The celebration banquet included a Burns' supper.

Grand Installation of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn and a delegation from NSW attended, during 16 - 17 March 1995, the installation of Most Wor Bro Neville B. Smith as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Consideration of Draft of New Regulations for the Book of Constitutions.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Saturday 8 April 1995 to consider the draft of a full set of new Regulations numbered 1.1 to 22.1 to form part of the Book of Constitutions and to replace the existing Regulations numbered 1 to 202.

Some of the proposed Regulations were noted to require

further consideration. The remainder were accepted with some minor alterations.

The members of Grand Lodge also agreed that any typographic or similar errors should be corrected without further reference back to the Grand Lodge.

It was resolved to adjourn the meeting to a date to be advised by the Grand Master.

A second Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Saturday 3 June 1995. The Grand Lodge resolved to refer back the following matters for detailed consideration:

- i Whether there should be an additional Regulation numbered 14.15 which defines the quorum of a Lodge.
- ii Whether 17.2.1 should be amended to include or refer to 'the Supreme Being'.

The Grand Lodge formally adopted all of the remainder of the Regulations to replace the existing Regulations and form part of a new Book of Constitutions.

The Grand Lodge adopted the Transitional Regulations numbered 1.11 as previously circulated and which had the effect of commencing the new Regulations on 1 June 1996 and provided for a spill of existing positions on Boards and Committees on that date.

The new Regulations were confirmed at the June 1995 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

Consecration of Parramatta City Daylight Lodge No. 1014.

On 10 June 1995, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn and the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge performed the ceremony of consecration of the Lodge at the Parramatta Masonic Club.

Installation of United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

On 1 July 1995, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn accompanied by a delegation from New South Wales attended the installation of Most Wor Bro Ian Keith Smith as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Consecration of Lodge Basin View Daylight No. 1015.

On 15 July 1995, the Grand Master accompanied by the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge, journeyed to Nowra to consecrate the Lodge at the Basin View Retirement Village, which is a Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution of New South Wales project at Basin View near Wandandian.

Most Wor Bro Noel Frederick Dunn Proclaimed Grand Master for a Fourth Term.

The proclamation ceremony was held on Saturday 5 August 1995 in the Grand Lodge Room at the Sydney Masonic Centre. In his address the Grand Master defined the duty of Freemasons:

'Brethren, it has been stated on many occasions from this chair by my predecessors, and also by me, that the greatest danger to any organization can come from within its own membership.

Such a situation exists with Freemasonry today with a small number of our members who persist in creating disturbances against the decisions of this Grand Lodge and who continue to seek ways to undermine the good work of Freemasonry in relation to questions of ritual.

Members of our organization who claim to love their Craft and the teachings of Freemasonry should be well aware of the Charges and

Regulations outlined in our Constitution and the promises made during their obligations in the three Degrees. One of the major teachings of our Craft is the need for discipline in our personal behaviour, ie loyalty, truthfulness, honesty, obedience and the like, and we are called upon to apply these attributes in our private lives, our professions, our Lodges and our Grand Lodge.

Those who are unable to accept the decisions of the majority after adequate debate and resolution and who continue to create disturbance have no place within a Craft that meets on the level, works with love and harmony, and parts on the square.

Brethren, our Craft hasn't survived for some 300 years without obedience by all its members to the disciplines of our Order. I call upon those who are persisting in this lonely vendetta, to cease their damaging activities immediately, to come out of the darkness and justify the criticism being levelled at this Grand Lodge's administration and its plans for the future.

It is imperative that all Freemasons look to the future in a positive and united manner.'

Regional Grand Councillor.

As a result of the amendments to the Book of Constitutions confirmed by Grand Lodge in June 1995, the newly adopted Regulation 3.13 had the effect of creating a new office in the Grand Lodge, being that of Regional Grand Counsellor. The Office would be filled by appointment and the nominees were to hold a rank of Past District Grand Inspector of Workings or above. The Regulation provided for the appointment to be made for a term of two years, whilst re-appointment for a further term could be affected.

The Regional structuring of the Jurisdiction occurred in 1977 when a Regional Grand Officer who was later re-titled Regional Buildings Officer was appointed. The Office of Regional Grand Councillor was a progression from that beginning.

His duties were be summarised as:

- Motivation
- Communication
- Administration
- Planning
- Advising

Lodge Antiquity No. 1 Celebrates 175 years.

A special meeting of the first Lodge in Sydney, Lodge Antiquity No. 1, was held in the Sydney Masonic Centre on 7 August 1995, in the presence of the Grand Master, to celebrate the 175th anniversary of its consecration on 12 August 1820 as the Australian Social Lodge No. 260, Irish Constitution.

An address by Right Wor Bro Grahame H. Cumming, PAGM titled: *Early Freemasonry in New South Wales, The Exclusionists and Emancipists*, was the highlight of a successful and well attended meeting.

Visit by Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy.

On 9 August 1995 the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn, hosted a business meeting and a visit to the Sydney Masonic Centre by Most Wor Bro Virgilio Gaito, the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy.

Attendance of Most Wor Bro Gaito at a regular Lodge meeting was not possible as recognition of the Grand Orient of Italy had been suspended in September 1993.

Seminars for Preceptors of Lodges of Instruction.

The first half-day Seminar for those responsible for the efficient conduct of Lodges of Instruction was held on 26 August 1995 at the Liverpool Masonic Centre. The purpose was to re-affirm consistent ceremonial practices in Lodges.

Year 2000 Committee.

The Grand Master announced that he had appointed Right Wor Bro George R. Curry, Assistant Grand Master, to chair the Year 2000 Committee of Grand Lodge. The Year 2000 Committee had the following objectives:

- To draw up a programme of Masonic events to enhance the image and reputation of Freemasonry and which would be suitable for the year 2000, which is also the year of the Sydney Olympics.
- To make recommendations to the Executive Council regarding the financing of the programme.
- When approved, to manage the implementation of the programme.

Masonic Tribute to Departed Brethren.

At the September 1995 Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master advised that a review of the *Masonic Funeral Service* ceremony had been undertaken. A revised service, titled a *Masonic Tribute* was announced.

Advertising on Lodge Notice Papers (Summonses).

The report of the Board of General Purposes to the September 1995 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge advised that there was no objection to Lodges including commercial advertisements on the back of notice papers provided such advertisements were in keeping with the principles of Freemasonry.

Definition of 'Metropolitan' and 'Country'.

Grand Lodge adopted the definition that the word 'Metropolitan' be defined, as being:

That area of the State of New South Wales.

- i within a radius of 40 kilometres of Spoon Rocks at Caves Beach in the City of Lake Macquarie; and
- ii within a radius of 80 kilometres of Uhrs Point on the Parramatta River at Rhodes in the Municipality of Concord; and
- iii within a radius of 25 kilometres of Flagstaff Point at Wollongong in the City of Wollongong.

and that the word 'Country' be defined as being:

All of the State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory other than such as shall lie within that part of the State

defined as 'Metropolitan' pursuant to this Regulation.

Centenary of Freemasonry in Bega.

On Saturday 16 September 1995, the Grand Master attended the centenary installation of Lodge Bega Remembrance No. 220 at the Bega Masonic Centre.

Consecration of Coffs Harbour Daylight Lodge No. 1017.

The Grand Master, assisted by the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge, carried out the ceremony of consecration of Coffs Harbour Daylight Lodge No. 1017 at the Coffs Harbour Masonic Centre on 7 October 1995.

Death of Wor Bro Raymond E. Bransgrove.

Wor Bro Raymond Ernest Bransgrove, Senior Grand Deacon passed to the Grand Lodge Above very suddenly on 7 November 1995.

Wor Bro Bransgrove was initiated on 10 September 1963 in Lodge Earlwood No. 582 and became the Worshipful Master of that Lodge for the terms 1971-72 and 1975-76. He was also a member of Lodge Punchbowl No. 433 from November 1964 to July 1978. In September 1985 he affiliated with Lodge Morisset No. 441 and was a subscribing member of both Lodges Earlwood and Morisset at the time of his death.

He was also a member of a number of other associated Masonic Orders. He was elected a Grand Steward for two terms 1990-91 and 1991-92 and he progressed to the office of Senior Grand Deacon in 1995.

Death of Right Wor Bro William Robert Smoothey, Past Assistant Grand Master.

Right Wor Bro Smoothey, PAGM, was called to the Grand Lodge Above on 29 November 1995.

Right Wor Bro Smoothey was initiated into Freemasonry on 27 April 1935 in Lodge Kuringgai No. 230. He served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge for the 1947-48 term. He was appointed District Grand Inspector of Workings of No. 12 District for the 1952-54 term and the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden was conferred upon him in 1961.

He served as a member of the Board of General Purposes for twelve years from 1978 to 1990 and in 1982 he was appointed as the representative near this Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa. The rank of Past Assistant Grand Master was conferred upon him in 1986.

Sesquicentenary of Freemasonry in Bathurst.

On 7 December 1995, the Grand Master attended the celebrations associated with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first Lodge in Bathurst. He also attended a District meeting held under the Charter of Lodge City of the Plains No. 607.

On 23 December 1845, the first formal meeting of The Bathurst Masonic Lodge of Unity was held in the *Black Bull* inn in Bathurst.

There were 180 Masons present at the sesquicentenary meeting and the Grand Master, who earlier in the day had been afforded a Civic Reception by the Mayor of Bathurst, Councillor Ian McIntosh, unveiled a plaque in

the Lodge Room to commemorate the historic event.

Strategic Plan for 1996.

In launching the plan, the Grand Master said:

'Marching Towards 2000 - By Merit Based on Excellence.

The past twelve months has proved to be a much more successful period for the planning process within the Grand Lodge administration structure. The Executive Council and all Boards and Committees have worked hard to honour their commitment within the 1995 plan. Many objectives have been completed on or near target dates and the ongoing tasks are producing results by identifying new requirements which are reflected in the 1996 plan.'

Establishment of a Trustee Corporation.

At the December 1995 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on a motion presented by the Deputy Grand Registrar, Very Wor Bro Andrew S. Brown, Grand Lodge resolved:

That a new Regulation 14.15 be inserted in the Regulations for the government of the Craft in NSW to come into effect on 1 June 1966:

14.15 A corporation under the control of this Grand Lodge shall hold upon trust all real and personal property (subject to the provisions of 14.12) for any Private Lodge which elects the said corporation to act as that Lodge's Trustees. The corporation shall hold that Lodge's property which is the subject of the trust upon such terms as are contained in the 'Declaration of Trust', if any, approved by that Lodge

which shall be executed by the said corporation.

Death of Right Wor Bros Jack Bowen and Dudley Kenway.

Right Wor Bro Jack Bowen, Past Senior Grand Warden, passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 18 December 1995. He was elected a member of the Board of Benevolence in 1969 and served as President from 1977 to 1979.

Right Wor Bro Dudley Charles Kenway, Past Senior Grand Warden, died on 24 December 1995. He was elected a Grand Steward in 1969 and served as Senior Grand Warden in 1978. He was a member of the Ritual Committee from 1981 to 1990 and a member of the Board of General Purposes from 1980 to 1989.

Nominations for Grand Master.

At a Special Communication of Grand Lodge held on 7 February 1996, there were three nominations for the office of Grand Master. They were:

Right Wor Bro Revd. Raymond C. Green, DGM.

Right Wor Bro W. Kenneth Dickie, PSGW.

Right Wor Bro Edwin R. Jarrett, PSGW.

A ballot was taken and Right Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green was declared elected.

Consecration of Lakehaven Daylight Lodge No. 1017.

On 10 February 1996, the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge accompanied the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn to

the Lakehaven Retirement Village of the Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution of NSW to perform the ceremony of consecration of the Lakehaven Daylight Lodge No. 1017.

Grand Installation of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

On 2 March 1996, the Grand Master accompanied by his wife Faye, attended, together with many Grand Officers and their ladies, the Grand Installation of Most Wor Bro Keith Graver as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania at Hobart.

Dedication of New Lodge Room at Quirindi.

On 30 March 1996, the Grand Master carried out the ceremony of dedication for a new Lodge Room at Quirindi.

Consecration of Trial Bay Daylight Lodge No. 1018.

The Grand Master and the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge travelled to Kempsey on 4 May 1996 to consecrate the Trial Bay Daylight Lodge No. 1018 to meet at the Country Womens' Association Hall at South West Rocks.

Some 130 brethren attended the ceremony.

Lodge of Instruction Seminar.

On 25 May 1996, the Grand Master attended a seminar held at the Sydney Masonic Centre for Preceptors and others responsible for the

conduct of Lodges of Instruction throughout the Jurisdiction.

Centenary of the Newcastle Masters and Wardens Association.

The Grand Master attended the Centenary Dinner of the Association held at Mayfield on 18 May 1996.

Death of Right Wor Bro Leslie Holmes, Past Assistant Grand Master.

Right Wor Bro Leslie Arthur William Holmes died on 1 June 1996. From 1972 through to 1990, Right Wor Bro Bro Holmes served as a country member of the Board of General Purposes.

Right Wor Bro Holmes, PAGM, was appointed the Representative near this Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Japan in May 1978.

Proper Solicitation.

At the June 1996 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Members' Board, which had assumed many of the responsibilities of the former Board of General Purposes, advised the need to re-state the policy of the Grand Lodge regarding proper solicitation for membership of a Lodge.

The policy, determined in December 1976, was re-stated by the Members' Board as:

- i No person should be solicited to become a Freemason.

- ii At the same time the Board directed there is nothing in the Ancient Landmarks or Constitutions to preclude a Freemason from:
 - a Discussing with a non-Mason the aims and principles of the Craft;
 - b Asking a non-Mason whether he has ever considered joining Freemasonry;
 - c Advising a non-Mason how he may petition to become a Freemason.
- iii There is a publication *Some Facts Concerning Freemasonry* which may be given to a prospective candidate after an expression of interest in the Craft. A desirable candidate should be assisted in every way with his application for membership.

Membership Promotion Levy.

In introducing a \$2 levy at the June 1996 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer, Right Wor Bro John Pearson, PDGM, said:

'A Membership Promotion Levy is surely one of the most important and necessary initiatives which we could take in our present circumstances. For, despite various other initiatives such as Masonic Awareness campaigns, the Membership Assistance Scheme and our formal Strategic Planning, our total membership has continued to decline alarmingly. It is imperative that, as in other areas of our endeavours, we become more professional in addressing the challenge of membership, certainly the greatest challenge which we face. The Levy is intended to provide special funding to enable that greater emphasis on professionalism to be employed in

pursuing a stable and growing membership in our beloved Craft.'

The Levy was adopted by Grand Lodge.

Opening the Doors.

Those who attended the 'Opening the Doors' night held for ladies and their Masonic partners at the Masonic Centre, Sydney on Friday 26 July 1996, certainly gained a greater insight into Freemasonry.

The purpose of the evening was to strengthen Masonic partnerships by providing ladies with information on Freemasonry which, in the past, was not discussed in the home. By making the partners of Freemasons more knowledgeable in Freemasonry, the organization not only endeavoured to counter the secret society claim, but placed ladies in a better position to understand their partners' interest, answer questions and perhaps create an interest in others.

End of Term.

Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn relinquished the office of Grand Master on 2 August 1996.

CHAPTER III

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MOST WOR BRO REVD RAYMOND CHARLES GREEN

(2 AUGUST 1996 - 6 AUGUST 1999)

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the Sydney Town Hall on 6 August 1999 for the installation of the Grand Master-elect, Right Wor Bro Revd Raymond Charles Green and for the investiture of Grand Officers.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel Frederick Dunn at 7.30 pm.

The following distinguished visitors were announced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Very Wor Bro Mervyn E.H. Cherry:

- Most Excellent Companion Robert E. Black, First Grand Principal and Grand Master of The United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and delegation
- Most Wor Bro Ian K. Smith, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and delegation
- Most Wor Bro The Hon Harry W. Gayfer, OAM, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and delegation
- Most Wor Bro Keith Graver, OAM, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, and delegation

- Most Wor Bro Dan M. Holmes, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and delegation
- Most Wor Bro Neville H. Smith, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and delegation
- Most Wor Bro David E. Fewster, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and delegation
- Right Wor Bro Stuart Cowan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii
- Right Wor Bro René Hervet, PJGW (NSW), National Grand Lodge of France
- Right Wor Bro Bernard Cayron, National Grand Lodge of France
- Wor Bro Jean-Francois Chanteur, National Grand Lodge of France
- Wor Bro Emile Gruseen, National Grand Lodge of France
- Right Wor Bro Bjarne Stabell, PJGW (NSW), Grand Lodge of Norway
- Most Wor Bro Clark Gilmour, PGM, Grand Lodge of British Columbia
- Right Wor Bro Joel Springer III, PJGW (NSW), Grand Lodge of California
- Right Wor Bro George Goss, PJGW (NSW), Grand Lodge of New Jersey
- Bro George Ingles, Past Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
- Wor Bro William Blanche, Past Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland
- Right Wor Bro John More, District Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland, District of New Zealand, North
- Very Wor Bro Bryan Collings, Past Deputy District Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland, District of New Zealand, North

- Very Wor Bro James Marlow, Substitute District Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland, District of Western Australia
- Wor Bro Robert Devlin, Past District Senior Grand Warden, United Grand Lodge of England, District of New Zealand
- Wor Bro George Agnew, PAGDC, United Grand Lodge of England, District of New Zealand
- Wor Bro Thomas Webb, PJGD, United Grand Lodge of England, District of South Africa

The Grand Master-elect, Right Wor Bro Revd Raymond Charles Green was duly installed and proclaimed as Grand Master.

Right Wor Bros George Richard Curry and Robert Harold Harper were invested and proclaimed as Deputy Grand Master and Assistant Grand Master respectively.

In his address the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green said:

'No doubt every new Grand Master on arrival at this position carries with him hopes that he will be able to change the world during his term of office. My goals will remain pragmatic. The first of these is simple and it is, that everything I do as Grand Master, every breath I draw, every thought that my mind processes will be directed towards ensuring that Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction is, and is recognised as being, an organization of excellence in all its facets. This is my goal.

It is not my intention to change the world but rather build upon the solid foundation developed in the past. I want to do those things necessary for the good of Freemasonry in general and for the good of the Craft in

NSW, in particular. I want to use my time promoting the good works and moral values of Freemasonry to the community and enhancing the efficiency of Freemasonry in NSW. I am fully aware of the fact that there are some in the community who would rather not see a Minister of Religion as Grand Master of the Craft. I know as you do that there are some who would be happier if Freemasonry did not exist. These objections further my resolve as Grand Master to show the community that we are an organization of excellence, that what we do counts for something and if people have a problem with our existence, then the problem lies with them, not us. I will not diminish the responsibilities of the Grand Master, nor the valuable good works that we have been doing for years just to satisfy the narrow world view of some fundamentalist religious groups who believe they have a monopoly on truth.

I stand in a long line of tradition dating back to the formation of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales on 24 June 1888, ever mindful of the great men who have occupied this position and the contribution each has made. For this significant contribution we can all be very grateful. Each Grand Master comes to this position and imprints his personality for the good of the Craft generally. Grand Masters of the past have made their mark and handed on the torch. Tonight, together with you, I want to take up that torch and carry the light of Freemasonry into the future.

There are four areas I want to concentrate on during my term. I will mention them briefly. I trust I shall have the opportunity to further develop them as the year progresses. They are the four 'C's' of the Craft:

- Consolidation: Over the past few years we have seen many necessary

changes occur in our Craft in New South Wales. These changes to the ritual and the immense changes to the Constitution were necessary and, in some cases, long overdue. I congratulate Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn for his contribution to the Craft in the area of Constitutional change; it will long remain a monument to his far-sightedness and also to his tenacity. This task has now been completed. I want to build on these strong foundations and use some time to work with the changes already made. Let us all build on this solid foundation, work with what we have and settle into these changes to consolidate our work with the new Boards and Committees.

- Communication: I have always believed "If you don't know ask". This philosophy precludes rumour and misinformation. It is not just an expression of ignorance, but a way to sound knowledge. I believe in open Government. I think it is healthy. I want to see Grand Lodge communicate effectively with Private Lodges and Private Lodges communicate efficiently with their members. I place great importance on the role of Regional Grand Counsellors and District Grand Inspectors of Workings to facilitate this area of communication. I want to see *The NSW Freemason* further develop its role as an effective organ for the dissemination of information, not only to Freemasons, but also to the community. I want to encourage the establishment of "mentors" for newly initiated brethren in Lodges so that they can learn the ways of the Craft and not feel left out or embarrassed during those early important formative years in Freemasonry.

- Commitment: We need to have committed people in Freemasonry. Those men who believe in the values and principles of the Craft. We are not just another "friendly society" or "social club". Freemasonry is unique, we have standards and values and a morality which are needed in society today. We may not see in our time the large numbers in Freemasonry of yesteryear but we will have men of quality and high ideals; men who can make a difference in the community and in their homes and places of work. Society is looking for leadership by men of character and substance who have worthwhile values and who are not just driven by the materialistic philosophies of our age. These are the men we seek to involve in Freemasonry and need in Freemasonry. Men committed to our beliefs, men prepared to take their place in the leadership of their Lodges. Only then can we be seen as a worthwhile, meaningful organization committed to take these values well into the 21st century.
- Celebration: Brethren, above all, let's ensure that we enjoy our Freemasonry. I was once told by a well-meaning "Elder Statesman" that Freemasonry was "serious and not meant for fun". What we do may well be serious but we can still have fun and enjoy our Craft. If we believe in the worthwhile values of the Craft, if we believe that what we do in our Lodges does make a difference to our character, if we really believe in what we stand for, then it is an occasion for joy not dreariness.

Show to your communities, your homes, and your place of work, that being a Freemason is valuable, worthwhile and

enjoyable. When our forefathers established the United Grand Lodge of NSW in 1888 they came together and chose as the motto "*Juncta Juvant*" "United they Rejoice". They set a bench mark for us to follow.

I have appreciated all the indications of support I have received and want to congratulate all the Officers who were installed and invested tonight. I know you will enjoy our new responsibilities; especially Right Wor Bro George Curry as Deputy Grand Master and Right Wor Bro Robert Harper as Assistant Grand Master. I thank you both for your ready acceptance of these important positions and I look forward to working with you for the good of Freemasonry.

I want to thank personally Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn for his nomination of me to this position. His guidance, counsel and confidence in me during these past two years is greatly appreciated. To the representatives of Sister Constitutions, together with the First Grand Principal and Grand Master of Mark and Royal Arch Masons, who share this moment, many who have travelled long distances, you dignify this Grand Lodge by your presence and I greet you and thank you for attending.

Thank you also to all the people who have contributed to the success of tonight; the sponsors, the regalia bearers, the Grand secretariat, the Grand Lodge Officers, the Past Grand Masters and many others working hard behind the scenes to make this installation a success. Thank you all, Brethren, for being here.

I look forward, together with my wife, Janet, in sharing with you over this next year in the position of Grand Master and I am sure that we, all together, can make a difference.

The Grand Master announced as his theme for his term of office:

CELEBRATE OUR CRAFT - AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY'

During the evening, the Grand Organist, Very Wor Bro Peter J. Kneeshaw, PDGIW and the NSW Masonic Centenary Ensemble under the baton of Right Wor Bro Noel W. Melvin, PDGM, presented several musical items.

Other functions associated with the Grand Installation included:

- Reception at the Sydney Masonic Centre
- Charity Concert for the Children's Hospital
- Conference Sessions at the Sydney Masonic Centre
- Ladies Dinner and Entertainment
- Tour of the Sydney Olympic Sites
- Grand Installation Banquet
- Service at St Andrew's Anglican Cathedral
- Sunday Lunch at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green - A Profile

Raymond Charles Green was born in Wollongong, New South Wales on 6 August 1939, the only son of Phyllis and Bro Charles Green.

After attending school in Wollongong, Ray entered the Regular Army in 1957 and trained as

a male nurse in the Medical Corps. He spent six years in various army establishments throughout Australia. During that time he was selected for the combined services team to play a visiting Fijian rugby team and was also one of four chosen from Eastern Command to contest selection in the art of wrestling for the VII British Empire and Commonwealth Games held in Perth in 1962.

In 1968, Ray entered the Congregational Theological College and studied divinity and education both at St Andrew's College, University of Sydney, and through the Melbourne College of Divinity. He was ordained into the Christian Ministry at Lakemba Congregational Church in November 1973.

After serving this Church for a period of time he accepted an invitation to serve the joint parish at Waverley in August 1976. The Uniting Church came into being in June 1977 and Ray became part of the team Ministry at Bondi Junction, with offices situated in the newly opened Church in the Market Place, where he served for 15 years.

He was Chaplain to the Edina Aged Care Facility of the parish and foundation Chairman and Controller of the MacNeil Child Care Centre. Ray was National Chaplain of Girls Brigade Australia from 1979 to 1985.

He was involved and played an active part in many councils and committees of the Uniting Church on a State and National level.

Ray was always active in many community activities. From 1980 to 1988 he was chairman of the East Side Community Help Organisation (ECHO). He assisted in the establishment of

2RES, a community access radio station, serving the eastern region of Sydney. He was a member of the Board for many years and presented and produced his own weekly programme called 'Soft and Mellow'. He was heard regularly on radio 2CH and the ABC. He enjoyed an active interest in the media, especially radio.

The Revd Ray Green served as Chaplain in the Royal Australian Air Force Reserve from 1980 to 1990 and was also a member of the Defence Forces Chaplaincy Committee during this period.

He was, at the time of his installation as Grand Master, actively involved in Ministry in the Moss Vale parish in the southern highlands of New South Wales where he resided from May 1991.

Ray married Janet Fraser in 1960 after a long courtship and they have three daughters - Jennifer, Michelle and Melissa.

Masonically, Ray came from a long line of Freemasons. His father, now deceased, was a Mason, his grandfather belonged to a Lodge in England and many uncles have been members of the Craft.

Raymond Charles Green was initiated, passed and raised in Lodge Lakemba No. 396 in 1975. He then affiliated with Lodge Centenary No. 373 in September 1983 and became Worshipful Master of that Lodge in May 1986. Ray was elected as Grand Chaplain in 1988 and in 1991 was conferred as Past Junior Grand Warden.

In 1994, Ray was appointed Deputy Grand Master by Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn.

Private Lodge Administrative Procedures.

During September 1996, in the interests of more efficient meetings, the Members' Board approved the introduction of the following:

a. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of a Private Lodge may be dealt with in a similar fashion as that followed by the Grand Lodge:

- A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Lodge be exhibited at the Secretary's table at least fifteen minutes prior to the opening of the Lodge.
- Prior to the opening of the Lodge, the Senior Warden, or in his absence a designated senior member of the Lodge, will read the minutes and ensure they are a correct record of the previous meeting.
- When the item 'Minutes' is reached, the Senior Warden, or the designated member of the Lodge, will rise and state, 'Worshipful Master, I have read the minutes of the meeting held on . . . (date of previous meeting) . . . and I certify that they are a true and correct record of that meeting. I move that the minutes be confirmed.'
- Upon the motion being seconded, a vote is taken and if the motion is carried, the Worshipful Master will sign the minutes in confirmation.

b. Correspondence.

Items of correspondence may be dealt with in the following manner.

- The Secretary is to prepare a précis of all relevant correspondence highlighting any special or important matters.
- Prior to the meeting, the Secretary should discuss important items of correspondence with the Worshipful Master.

- At least fifteen minutes prior to the opening of the Lodge, a copy of important correspondence is to be held on a clipboard at the Secretary's table so as to be available for perusal by any Lodge member.
- The précis of the correspondence is to be read by the Secretary at the Lodge meeting.
- The usual motion should then be taken that the correspondence, as read, be received and dealt with.

c. Treasurer's Report or Statement of Accounts.

A similar procedure should be followed by the Treasurer when submitting his report or statement of accounts.

Changes to Procedures for Grace and Honouring Toasts.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 11 September 1996, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green said:

'Many of you have expressed interest in some of the changes that have occurred over these past few weeks and I wanted the opportunity to explain some of them. The reality is that we live in a world of constant change. This means that in spite of our protests and disinclination towards change, things change around us. Some changes impact upon our lifestyle and threaten our security and this worries some of us; for others it is a challenge which is met and accommodated. Change excites others because it is indicative of a living, vital organization. How we perceive change will largely depend upon our attitude. I hope the changes I have thus far introduced will be understood as being for the good of Freemasonry and not change for the sake of change.

For instance, I have indicated that Grace should be said at the festive board of a Lodge while the brethren are seated. Now, my family are seated during Grace at home and I could see no valid reason why we should not be seated for Grace in the family of Freemasonry. I acknowledge that for our Jewish brethren, there is a requirement for them to stand during Grace and I acknowledge that requirement. The important thing is that Grace be said.

In regard to the honouring of toasts at the festive board, I have said that in the presence of ladies and non-Masons, it is sufficient to honour them by acclamation. I have noted that some of the honours of Private Lodges have evolved into rather complicated routines which would not be understood by many people outside the Lodge and we are in danger, in some instances, of looking rather immature. Please keep your unique expressions of response to yourselves and allow non-Masons and ladies to participate by acclamation.'

Objects of the Grand Lodge.

At the September 1996 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the following Statement of Objects was adopted:

Whereas the principal and dominant object of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons is to provide community service, it will achieve this by:

i Pursuing the aims of Freemasonry which are to:

- Teach and encourage both public and private morality and to support the maintenance of high moral standards on

which public life and private conduct should be based.

- Practise and support charity and philanthropy including, where necessary, mutual support for members and their families by recognising and responding to the needs of the whole human community.
- Participate openly and actively in the life of the community.

ii In the course of pursuing the aims of Freemasonry, it will:

- Control, regulate and promote the practice of Freemasonry in the State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.
- Warrant Lodges.
- Ensure that suitable facilities exist for the practice of Freemasonry within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.
- Manage the benevolent and charitable enterprises of the Grand Lodge being:
 - (a) The William Thompson Masonic School and Hostel which is a registered charity and is to assist any child who is in need by way of providing financial assistance for food, clothing, education, health care and shelter. The School also administers all of the Trusts and Scholarships which exist to benefit those assisted by the School or formerly assisted by the School.
 - (b) The NSW Freemasons' Disaster Relief Fund which is to relieve distress experienced by any individual following a declared disaster such as fire, famine, earthquake, drought or flood.

(c) The NSW Masonic Hospital which is a registered charity and is a not-for-profit private hospital.

(d) The Fund of Benevolence which is to be used solely for the purposes of charity.

- Provide assistance to and otherwise encourage Masons to support the Masonic Charities which are not structured within the Grand Lodge and all of which provide benefits to the public at large:

The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of NSW

The Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution of NSW

The NSW Masonic Youth Welfare Fund

The NSW Freemasons' Orphan Society

- Establish or absorb any other enterprise as may be approved by the Grand Lodge which is compatible with the charitable, benevolent or community service aims and activities of the Grand Lodge.
- Conduct all business so that the property and income of the Grand Lodge, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Grand Lodge and so that no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Grand Lodge provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment of remuneration to any employee of the Grand Lodge or the reimbursement of expenses to any member or employee of the Grand Lodge for services actually rendered to the Grand Lodge.

- Ensure that, if the Grand Lodge shall be wound up or otherwise determined, all remaining assets of the Grand Lodge shall be distributed to an organization or fund whose objects are similar to or fit within the objects of the Grand Lodge, and comply with Section 23g of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

Consecration of Lodge Galileo No. 1019.

On Monday 14 October 1996, the Grand Master and the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge carried out the ceremony of consecration of Lodge Galileo No. 1019 in the Sydney Masonic Centre.

The foundation members were predominantly Italian-speaking brethren and approval was given to conduct the ceremonial portion of its meetings in the Italian language up to four times a year, provided the ritual used is a translation of the ritual of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The historical significance of the occasion was emphasised by Right Wor Bro Juan Alvarez, PJGW, Regional Grand Counsellor, in his toast to the new Lodge. Bro Alvarez said that Lodge Galileo was the first 'night' Lodge consecrated in almost twenty years. It was also the first 'specialised' Lodge in which members have retained roots in their ethnic background.

Brethren were joined at the installation banquet by their ladies, who had been entertained by Mrs Raffaella Maffei during the Masonic proceedings. A highlight of the evening was the entertainment provided by the Grand Director of Music, Right Wor Bro Noel Melvin, PDGM, Bro Yusef Kayrooz, Mrs Lee

Anderson and organist, Bro Bill Caukill, PGDofM. The foundation Master, Wor Bro Renato Maffei, said that many had contributed to the formation of the new Lodge and he particularly thanked Lodge Trinity No. 666 for their sponsorship.

Grand Installation in Western Australia.

On 15 October 1996, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green, Mrs Janet Green and a delegation of Grand Officers and ladies left Sydney to journey to Perth for the installation of Most Wor Bro the Venerable Archdeacon Revd Stanley Threlfall as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Appreciation Dinner for Noel and Faye Dunn.

One hundred and eighty ladies and brethren paid tribute to the time and effort given to Freemasonry by Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn and Mrs Faye Dunn at an appreciation dinner held at the Masonic Centre Sydney on Saturday 2 November 1996. Those present included the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Green, and Mrs Green and four Past Grand Masters and their wives. Unfortunately, Most Wor Bro Eric Primrose, Mrs Primrose and Mrs Kit Coates were unable to be present but tendered an apology. Mrs Phyllis Blight was especially thanked for her attendance.

The night was reminiscent of Noel's term as Grand Master. Special reference was made to Noel's 20 years of active service in various offices of the Craft and Faye's involvement with the Order of the Eastern Star. Noel's achievements as Grand Master included the development of the Strategic Plan, establishment of the Executive Council,

revision of the Book of Constitutions, revision of the ritual and the creation of greater harmony between the Craft and its associated Orders. In addition to the support given to her husband, Faye was the driving force behind a number of fund raising activities for non-Masonic charities.

A presentation to Noel and Faye consisted of a Lladro figurine which some people suggested may represent Noel and Faye sitting together in their later years.

In responding to the toast, Most Wor Bro Dunn said that he and Faye had enjoyed their various activities in the Craft together and would continue to do so, though perhaps not at the same hectic pace.

He also thanked everyone for the generosity of the gift and for their attendance at the dinner. In supporting Noel's comments, Faye said that they had many friends and looked forward to continuing the association over many years. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Ms Shirley Thomas and Kyla Shassmon.

New Zealand Grand Installation.

In November 1996, the Grand Master accompanied by his wife, Janet and a delegation including ladies, travelled to New Zealand to attend the installation of Most Wor Bro Charles Dodds Hammond as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Visitor from Vanuatu.

The December 1996 issue of *The NSW Freemason* reported that the Hon Serge Vohor, who was

subsequently elected Prime Minister of Vanuatu, was the guest speaker at a meeting of Lodge Kensington No. 270 in his then capacity as Minister for Economic Affairs and Tourism of the Republic.

Mr Vohor was accompanied by his advisor, Bro Paul Penya and a Past Master of Lodge Kensington, Wor Bro G.A. (Debo) Adelagun.

He indicated that he was looking forward to the building of a Masonic Lodge Room for Lodge Discovery No. 8737, English Constitution, that meets at Vila, the capital of the Republic.

Strategic Plan for 1997.

The Plan was distributed at the December 1996 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. The Plan document carried a new logo and banner headlines *NSW Masons - Charting a New Century*. This new logo was adopted by the Executive Council and was printed on stationery from early in 1997. It was an important element in the marketing of Freemasonry in the Jurisdiction.

Publications available from the Grand Lodge.

The Members' Board prepared papers on *The Festive Board*; *Ideas For Non-Degree Meetings* and *Lodge Social Functions* which were printed and circulated to all Regional Grand Counsellors, District Grand Inspectors of Workings and Lodge Secretaries.

Death of Right Wor Bro Raymond Gilbert Connon.

8 June 1923 - 22 January 1997.

Behold a man indeed, in whom is no guile
St. John, 1, v.47

It can be said that there was no Freemason who had contributed more and achieved so much for our beloved Craft than Right Wor Bro Raymond Gilbert Connon, Past Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Secretary, who passed away early in the morning of Wednesday, 22 January 1997.

Ray was a devoted servant and an active member of the Craft since 1942. He commenced work in the Grand Secretary's office in 1948 and progressed through the various positions in that office to be appointed Grand Secretary in 1969, an Office he held with distinction until his retirement in 1990.

He became well-known throughout the various Grand Lodges of Australia, New Zealand and overseas - he was recognised as a fine representative of this United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and all this Grand Lodge's aspirations. He experienced and helped develop the many and varied important events of the Grand Lodge. His guidance, enthusiasm and encouragement brought success to everything with which he was involved.

On his retirement, he became Editor of *The NSW Freemason*, and only retired from that position some three years ago. The success of the journal can be attributed to his zeal and his leadership of the various committees responsible for its production.

He was a devoted husband to his wife, Tuppy; a wonderful father to his three sons, and ever loved by his grandchildren, daughters-in-law, his brother Ken and his wife. He was a friend to all who knew him. We shall miss his smile,

friendly word, careful advice and wonderful friendship. But his memory will live on and be an example for all to follow.

Initiated into Freemasonry in Lodge Sans Souci No. 442, on 20 February 1942, he became Worshipful Master on 15 October 1955. Grand Lodge rank was conferred: Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1962; Past Junior Grand Warden in 1967; Past Assistant Grand Master in 1973, and Past Deputy Grand Master in 1990.

Sesquicentenary of the Australian Lodge of Harmony No. 5.

The Australian Lodge of Harmony No. 814, United Grand Lodge of England, later No. 556, was formed under a dispensation from the then Deputy Provincial Grand Master, English Constitution, Very Wor Bro George R. Nichols, who acted as the installing officer at the first meeting, which was held in the Fitzroy Hotel in Pitt Street, Sydney on 7 January 1847.

The 150th anniversary was celebrated in the presence of the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond C. Green, on Wednesday, 5 February 1997, in the Sydney Masonic Centre.

Right Wor Bro Leonard Werman, PJGW, Official Lecturer, delivered an interesting historical address which described old Sydney town and embraced some of the history of the Lodge.

Conference of Regional Grand Counsellors.

A very successful conference was held in the Masonic Centre, Sydney, on Monday, 10 February 1997 when all eleven Regional Grand Counsellors were in attendance. At least two other such

conferences were held during the remainder of the year.

The Executive Council expressed its confidence in the long-term success of the Regional structure with clear signs which had emerged in many quarters of improved communications within the Jurisdiction.

Masonic Awareness Week 1997.

In the 'Week' of 8-16 March 1997, Lodges in this Jurisdiction participated in a co-ordinated week of activities to celebrate 'Masonic Awareness'. It was an opportunity with so much potential for benefit, not only to themselves, but also to the Craft throughout the State.

While 'Awareness' had been increasingly treated as a year-round activity, and many country districts had major promotional functions associated with local events at times outside the month of March, it was still expected that Lodges made an effort to organize functions of their choice during this week and so were seen by the community to be participating in State-wide 'Masonic Awareness'.

The benefits of 'Awareness' to the Craft over the last few years were tremendous, for not only by raising the profile of Freemasonry in the community, and increasing applications for membership, but also the presentation of Masonic buildings which had improved markedly, facilities that had been upgraded, the increased 'awareness' of the advantages of more efficient administration of Lodges and a general raising of standards, so that the members of the Craft were in a position to achieve the goal of the Grand Master:

That Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction is, and is recognised as being, an organization of excellence in all its facets.

Grand Lodge on the Internet.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales joined the Internet as an important step in the communication of Freemasonry in general and activities in New South Wales in particular.

The further integration of more modern business equipment into the Grand Lodge office's administrative system, and a recent upgrade in such equipment had not been restricted to purely word-processing, databases and spreadsheets - but also helped to spread and speed news and items of interest relating to Freemasonry world-wide.

Recently, the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch, via the Internet, in a matter of seconds, sent a message, not only to the Freemasons in this Jurisdiction and abroad - but to all members of the public.

The Grand Lodge Web site:

<http://www.freemason.aust.com/nuglodge>

Making a Choice - Election of Officers.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green reminded brethren who attended the Quarterly Communication held on 12 March 1997, that Freemasons often had a choice of those elected to be leaders in the Craft. He said:

'When making your choices, I ask you to bear in mind that Freemasonry is a "people" based organization. It came into being for the

sole purpose of providing friendship and fellowship for worthy men and as a vehicle for those men to express their concern in charitable ways towards people who are less fortunate in the community. It was never intended to be an organization for men to gain some personal aggrandisement or to build personal empires. We must all make ourselves aware of the quality of the men we wish to elect into these positions tonight so that they will fulfil their roles to our expectations and be an influence for good in the Craft.'

Ceremonial Officers' Review Committee.

In March 1997, the Grand Master requested the Members' Board to establish a Review Committee to examine the composition and operations of the Ceremonial Officers, including the responsibilities of the Grand Inspectors of Workings. The Committee was formed under the chairmanship of Right Wor Bro Morris (Morrie) Adamson, PAGM. The members were:

Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson, AM, Past Grand Master
 Right Wor Bro John Armfield, PJGW, Grand Registrar
 Right Wor Bro Grahame Cumming, PAGM
 Right Wor Bro Frank Gordon, Senior Grand Warden
 Right Wor Bro Alan Walker, PSGW

Grand Master's Award.

In March 1997, the Executive Council endorsed a recommendation from the Members' Board for the creation of a Grand Master's Award for outstanding service to Freemasonry. There were to be three classes of the award:

- To a Freemason of this Jurisdiction. A member who made an outstanding contribution to the Craft, not merely within his own Lodge, but to Freemasonry in general.
- To a lady who made an outstanding contribution to Freemasonry within the Jurisdiction.
- To a man, not a Freemason, who performed an outstanding service to Freemasonry or to the general community.

A maximum of one Award was to be given in each class in each year.

Grand Installations in Victoria and South Australia.

From 19 to 24 March 1997, and 4 to 7 April 1997, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green and a group of Masons and ladies from New South Wales attended various functions associated with the Grand Installations of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria in March and the Grand Lodge of South Australia in April.

Masonic Conference.

A Conference of the Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Centre, Sydney on Saturday 10 May 1997 at 10.00 am.

Prior to the opening of the conference by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond C. Green, the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Ian McCulloch made it known that:

- Any decisions or votes made were not binding on Grand Lodge. However, they would be sent to the relevant Board and due note would be taken of them.

- It could be expected that any Board receiving such a communication from the conference would either act on it positively or would be required to explain in a report to Grand Lodge why it had not so acted.

In his opening address the Grand Master said:

'Brethren, welcome to this conference, an occasion to discuss, debate, decide, challenge, share, question and ultimately begin

to understand and see more clearly the broad picture of the state of Freemasonry in New South Wales and what perhaps we can do about it. I hope this occasion will not just be a "talk fest", but a real opportunity to convey to the appropriate Boards and Committees, ideas, thoughts, concerns and resolutions which will help formulate a solid projection of Freemasonry in New South Wales as an "organization of excellence" into the future. Over the years, in my opinion, we have tended to sacrifice quality for quantity. That is not a reflection on the quality of membership we now have but a reflection on the many men we have lost, or rather, who have lost interest in us, for whatever reason.

We need to raise the standard, recapture our uniqueness. We Freemasons are not like any other fraternal or philanthropic organization. Since our beginnings we have always offered that something extra to our membership. For some it has been found in the ceremonial, the ritual, the dress or the deep friendships created in the south. This is the quality we need to regain, a standard of excellence in everything we do!

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Perhaps we have been so concerned about the peripheral aspects of Freemasonry that we have lost sight of the real reason for being. We have lost sight of the real core values which are, that we can offer to men in the community a worthwhile organization of high moral teachings and an opportunity to build character and do some valuable work in the community. We are one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the world, we have existed for so long only because we have always included men of character and substance into our Craft; men who have made a significant contribution in the community in which they live; men who have been instrumental, in some cases, in changing the world. We need to recruit and regain that quality of man again.

Brethren, we are about membership. This is our aim, our goal, our reason for being. We are a "people organization" and we must not lose sight of the fact that organizations exist for people, not people for organizations.

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I do believe with the right approach and some imaginative, lateral thinking, we can improve our current membership base and begin to re-structure ourselves as a worthwhile, meaningful organization of excellence which worthy men would want to join or even re-join.

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I would like to suggest we adopt the following criteria of decision making for all Boards, Committees and any other activity associated with Freemasonry in New South Wales.

Will this decision:

- Enhance or improve the quality and standards of Freemasonry for the current membership?
- Encourage and increase membership by recruiting or regaining members?
- Demonstrate to the community at large positive aspects regarding Freemasonry?
- Prepare Freemasonry to be a vital, worthwhile, meaningful organization for the future?

If any decision we make fails to measure up to at least two of the criteria then it is a bad decision.

We need to be more aggressive in our community profile, to show the community that we are an organization for "good" in society and that what we do and what our values stand for, can benefit the community as well as be beneficial to the men who join us.'

Other papers presented at the Conference were:

- Membership - *A Précis of Where We Are and Where We Are Heading* - Right Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch, PAGM, Grand Secretary.
- The Grand Charity - *A Look at the English Model, with Implications Towards New South Wales* - Right Wor Bro John S. Pearson, PDGM, Grand Treasurer.
- Towards 2000 - *The Opportunities for NSW Masons*, Right Wor Bro George R. Curry, Deputy Grand Master.
- Literacy - *A Possible Programme of the Board of Youth Support* - Very Wor Bro John E. Le

Mesurier, PDGIW, member Board of Youth Support.

- *Should the Members' Board Include Members Appointed to the Board by the Grand Master?* - Right Wor Bro Roger J. Donsworth, PAGM, chairman, Members' Board.
- *Lodge Quality Assessments - How They Will Benefit Lodges* - Right Wor Bro Roger J. Donsworth, PAGM, chairman, Members' Board.
- *Masonic Education* - Wor Bro Ronald Mansfield, Worshipful Master.
- *The Things We Hold Dear* - Right Wor Bro R. Paul Fletcher, PSGW.
- *Boundaries - Are the Distinctions of Metropolitan and Country Relevant for Electing and Appointing Members of Boards?* - Right Wor Bro John E. Armfield, PJGW, Grand Registrar spoke to the abovementioned subject, using notes.

Based on a show of hands, the conference resolved as follows:

- Extend (widen) membership of Grand Lodge
Yes
- Proxy voting
Yes
- Fewer Communications
50/50
- Fewer Communications but on a Saturday
Yes (75%)
- No boundaries (Metropolitan/Country)
Yes (75%)

- Revert to old boundaries
No
- Grand Master's appointments to Members' Board
Yes
- Lodge Quality Assessments
Yes
- Proceed with plans for Grand Charity
Yes
- Young Achievers' Awards Yes

An audio tape recording was made and was available to all Masons.

The conference closed at 4.00 pm.

Policy in Relation to Divorced Applicants.

At the June 1997 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green said:

'Over several years Freemasonry's attitude towards divorce has gone through a gradual change and decisions made by previous Grand Masters have been made in keeping with Government legislation and community attitudes.

The most recent of such changes took place in June 1991 when the then Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson announced that if a Divorce Decree was made more than six years prior to the date of a Petition for Initiation or Affiliation, there would be no need for the candidate to be required to submit to the Board for examination the Decree Nisi and the Decree Absolute and the Confidential Statement.

Since that time there have been many approaches and submissions questioning the necessity to continue with this procedure.

Having taken into consideration the many changes that have taken place over the years in community attitudes, the law, and in Freemasonry, I have decided that it will no longer be necessary for candidates who have previously been involved in divorce proceedings to submit their details of such divorce to the Members' Board. This will be the case irrespective of when the Decree was made.

In reaching this decision, I am confident that Lodges' Nominations Committees will adopt the responsibility to determine upon all material before it, the suitability of a candidate and whether he should be recommended to the Lodge, thus ensuring that the high principles and standards of the Craft are maintained at all times.'

Participation of Master Masons in the Ceremony of Installation.

The Grand Master announced at the June 1997 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge that it was permissible for Master Masons to present the working tools of each Degree to the newly installed or proclaimed Worshipful Master at installation meetings. A Master Mason making such a presentation would do so from in front of the altar facing the Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master would remain standing at his chair.

In addition, Master Masons were permitted to deliver the Addresses to the Worshipful Master and to the Wardens; the Address to the Brethren

would still, however, be delivered by an Installed Master.

Lodge of Transition.

The Executive Council endorsed a recommendation of the Members' Board for the formation of a Lodge of Transition to assist brethren whose membership was temporarily placed at risk due to surrender of a Charter or other event having similar impact.

Consecration of Lodge France No. 1021.



Most Wor Bro Revd RAYMOND C GREEN
Grand Master 1996 - 1999



Right Wor Bro
JOHN S PEARSON



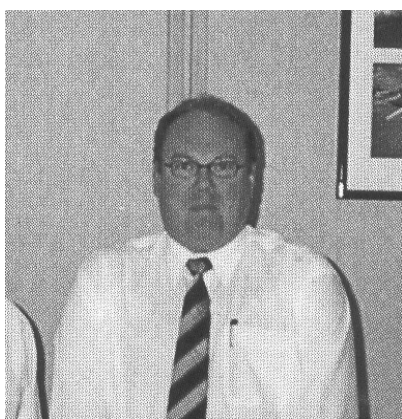
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The creation of Lodge France stemmed from a wish by the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Grande Loge Nationale Française (GLNF), the only regular Constitution in France, to forge closer links between regular Masons in Australia and in France and its external territories.

Lodge France No. 1021 was consecrated and Wor Bro Wadid Schenouda installed as the foundation Master at the Masonic Centre, Sydney, on Friday 1 August 1997 by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green. The presence of the Deputy and Assistant Grand Masters, Right Wor Bro George Curry and Robert Harper further enhanced the ceremony.

The highlight that set this consecration and installation apart from others of recent times, however, was the presence of the Grand Master of the Grande Loge Nationale Française, Most Wor Bro Claude Charbonniaud, accompanied by a delegation of some 60 brethren from France, Noumea, Tahiti, Thailand, Singapore and The Ivory Coast. The delegation included the Grand Inspector of Workings, GLNF, of Lodges of Asia and the Pacific, Right Wor Bro René Hervet; the Grand Inspector of Workings at Large, Right Wor Bro Paul Studnia, together with thirteen Fellowcrafts and eight Entered Apprentices.

Three magnificent banners representing the Grande Loge Nationale Française, the Orient de Noumea and Lodge France No. 1021 added to the pageantry of the ceremony.

Proclamation of Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Charles Green for a Second Term as Grand Master.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge for the proclamation of the Grand Master and investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers was held in the Grand Lodge Room of the Masonic Centre, Sydney on Saturday, 2 August 1997, when the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Most Wor Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond C. Green at 4.00 pm. On this occasion, for only the second time in the 109 year history of the Grand Lodge, ladies and other visitors had been invited to witness the ceremony of proclamation and investiture.

The flags of Australia and New South Wales were placed in position by the Grand Inspectors of Workings after which the brethren and visitors sang the Royal Anthem.

The Grand Master received Most Excellent Companion Robert E. Black, First Grand Principal and Grand Master of The United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and his accompanying Grand Officers.

The Grand Master also received Most Wor Bro Claude Charbonniaud, Grand Master of the Grande Loge Nationale Française, accompanied by a large delegation of his brethren. Most Wor Bro Charbonniaud made a number of presentations on behalf of his Grand Lodge and a suitable response was given by the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Ian McCulloch, using the French language.

In his address the Grand Master emphasised the continuing focus on membership and of the need for Private Lodges to accept responsibility for their regeneration. He said that this could only be achieved by high standards of Lodge

management, appropriate rationalisation and improved meeting places. In this regard, the Grand Master said that he intended commissioning a critical examination of the Masonic Centre, Sydney, to ascertain whether it was suitable for the future needs of the Jurisdiction.

Other matters of importance touched on by the Grand Master included the need for a Grand Charity similar to that operated by the United Grand Lodge of England; an examination of the structure and role of the Ceremonial Officers and consideration of the need for incorporation of the Grand Lodge. With this in mind, the Grand Master said that henceforth the Grand Secretary would, for external purposes, be referred to as the Chief Executive Officer of the Grand Lodge.

He said:

'The future year will no doubt bring its challenges as well as its achievements. Both will be met with confidence because I am convinced that what we stand for and what we do in society is worthwhile and valuable. Freemasonry is a unique organization and has a part to play in the unfolding future as it always had in the past, creating a just society, maintaining morals and values and giving men the opportunity to serve the community. My desire is that all Freemasons, as well as those who will wish to join us in the future, begin to grasp the vision of what can be and help to make a difference for good in our society.'

On Sunday 3 August, a Service of Worship was held in the Ionic Room of the Sydney Masonic Centre where the Grand Chaplain, Right Wor Bro

Revd Brian Burton, PJGW, chose as his subject, 'Go back to the Rock'.

This was followed by a luncheon cruise on Sydney Harbour.

Retirement of Right Wor Bro Noel W. Melvin, Past Deputy Grand Master, Grand Director of Music.

At the proclamation of the Grand Master on Saturday 2 August 1997, Right Wor Bro Noel Melvin stood down from the office of Grand Director of Music having served the Craft in that role for 27 years. He was justly proud of the fact that he was the longest serving Grand Director of Music since the formation of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales in 1888.

Noel used his talents to advance the standard of Masonic music in this Jurisdiction and one of his great Masonic pleasures came to fruition with the formation of the NSW Masonic Centenary Ensemble in 1988. The Ensemble, under the baton of Right Wor Bro Melvin, performed Masonically and publicly with great distinction and its recordings earned it a national and international reputation for excellence.

Grand Master's Award for Excellence.

The 1997 recipients of this award were Mrs Dorothea M. Whitford and Bro Dr Donald M. Sheldon, MB BS, FRACS, FRCS, PGDofM.

Disastrous Landslide at Thredbo.

The Grand Master praised the work of the rescue and emergency teams in the recent Thredbo disaster. He said:

The Regional Commander of the NSW Police in charge of operations is a Mason and other Masons were also involved as members of one or other of the Emergency Services.

In following the lead of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania in relation to the Port Arthur killings, the Grand Master advised that the most effective contribution which Grand Lodge could make in respect of Thredbo was to encourage brethren and their families to visit the area and help revive the local economy.

Proxy Voting in Grand Lodge.

The Executive Council's report to the September 1997 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge advised:

The Special Conference of Grand Lodge held on 10 May 1997 gave support to the concept of proxy voting in Grand Lodge.

The Council now reports it is unable to recommend that Grand Lodge adopts any form of proxy voting. The over-riding reason is that many of the matters before Grand Lodge are of a complex nature and should only be decided after brethren have heard the arguments for and against. Indeed, it is not unreasonable to suggest that many brethren would change their voting intention as debate unfolds.

Whilst recognising that the tyranny of distance does prevent some brethren from attending Grand Lodge, the Executive Council is of the opinion that proxy voting would bring with it an even greater tyranny - that of un-informed voting.

Consecration of The Grand Stewards Lodge No. 1022.

On Friday 29 August 1997 the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond C. Green, consecrated Grand Stewards Lodge No. 1022. He was ably assisted by the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro George Curry; Assistant Grand Master, Right Wor Bro Robert Harper; Grand Chaplain, Right Wor Bro Revd Brian Burton and the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Officers.

Following the consecration, Right Wor Bro Alfred Rawlins, PSGW, was installed as the foundation Master by Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn, OAM, Past Grand Master. The meeting was also attended by Past Grand Masters, Most Wor Bros Eric Primrose, Robert Hammond, Professor Roy Woodman, LLM and Ronald Johnson, AM, together with more than 110 Grand Officers and brethren. The ceremony was followed by a banquet at which the participants were joined by fifty-seven ladies.

The aims and objects of the Lodge, which comprises Present and Past Grand Stewards, are the demonstration and teaching of the working of the installation ceremony and such other functions as performed by the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Officers.

A Century of Freemasonry in West Wyalong.

On Saturday 13 September 1997, West Wyalong celebrated the centenary of Freemasonry in the town when Lodge Pioneer No. 222 held its 100th installation ceremony.

The Lodge was consecrated on 9 November 1898. The first meeting was held in a small brick building in Mallee Street, at that time owned by the Neeld brothers. The building was later purchased by the Lodge and is still standing.

After the consecration, Very Wor Bro Robert H. Matthews, District Grand Inspector of Workings, installed Bro Collie, a local cordial manufacturer, as the foundation Master of the Lodge.

On 13 September 1997, Wor Bro Lyall Wilkinson installed Wor Bro Ronald Brown as the 100th Master of the Lodge, effectively taking it into the next century of existence.

The Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro George Curry and a retinue of twenty-five Grand Lodge Officers, together with some seventy-five brethren were present to witness a pleasing and impressive ceremony.

Lodge Gowrie of Canberra No. 715 - 50 years.

The gala celebration on 20 September 1997 of the 50th anniversary of Lodge Gowrie of Canberra No. 715 was enhanced by the presence of the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond C. Green and his wife Janet.

Accompanied in the Lodge Room by forty-one Grand Officers, the Grand Master gave an inspiring address. The Master, Wor Bro Leslie Shipley, presented a specially bound commemorative book *The First 50 Years* to the Grand Master. Speakers including Wor Bro David Dunlop, a foundation member, gave the background of Lodge Gowrie and its formation.

Masonry Celebrates 75 years in the Camden Haven.

Lodge Camden Haven No. 431 celebrated its 75th installation ceremony on Wednesday 8 October 1997 at Laurieton when over 100 brethren

witnessed an historic ceremony which would have been very similar to that performed by Very Wor Bro Stokes in 1922. On this occasion, Wor Bro Ronald Chinnery installed his successor, Bro Eric Jackson.

The Grand Master was represented by Right Wor Bro Laurie Bucton, PJGW, the most senior living member of the Lodge, who was initiated in 1944 and served as Master in 1950.

Wor Bro Kevin Mitchell compiled a history of the Lodge assisted by his wife Jan and June Relf.

The Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green extended congratulations on behalf of Grand Lodge to the Grand Chaplain, Right Wor Bro Revd Harold Ctercteko, PDGM, who celebrated the 50th year of his Ordination.

Three Important Motions Adopted by Grand Lodge.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 10 December 1997, the motions adopted and subsequently confirmed were:

- *Constitution of Grand Lodge.*

The Grand Lodge consists of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers, and the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Master Masons of Private Lodges recorded in the books of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. This collective Body is styled the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

The effect of this important motion was to make all subscribing Master Masons members of Grand Lodge.

- *Lodge of Transition.*

The New South Wales Lodge of Transition is hereby constituted. The Lodge is not a Warranted Lodge and is constituted for the purpose of encouraging Masons who are in transition between membership of different Lodges with a view to affiliating with a new Lodge.

The categories of Masons eligible for membership of the Lodge shall be determined by the Grand Master from time to time. The Lodge shall have such by-laws as the Grand Master may from time to time approve.

For the purpose of any application to affiliate with a Warranted Lodge a member of the Lodge of Transition shall be deemed to be a subscribing member of a Lodge within this Jurisdiction.

- *The Requirement for Confirmation of Motions to be Deleted from the Book of Constitutions:*

Provided that no Resolution for a new Regulation, or for the alteration or repeal of an old one, shall take effect unless adopted at one Communication of the Grand Lodge, and confirmed by Special Resolution at another.

Residual Assets of Lodges which Surrender their Charter.

The Executive Council resolved in December 1997 that, in principle and for the time being, the residual assets of a Lodge which surrendered its Charter would be directed as follows:

- Assets derived from Masonic Buildings - to the Masonic Buildings Fund No. 2
- Assets which represented the general funds of the Lodge - to the NSW Freemasons' Grand Charity Fund.

Two New Publications.

A publication designed to assist the Lodge Membership Director in the performance of his duties and an *Introductory Guide to the Lodge Treasurer* were made available in December 1997.

Disposal of the NSW Masonic Hospital.

A report on the progress of negotiations to dispose of the NSW Masonic Hospital was presented to the December 1997 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge by the Deputy Grand Master and chairman of the Special Task Force, Right Wor Bro George Curry.

Details of the report are included in the Chapter VIII titled *The NSW Masonic Hospital and Auxiliaries*.

The motions to achieve the proposed disposal of the Hospital were adopted, without debate, on a show of hands.

Special Presentation of an Inscribed Plaque to Right Wor Bro Noel Melvin, Past Deputy Grand Master, Grand Director of Music, from 1968 to 1997.

At the conclusion of the presentation of the plaque, Very Wor Bro Peter Loxton, PDGDC, acting on behalf of the NSW Masonic Centenary

Ensemble, presented a cheque for \$2,000 to the Grand Master.

This cheque represented proceeds of sale of CD's recorded by the Ensemble and was a donation to the NSW Freemasons' Grand Charity Fund.

Election of Grand Lodge Officers.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 11 March 1998, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green said:

'In regard to elections, it is important that we consider carefully our choices for we need to elect those brethren who have displayed commitment to this Grand Lodge and to the values and principles we teach. Those elected should be brethren who have demonstrated by their actions and demeanour brotherly love, concern for others and support for fellow Masons. They should not see their election as an opportunity to pursue some personal agenda which is beyond the interest of the Craft as a whole. Above all, we need to elect brethren who have the skills and application to be able to move this Grand Lodge forward.'

Masonic Awareness Week 1998 - Advertisement.

The Grand Master reported:

'Many of you will have seen an advertisement in the *Sydney Morning Herald* today announcing Masonic Awareness Week from 14-22 March 1998.

Already this advertisement has attracted the notice of the press and as early as 10.00 am this morning, the Grand Secretary was on ABC radio talking to listeners about Freemasonry and its work in the community. We expect many other press interviews to follow in the

coming days so I want you to be aware of this and I give you all an assurance that we will do everything in our power to ensure that the stories, when broadcast or printed, are favourable to us.

What you can all do during Masonic Awareness Week is to encourage your own Lodges to do something in the local community to mark the occasion - be it opening the Masonic Centre to visitors, a display stand at a show or a shopping centre, a float in a parade, or even just an open night for friends.

Masonic Awareness Week is something which will benefit the whole Craft, so it is for us all to play a part. To assist Lodges and Districts, we have produced another 15 transportable display stands, making 30 in total, and these can be booked through your Regional Grand Counsellor. Please avail yourselves of them and make Masonic Awareness Week work for you.'

Golden Jubilee of Lodge West Epping No. 731.

The 50th anniversary of the consecration of Lodge West Epping No. 731 was celebrated at the Epping Masonic Centre on 22 March 1998. It was a happy and successful occasion attended by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green.

Lodge Canberra No. 465 - 75th Anniversary.

On 23 March 1998, the first Lodge in the nation's capital celebrated its 75th anniversary. Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond C. Green, Grand Master, attended the meeting accompanied by forty Grand Lodge Officers.

The Lodge was opened by the Immediate Past Master, Wor Bro Graeme D. Burgess, who welcomed the Grand Master and his delegation and then related the untimely recent death of the Worshipful Master, Wor Bro George (Roger) Young.

Various aspects of Lodge Canberra's history were referred to in short speeches by members of the Lodge, ranging from details of the foundation members numbering forty, to the growth in numbers to a peak of 256 in 1959.

The occupation of the foundation members were many and varied, including stock inspectors, stablemen, public servants, graziers, merchants, tradesmen, minister of religion and the foundation Master who was a medical practitioner. The Lodge has had several meeting places, ranging from a timber structure costing £627 in 1923; a new brick building which cost £4,500 in 1936 to the present four storey building opened in 1977 used by ten Craft Lodges and other Orders. This building was valued at more than \$4 million.

Profits from the operation of the building have enabled the Canberra Masonic Centre to support many Masonic and community charities.

At the Festive Board, brethren were entertained by organ music representative of the last eight decades by Right Wor Bro Horrie Holt.

75th Installation of Lodge Gular No. 486.

At the 75th installation held on 21 April 1998, Very Wor Bro George Colless was proclaimed as Master by Right Wor Bro Alan Rea of Lodge Dubbo No. 906. This was the twelfth occasion on

which Bro Colless had occupied the chair of the Lodge.

The Grand Master was represented by Right Wor Bro Alan McWhirter, PJGW, with Right Wor Bro Wal Cookson carrying out the duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Visitors came from Coonamble, Gilgandra, Baradine, Coonabarabran, Binnaway and Dubbo, with ladies of the host Lodge providing a delightful supper for those who attended.

Consecration of New England Daylight Lodge No. 1023.

On 2 May 1998, New England Daylight Lodge No. 1023 was consecrated by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond C. Green at the Armidale Masonic Centre in the presence of a large gathering of brethren.

Golden Jubilee of Lodge Excalibur No. 737.

The Lodge celebrated its golden jubilee on Tuesday 11 May 1998 in what will be remembered by those present as a grand affair. Right Wor Bro Roger Donsworth, PAGM, chairman of the Members' Board, represented the Grand Master and was supported by a delegation of twenty-three Grand Officers. In excess of 100 brethren shared in the many highlights of the evening, the most memorable being the attendance of four foundation members, who were invited to occupy the senior positions of the Lodge.

An address titled *A Review of the Past and the Challenge for the Future*, was delivered by Bro Revd Jack R. Brand.

In response to the welcome given by the Worshipful Master, Very Wor Bro Revd John Hely, CBE, Right Wor Bro Donsworth captured the mood of the evening when he said that birthdays provide a time to look back with pride on the achievements made and the goals fulfilled.

Grand Lodge Conference 1998.

The conference was held at the Sydney Masonic Centre on Saturday 16 May 1998. In his opening address, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green said:

'As Grand Master, I have to say that I am heartened by the many members who approach me and express their concerns in a sensitive and constructive manner. It is clear that, whilst Freemasonry should embrace diversity, subject to our observance of traditional landmarks, we do nevertheless need to play better as a team; to eliminate concepts of "them and us", and re-kindle the flames of ambition which drove our Masonic forefathers to build up this fine institution, so that its beneficial influence became integral to the early community life of our State.

Our unique Craft is in our own hands to further nurture and develop. Most certainly we need to consider changes to improve our relevance to modern society but this does not mean lowering standards - in fact, the opposite may be the case.

Your presence today reinforces my resolve that we shall succeed in our allotted task of preserving Freemasonry for future generations. I look forward to the contributions which you will make and hope that you will be fulfilled, as I know I am going to be.'

The following papers were presented:

- *Summary of Outcomes Resulting from the 1997 Conference*, Right Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch, PAGM, Grand Secretary.
- *Results of Surveys Conducted by the Members' Board*, Right Wor Bro Gordon H. Watt, PDGM, chairman, Membership Committee of the Members' Board.
- *Lodges Assessments - A Bonus not a Burden - A Potential Benefit for Lodges*, Right Wor Bro Roger J. Donsworth, PAGM, chairman, Members' Board.
- *The Sydney Lodge - We Shall Strive to Excel*, Very Wor Bro Warwick F. Boyling, PDGIW, Worshipful Master, The Sydney Lodge No. 1020.
- *Making Grand Lodge Meetings More Relevant*, A paper prepared by Right Wor Bro John S. Pearson, PDGM, Grand Treasurer; Right Wor Bro Grahame H. Cumming, PAGM, chairman, Masonic Buildings Board, and Right Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch, PAGM, Grand Secretary.
- *The Internet and the UGL of NSW*, Bro Richard B. Morgan, chairman, Internet Steering Committee.
- *Making the most of Sponsorship of Surf Life Saving New South Wales Inc.*, Right Wor Bro George R. Curry, Deputy Grand Master.
- *Making the most of Sponsorship of Keep Australia Beautiful Council of New South*

Wales, Right Wor Bro G.L. James, AM, PSGW, member of Year 2000 Committee.

- *NSW Masonic Hospital Auxiliary - A New Direction*, Very Wor Bro Roger R. Crook, PDGIW, chairman, Hospital Auxiliary.
- *Our Incapacitated Brethren During the Close of Their Days*, Wor Bro Raymond J. Ayres, Assistant Secretary and Secretary-Elect, Lodge City of Bankstown No. 543.
- *Tell Me More*, Very Wor Bro Norman H. Henderson, MBE, PDGDC, Masonic Lodge Secretaries' Association.
- *Admission to Membership - Chapter 17 Constitution UGL of NSW*, Wor Bro Ronald K. Josey, Secretary, Lodge Mosman No. 228.

Lodge Urara No. 469 - 75th Anniversary.

This Lodge was consecrated at Glenreagh on the main northern railway line some 40 km north of Coffs Harbour, on 19 May 1923.

The 75th anniversary celebrations were attended by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond C. Green.

Freemasonry in the U3A Syllabus.

Masons in Canberra produced what was thought to be a first by introducing Freemasonry into the local 1998 syllabus of the University of the Third Age (U3A). which is an organization having, as its basic aim, education for retired people.

A proposal conceived by U3A member Wor Bro Trevor Garton, and a Grand Chapter Lecturer of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, was implemented and presented in collaboration with Right Wor Bro Robert Linford, OBE, and Bro Neil Morse, both Official Lecturers of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The eight, two-hour sessions of the course covered aspects of the Craft's principles and practices and was given over the period March to May 1998.

Office of Assistant Grand Master.

At the June 1998 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green announced that he would not appoint an Assistant Grand Master for the ensuing Masonic year.

Grand Master's Awards of Excellence.

At the Foundation Day luncheon held at the Sydney Masonic Centre on 24 June 1998, the Grand Master presented Awards of Excellence to:

- *Community Service Division:* Right Wor Bro the Hon Ian Morton Armstrong, OBE, MLA, Past Junior Grand Warden.
- *Division for a Mason Having Given Outstanding Service to the Craft:* Right Wor Bro Maurice H. 'Harry' Kellerman, OBE, PDGM.
- *Ladies Division - For Support of Freemasonry:* Mrs Beryl Coster, Secretary

of the Northern District Masonic Widows' Association and the booking agent for the *Laurelbank* Masonic Centre at Willoughby.

Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Charles Green Proclaimed as Grand Master for a Third Term.

The ceremony was held in the Grand Lodge Room of the Sydney Masonic Centre on Saturday 1 August 1998.

The Grand Master received Most Excellent Companion Kevin E. Andersson, First Grand Principal and Grand Master of The United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and his accompanying Grand Officers.

In his address, the Grand Master said:

'If Freemasonry is to be recognised as a force for good and as a means of building and strengthening the character of its members, it follows that a Mason's adherence to the ideals of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth must, at a certain point, cause him to assert that friendship, compassion and integrity can best be exhibited in a structured environment, where individual freedoms are tempered by an understanding of and adherence to the communal good. Our Masonic principles are, of themselves, representative of the highest code of ethics known to mankind, so be assured that we, in this Jurisdiction, are not going to lower our standards simply to present a populist view or to arrive at the lowest common denominator on which to plan and manage our Lodge life.'

Closer Co-operation with Mark and Royal Arch.

The Task Force appointed by the Grand Master continued discussions with representatives of the United Supreme Grand Chapter and developed proposals which might give more practical meaning to Regulation 1.1.

At the September 1998 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master said:

'I want to place three matters before this Grand Lodge:

- i No action has been, nor ever will be, contemplated which could place this Grand Lodge or the United Supreme Grand Chapter at risk in terms of their international recognitions.
- ii No action has been, nor ever will be, contemplated which could conflict with the Articles of Union of this Grand Lodge or of the United Supreme Grand Chapter.
- iii A likely outcome of the discussions is that the Craft will encourage Fellowcraft Freemasons to attend a meeting of a Chapter to take that portion of the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason designated "Mark Man" to supplement the instruction received in the Second Degree.'

Name of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge adopted the following motion, presented by the Grand Registrar, Right Wor Bro John E. Armfield, PAGM:

That the existing Regulation 1.2 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Regulation be substituted:

1.2 Constitution of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge consists of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Present and Past

Grand Lodge Officers, and the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Master Masons of Private Lodges recorded in its books. This collective Body is styled the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and is hereinafter referred to as the 'Grand Lodge'.

This important change included the Australian Capital Territory for the first time to the delight of Canberra brethren and the chagrin of historians.

Changes to the Ceremonial Offices of Grand Lodge.

In summary, the proposed changes were:

- i There will be seven fewer Ceremonial Officers. The following offices will be eliminated - the two Grand Inspectors of Workings; one of the Senior Grand Deacons; one of the Junior Grand Deacons; the Deputy Grand Pursuivant and two of the Grand Stewards.
- ii The Grand Master shall appoint the Grand Wardens, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Grand Chaplains. In the case of the Grand Chaplains the Grand Master shall have power to appoint up to four Grand Chaplains instead of the current number of two.
- iii The Grand Master will have a discretion as to whether or not he appoints an Assistant Grand Master.
- iv The February Special Communication for receiving nominations shall be abolished and replaced with a system of nominations

forwarded in writing to the Grand Secretary.

- v Nominations for the Office of Grand Master shall be submitted by the first working day in February and the election shall be held at the March Communication. Nominations for the other Offices, Boards and Committees shall be submitted by the first working day of May and elections shall be held at the June Communication instead of the March Communication. Grand Officers shall continue to take up their Office at the date of the proclamation or installation of the Grand Master, but members of Boards and Committees shall take up office on 1 July instead of 1 June.

A motion to establish these changes was lost at a secret ballot.

Year 2000 Committee.

On Friday 13 November 1998, sixty golfers played at Kogarah Golf Club in a metropolitan qualifying 4BBB Stableford event for the Year 2000 finals.

Sponsors were James Hardie Industries, St George Masonic Club, BRL Hardy Wines, National Australia Bank, BHP Port Kembla and D. Gulloch Motors, Wollongong.

The prizes were presented to the winners by the Deputy Grand Master and Year 2000 Committee chairman, Right Wor Bro George Curry.

Golden Jubilee of Lodge Calala No. 754.

The celebrations and proclamation ceremony held in October 1998 were a great success for Tamworth Masons.

There were four of the foundation members in Very Wor Bro Noel Swain, Wor Bro Frederick Hicks, who travelled from Sydney, Wor Bro George Woolaston and Wor Bro Thomas Agnew in attendance. Each was presented with a certificate to commemorate fifty years of membership of Lodge Calala.

The proclaiming officer was Wor Bro Bill Walsh who had attended the consecration of Lodge Calala as a visitor in 1948.

Once again, Wor Bro Edward Pollard from Lodge Cookham Manor No. 4191 in Sindlesham, Berkshire, England, was in attendance. He was at the installation in 1997 and had covered approximately 50,000 km to attend the two meetings. Maybe some of the members who find it difficult to travel a few kilometres to Lodge meetings can take heart from his feat!

The 75th Year of Lodge Warragamba No. 541.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green attended the special meeting and advised Grand Lodge:

'I attended Lodge Warragamba No. 541, where the brethren celebrated their 75th anniversary installation on Saturday, 17 October 1998, in the Masonic Centre at Orchard Hills. This was a happy, busy occasion with many visitors and a great south. It was good to share this night with so many friends in a very active Lodge which demonstrates by its vitality that Lodges can succeed, numerically and otherwise, in the changed circumstances of our present society.'

International Night.

The Grand Master advised Grand Lodge that he had attended an International Night:

'Another occasion of note was the combined meeting of Districts 1, 2 and 3 on Monday, 19 October 1998, in the Masonic Centre, Sydney, under the Charter of Lodge France No. 1021. On that occasion, I witnessed a First Degree exemplification performed by visiting Dutch brethren who were ably assisted by some Canadian Freemasons.

What a night of International fraternal relationships it was and I took the opportunity to present commemorative plaques to the visitors from overseas. The ritual work, though different to ours in many respects, was essentially familiar and everyone present was inspired by the philosophical depth of the explanations given to the candidate.'

Grand Installation in New Zealand.

On 27 November 1998, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green travelled to Auckland to attend the installation of Most Wor Bro John Michael Pope as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Annual Assembly of the Grande Loge Nationale Française.

On 5 December 1998, accompanied by Mrs Janet Green, 17 brethren and 9 ladies, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green attended the Annual Assembly of the Grande Loge Nationale Française in Paris. Most Wor Bro Lord Farnham, the Pro-Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England was the installing Master for the occasion.

*Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on
9 December 1998.*

In the absence overseas of the Grand Master, the chair was

occupied by the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro George Curry.

Obligation of Worshipful Master-Elect.

The Members' Board adopted a recommendation of the Ritual Committee that an option be provided for the Worshipful Master-elect to be permitted to recite the obligation of Worshipful Master-elect in the Second Degree, or to repeat it as is the current practice.

Nomination and Election to Grand Lodge Office and to Boards and Committees.

Grand Lodge adopted without debate a motion presented by the Grand Treasurer, Right Wor Bro John S. Pearson, PDGM, on behalf of the Executive Council and the Members' Board. In summary the motion was:

- i That the elections of Grand Lodge Officers and members of Boards and Committees, but not the election of the Grand Master, be moved from the March Communication to the June Communication in each year;
- ii That the election of the Grand Master should continue to be held at the March Communication each year;
- iii That the Special Communication in early February to receive nominations for all of those elections be discontinued and, instead, nominations for the Office of

Grand Master be required to be lodged with the Grand Secretary not later than on the first working day of February each year and nominations for the other elections be required to be lodged with the Grand Secretary not later than on the first working day in May each year;

- iv That where there are more nominations for an Office than are necessary to fill that Office, details of the nominees will be printed and circulated for the information of brethren prior to the Communication at which the ballot will be taken; and
- v That the commencement of the terms of elected and appointed members of Boards and Committees will in future coincide with the terms of invested Grand Lodge Officers, that is on the date of the Grand Installation or Proclamation rather than the first of June as at present.

Lodge Evans No. 502 Celebrates 75 years.

Over 140 Masons from a wide area of central NSW gathered in Eugowra on Tuesday, 16 February 1999, to celebrate the unveiling of a plaque recording seventy-five years of Lodge Evans No. 502, which was consecrated on 24 February 1924.

The Master, Wor Bro Michael Mongan, welcomed Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn, OAM, Past Grand Master, and the forty members of Grand Lodge who attended with him. He then closed the Lodge and admitted ladies, and a number of personalities, not members of the Lodge, to witness Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn, unveil the wall plaque.

Most Wor Bro Dunn mentioned that the Lodge had gone through some very hard times. In 1952 the

Mandagery Creek flooded the township, and the Lodge Rooms went under water, which destroyed the flooring and furniture.

Again in 1990 the Creek flooded, and once again the flooring and some furniture were ruined. The Masons again rebuilt, only to have the Lodge walls and ceiling damaged in the earthquake of 1995. This damage was repaired and the Lodge Rooms looked in great condition for the large number that filled it for the 75th anniversary.

A celebration dinner was later held at the Eugowra Golf Club.

Grand Installation in Tasmania.

In February 1999, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green, together with the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro George Curry and a very large contingent of NSW Freemasons and their partners, travelled to Tasmania to attend the installation of Most Wor Bro Alan Swinton as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

Grand Installation in Victoria.

In March 1999, a delegation from New South Wales travelled to Melbourne to attend the installation of Right Wor Bro Carl Stewart as the new Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Most Wor Bro Green said:

‘There is real value in attending these interstate installations as we are able to witness the ceremonial work of Sister

Constitutions and develop friendships and strengthen the fraternal relationships between the Grand Lodges of Australia.'

Grand Charity Deposit Fund.

At the March 1999 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Executive Council announced that it had authorised the creation within the Grand Charity of a Deposit Fund in which Lodges and their Hall Companies could invest 'free' or surplus funds as well as proceeds of sale of Masonic property.

The Deposit Fund was for the mutual benefit of Lodges, Hall Companies and the Grand Charity, as it was able to pay tax- exempt earnings on investments and deposits with a small margin of earnings for the Grand Charity.

Masonic Awareness Week 1999.

All Lodges and Districts were encouraged to take part in 'Awareness '99' from 13 to 20 March.

They were advised that there was no better opportunity for Lodges to make the Craft and its caring role in the community more evident than in an 'awareness' period.

It was a time for Freemasonry to become better known to the general public and the enormous potential it represented through adherence to its fundamental principles to influence for good the future welfare of our society.

The Grand Lodge made available leaflets for distribution by Lodges, and the transportable display stands which were allocated by Regional Grand Councillors as well as the provision of major newspaper promotion.

Consecration of Goulburn District Daylight Lodge No. 1024.

'A most significant, important and historic occasion.' These words were expressed by the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW and ACT, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond C. Green, when addressing some 140 Masons at the consecration ceremony of the Goulburn Daylight Lodge No. 1024, on 27 March 1999.

This was a unique event in Goulburn's Masonic history spanning 150 years, taking place at the Goulburn and District Soldier's Club. In attendance were thirty-eight foundation members of the new Lodge, sixty Masons from as far afield as Port Macquarie, Parkes Temora, Orange, Batemans Bay and Sydney and over forty members of Grand Lodge.

It was the largest gathering of Masons in Goulburn for many a year and the first new Lodge to be established since 1934.

The installation of Officers of the new Lodge followed under the direction of the Installing Master, Wor Bro John Morris, with Wor Bro George Minchin installed as foundation Master.

Multifunction Room 1 at the Club had been transformed into a Lodge Room using furniture and regalia kindly donated by members of former Lodge Crookwell No. 232, a generous gesture highly commended by incoming Master, Wor Bro

George Minchin. He also acknowledged gifts and contributions from other Lodges totalling more than \$1,400, with indications of donations from some five other Lodges.

Following the ceremonies, brethren adjourned to the adjoining room to enjoy a superb banquet with their partners, swelling the attendance figure to over 160. This room had been tastefully decorated by the ladies with flowers, many of which had been generously donated by Bro and Mrs Gordon Willis of Crookwell.

The Grand Master then called on District Grand Inspector of Workings, Right Wor Bro Gordon Wade to accept a cheque for \$5,000 as a contribution from all Masons to the Crookwell Bushfire Appeal.

Grand Master's final Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on 9 June 1999.

In summarising his three-year term as Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green said:

'I would not be totally honest with you or with myself if I let this opportunity pass without some comment about the state of Freemasonry in New South Wales. After many years observation, and having been in the unique position given to few men, as leader of the Craft, having shared with many hundreds of Freemasons throughout the State, having served on many Councils and Boards of the United Grand Lodge, I have come to the conclusion that the biggest problem facing Freemasonry today is not in declining numbers or better quality members, not in the state of our Lodge Rooms, or the changing face of philanthropic charitable organizations, not in the cost of belonging, not in the presentation of ritual

or the state of the "south", however important those things are. The biggest problem facing Freemasonry in New South Wales is indifference!! Many people just don't care. Now this may be a reflection of the state of affairs in the general community, in our schools and in our homes and in our workplaces, but it should not be the state of affairs in Freemasonry.

Down through history Freemasons have been those people who do care, who were "agents of change" in their communities. They established orphans' societies when there were none, they built hospitals for the poor, they changed the political face of countries if ruled by despots. They were active in Parliament and government departments.

They had a unique value and philosophical system which made an impact in the homes and upbringing of their children. They cared for the state of people less fortunate than themselves. They had a high personal, moral and ethical standard in which all brethren believed and lived accordingly.

Freemasonry still has all that as a base principle and tenet. What is needed is for enough brethren to recapture that vision and enthusiasm; to actively practise what it means to be a Freemason today, to believe that belonging to such an organization is not like belonging to just any organization or club. Freemasonry is uniquely different, it demands a higher standard from its members. It is a privilege to belong, for not everyone can belong. We are different, we are special, we have a high standard, we are concerned about a positive future for our children and our country.

It is a commitment and responsibility that not everyone will want to accept but I strongly believe that if we have enough men who are

prepared to take that responsibility and are prepared to commit themselves in time, talent and money we will become an organization that will make a difference. An organization that people will want to join, an organization that people will start to notice again. But, more importantly, we will become that organization we were intended to be from our foundation, one in which we can be justifiably proud.'

Use of Square and Compasses Logo.

The Executive Council approved in June 1999 a request from Talisman Golf to use the square and compasses logo on golf clubs which it proposed to advertise for sale in *The NSW Freemason*. Talisman Golf undertook to make a contribution to the Grand Charity of \$100 for each set sold.

Corporate Trustee Company.

The Annual Report of the Grand Lodge Trustees to the June 1999 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge advised:

During 1999 the Executive Council approached the Grand Lodge Trustees with a proposal to replace the personal Trustees of Grand Lodge with a Corporate Trustee Company. The proposal was to amend the present Regulation 7 of the Constitution so that all real property was vested in the three Trustees but all funds, finances and the like would be vested in a Corporate Trustee Company.

The proposal initiated long and involved discussions and correspondence between the Trustees, the Executive Council and the Grand Registrars. After lengthy consideration, the Trustees submitted certain amendments to the Executive Council which placed the Trustees as the sole directors of the Corporate Trustee

Company. The suggestion by the Trustees simplified the administration of the funds and finances of Grand Lodge as desired by the Executive Council but retained the Trustees as the legal owner of all property and funds as is established by the present Regulations.

The Trustees are happy to record the amendments made by them have been adopted by the Executive Council and it is anticipated the Constitution will be amended during 1999.

The Report was signed by the Trustees:

Most Wor Bro Harold G. Coates, OBE, Past Grand Master

Most Wor Bro Ronald L.H. Johnson, AM, Past Grand Master

Right Wor Bro Gordon H. Watt, Past Deputy Grand Master

Foundation Day Dinner 1999.

On Thursday 24 June 1999 at the Foundation Day Dinner, the Grand Master made his Grand Master's Awards for 1999.

The award to a person, not being a Mason, who had made a significant contribution to the community, was presented to Commissioner Phil Koperberg, AM, AFSM, BEM, Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service. The citation read:

As an expression of appreciation by the Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory for outstanding community service.

Very Wor Bro Herbert Henry (Smoky) Dawson, AM, MBE, PDGIW, was the recipient of the Grand Master's Award to a Mason. His citation read:

For outstanding service to Freemasonry and support of many charities in the community.

Mrs Vera Fagen, a lady who had strongly supported Freemasonry for nearly half a century, was a worthy recipient of the Grand Master's Award. The citation read:

In appreciation of long and distinguished service in support of Freemasonry's charitable objectives.

Richard Marcel Schweizer, a student at the University of Sydney, Faculty of Law, received the Grand Master's Award given to a young person demonstrating high achievement. The citation read:

For outstanding academic achievement.

Grand Charity Board.

At the June 1999 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, a motion was adopted to create the Grand Charity Board.

In support of his motion, the Grand Registrar, Right Wor Bro John E. Armfield, PAGM, said:

'The proposed Regulation 8.8 is the next step in the evolution of the Grand Charity. At the September 1997 Communication, Grand Lodge approved the creation of the NSW Freemasons' Grand Charity Fund. The Fund has as its purpose the conducting of appeals and the receiving of moneys for the relief of persons in necessitous circumstances and any other charitable purpose consistent with the

relevant provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997.

The Grand Charity is based on the very successful model created by the United Grand Lodge of England. The creation of the English Grand Charity was completed in 1981. Since that time it has become a multi-million pound fund which assists both Masonic and non-Masonic charities. In a five-year period it provided some £4,000,000 to Masonic charities. It also allocated some 10% of its donations to non-Masonic charities such as the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, the hospice movement and cancer relief.

Whilst our Grand Charity will not necessarily operate on precisely the same lines as the English model it is intended that it should be the major Grand Lodge fund raising enterprise responsible for the provision of charity. As such it is proposed that it will administer the Grand Charity Fund, direct fund raising activities and make grants, including grants to existing Masonic charities.

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The creation of this Board is intended to establish the public profile of the Grand Charity and make further appropriately qualified manpower and resources available to it. It is a logical and desirable step to take at this point in time.'

Flag of the Australian Capital Territory.

In June 1999, Very Wor Bro Ronald H. Davies, District Grand Inspector of Workings No. 102 and Very Wor Bro Eric G. Cole, District Grand Inspector of Workings No. 102A presented the Grand Master with a flag of the ACT, being a

gift from the Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory.

New Web Site.

On 21 June 1999, the re-designed Grand Lodge Web site presented a new, consistent appearance and the navigation bars enabled novices and experts alike to find their way around the site.

Some material was not available to the general public and it was necessary to restrict it to Masons only. Step by step details of how to access restricted areas was provided as a guide.

CHAPTER IV

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MOST WOR BRO
GEORGE RICHARD CURRY

(6 AUGUST 1999 - 9 AUGUST 2002)

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge for the installation of the Grand Master-elect, Right Wor Bro George Richard Curry, and for the investiture of Grand Officers was held in the Town Hall, Sydney, on Friday, 6 August 1999 in the presence of The Honourable Gordon Samuels, AC, Governor of New South Wales and Mrs Samuels, together with wives, family members, friends of Masons and members of the public. The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Revd. Raymond C. Green, at 7.30 pm.

Admission of Visitors

The distinguished visitors were admitted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Very Wor Bro Darryn S. Cherry; the announcements being preceded by a fanfare of trumpets:

- Most Excellent Companion Kevin V. Andersson, First Grand Principal and Grand Master of The United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and delegation
- Most Wor Bro Emmanuel Anthony, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and delegation
- Most Wor Bro The Venerable Archdeacon Stanley F. Threlfall, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and delegation
- Most Wor Bro Alan B. Swinton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, and delegation

- Most Wor Bro John M. Pope, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and delegation
- Most Wor Bro Carl B. Stewart, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and delegation
- Most Wor Bro John J. Stone, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and delegation
- Right Wor Bro E Jaussen, the Representative of the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of France, (GLNF) and delegation.

The Grand Master-elect, Right Wor Bro George Richard Curry was duly installed and proclaimed as Grand Master.

Right Wor Bro John Edward Armfield, LL M, was invested as Deputy Grand Master.

In his address, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry said:

'Brethren, we stand at a crossroads. This Grand Lodge celebrated its centenary in 1988. In that year, it established a Commission for the Future which reported at the end of 1990. During the years immediately following, the Grand Lodge set in place a strategic planning process and in 1995, we finally achieved approval of our re-written Book of Constitutions. From 1996 to the present, we have been progressively introducing fine-tuning so as to try to ensure that this Grand Lodge can survive in the competitive environment of the 21st century. Many of our moves in this direction have succeeded; a few have been frustrated through our lack of success in being able to explain the benefits which will flow from proposed changes but I am sure of being able to put that right over time.

I am, therefore, confident that I have inherited a Grand Lodge structure and administration which is attuned to the times and can withstand the rigours of the new millennium. My major concern is that not all of our Private Lodges have yet understood that times have moved on and change is necessary

if they are to flourish - and I hasten to say that I use the word flourish advisedly because just to survive in the new millennium will not be sufficient. We do not have a reserved spot in the market place and we, like any other product or service in a free economy, have to take positive steps to ensure that we create and satisfy a market demand.

Because of these concerns, I intend, during my term, to work on policy development in two main areas. The first is to ensure that our Lodges appeal to younger men and the second is to create an environment where, although we will remain an organization for men, the wives of a younger generation of Masons will empathise with our vision and will, themselves, have a more identifiable role in the wider spectrum of Masonic activity.

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I would like now to share with you the main initiatives I will be pursuing to support the objective of regenerating our Lodges:

- I will - visit all of the eleven Regions in our Jurisdiction within the first six months of my incumbency and, in conjunction with each Regional Grand Counsellor, will conduct an open forum meeting so that all concerned can be given to understand our objectives and to agree the way forward.
- I will - request the Masonic Buildings Board to strengthen its programme of raising the standards of our Masonic buildings and to

ensure that all new Masonic buildings have a sound commercial basis.

- I will - ensure that my appointments to Boards and Committees are, in so far as is possible, reflective of the general need to lower our average age.
- I will - encourage the formation of new Lodges to reflect the new groupings within our society and to encourage the coming together of younger Masons. To this end, I will work towards an objective of consecrating an average of one new Lodge per month by the third year of this programme.
- I will - in order to institute interesting variation in our Lodges - be requesting the Deputy Grand Master to head up a taskforce which will seek to draw up and implement a plan whereby Lodges can be registered to work in one of a selection of approved Rituals.
- I will - assist Lodges by providing them with criteria applicable to meetings where the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master are desired to be in attendance. By this means Lodges will be able to understand what we mean when we claim to be an organization of excellence so that my Office and that of my Deputy will no longer continue to be a silent endorsement of poor ritual presentations, poor Festive Boards and inferior buildings.
- I will not let you down.

To be successful in rejuvenating our Craft, we will need to challenge ourselves in the quality of all of our actions, whether in the Lodge Room or out in the community. We will need to ensure that in everything we do, we add value.'

The Grand Master announced as his theme:

FREEMASONRY'S NOT A SECRET . . . I'M PROUD TO BE A MASON

During the proceedings, the Grand Organist, Heralds and the NSW Masonic Centenary Ensemble

presented several musical items and a solo 'The Holy City' was sung by Right Wor Bro Noel Melvin, PDGM.

Other functions associated with the Grand Installation included:

- Reception at the Sydney Masonic Centre
- Ladies Brunch and entertainment at the Sydney Masonic Centre
- Grand Installation Banquet at the Sydney Masonic Centre
- Ecumenical Service at the Sydney Masonic Centre
- Harbour Luncheon Cruise on the *Showboat*.

Most Wor Bro George Richard Curry, - A Profile

George Curry was born in the inner Sydney suburb of Surry Hills on 25 December 1941. At the age of five the family (two younger sisters) made a move to Alexandria where he went to Alexandria Public School. Alexandria was home for a number of years and he commenced High School at Gardeners Road Technical School. Having completed his first year at this school the family made another move, this time to Yagoona. George was transferred to East Hills Boys High and, like most young men, played as much sport as possible. Midweek, with the school, it was Rugby Union, and at weekends, Rugby League, first with Alexandria Rovers and later (when they moved again) with West Ryde Dundas until the age of twenty-two. Whilst at East Hills he was the district Shot-Put champion.

At the age of fifteen he left school and commenced an apprenticeship as a fitter and

machinist with the NSW Government Railways. At the age of sixteen the family moved to Concord West, where he met a young lady by the name of Annette Jill Darnell whom he later married in February 1965.

Towards the end of his apprenticeship he was chosen to join a development programme as a trainee engineer. This work included almost two years in the country. The first year was maintaining the pumping station to supply water for steam locomotives, and the second to decommission the pumping plants due to the change from steam to diesel.

Having completed his diploma, he changed jobs twice and finally commenced with James Hardie as a production superintendent at the Camellia factory in December 1973. During the next twenty-six years he had several jobs with the company including an appointment for six months in Melbourne.

In June 1980 he was promoted to the executive staff and he took the family to Indonesia for a period of four years. Whilst there, he managed two factories and finally closed one down before returning to Australia in July 1984.

Again, over the years, he had a number of roles in a senior position and spent 1986 through to 1999 at the Rosehill plant where he was responsible for the rationalisation of two factories into one. His final job at James Hardie was to complete a rationalisation programme in the Brisbane factory. He retired at the end of August 1999.

George's Masonic career commenced in December 1965 with Lodge Stanmore No. 366 and he still

remains a very proud member of that Lodge. In 1977-78 he served as Worshipful Master, and later as Director of Ceremonies and Secretary.

In 1985, he affiliated with Lodge Cumberland No. 752 but called off due to work commitments some years later.

George was Treasurer of the Parramatta Masonic Club Golf Club from 1986 to 1989 and President from late 1989 to 1993. In addition he was a Director of the parent club for the year 1991-92.

Annette and George built their home in Carlingford, and they have two children, Martin and Jennine.

Most of their leisure time is family based, Annette loves sewing and gardening and many handicrafts, while George still loves to work with timber and is a keen Parramatta Rugby League supporter and a member of the Muirfield Golf Club, although does not get much time, presently, to swing the clubs.

Annette and George are looking forward to the challenge ahead with great enthusiasm.

Activities by Other Orders.

At the September 1999 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Executive Council noted that:

- Mark Man Ceremony:
The United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales

and the Australian Capital Territory was proceeding carefully with the development of a Mark Man ceremony. The Council concurred with the need for great care to be taken in this matter.

- The Supreme Council 33°:
The Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted (Scottish) Rite for Australia had reversed a change of rule which would have permitted members of the Rite with ten years service to relinquish their Craft Lodge memberships but remain as members of the Rite.

Indemnity of Grand Lodge Members.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 8 September 1999, Grand Lodge adopted a Regulation which specified that:

Every member of Grand Lodge who shall become a director or officer of any company either by direction of the Grand Master or pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Lodge shall be indemnified against loss or liability by reason of anything done by, omitted to be done by, or for any circumstance arising from him being a director or officer of such company irrespective of whether or not the act, omission or circumstance giving rise to that liability occurred before or after the date upon which this regulation commenced.

Minimum Age of Admission into the Craft.

Grand Lodge at the September 1999 Quarterly Communication adopted a motion presented by the Grand Registrar, Right Wor Bro Andrew S. Brown, PJGW, that Regulation 17.2.4 be amended to read as follows:

[The applicant] is not less than eighteen years of age.

In proposing the motion, Right Wor Bro Brown said:

'The proposed amendment has the effect of reducing the minimum joining age for the Craft in this Jurisdiction to the age of majority, being 18 years old and will effectively abolish the age distinction in the Regulations between a Lewis and any other man wishing to join the Craft.'

The Grand Registrar also went on to point out that the proposed Regulation does not affect the right of a Lewis to be initiated before any other person; that is based on custom and ritual, not the Regulations. The Regulation also recognised that the age of majority in Australia is 18 years old and the Craft must acknowledge this fact.

Year 2000 Fund.

The Executive Council re-affirmed that the principal expenditures from the Year 2000 Fund would continue to be:

- Sponsorships of selected programmes of Surf Life Saving New South Wales
- Sponsorship of one award in the Tidy Towns Programme of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council.
- Selected sporting competitions (golf, bowls, darts, snooker) for Masons, families and friends.

Golden Jubilee of Lodge Gynea No. 796.

On Saturday 16 October 1999, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry accompanied by fifty-five Grand Officers attended on this historic occasion when Right Wor Bro Ken M. Bellingham, PJGW, Grand Lodge office manager, was re-installed as Worshipful Master in the presence of 146 brethren.

The Grand Master presented Bro Kevin Wilton, the first initiate into the Lodge, with his fifty year membership jewel and certificate.

A book recording the fifty years' history of the Lodge was launched and a copy presented to the Grand Master by the Worshipful Master.

Music for Masonic Lodges without Organists.

The Immediate Past Grand Director of Music, Right Wor Bro Noel Melvin, PDGM, and audio engineer Right Wor Bro Bruce Sheldrick, PJGW, produced a satisfactory CD system, simple to operate and of a high musical standard, which would enhance the work of Lodges when a regular organist was not available. The system developed by Noel Melvin and Bruce Sheldrick was the result of lengthy experimentation and research and adequately filled the intrinsic need for music in Masonic ceremonies. The solution was to operate the system with two CD players and two separate compact discs, one CD covering ritual music for the First, Second and Third Degrees and the installation ceremony together with some incidental music.

The second CD played continuous music suitable for all perambulations. These two players could then be worked in combination using the band selection procedure built into all CD players.

The Executive Council unanimously endorsed this new system and, during the October 1999 meeting of Regional Grand Counsellors, an explanation and demonstration of the system was presented so that District Grand Inspectors of Workings and Lodges could be advised by the Regional Grand Counsellors.

A Night of Appreciation.

On Saturday, 30 October 1999 in the Banquet Hall of the Sydney Masonic Centre, a special occasion was held to show appreciation to Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Charles Green and his wife, Janet.

A representative gathering of brethren, the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and five Past Grand Masters, together with their partners, enjoyed an excellent menu, good conversation, enjoyable entertainment and an opportunity to recognise the tremendous amount of effort our Guests of Honour had given to the Craft.

Most Wor Bro Revd Raymond Green served this Grand Lodge as Grand Chaplain, Deputy Grand Master and then Grand Master. He, and his wife Janet, certainly made a wonderful contribution and, in recognition, a presentation was made of video equipment which will receive a lot of attention in the future. Those in attendance were pleased Ray and Janet's family enjoyed this very pleasant gathering.

Consecration of Lodge Millennium No. 2000.

The consecration of Lodge Millennium No. 2000 took place on Friday, 19 November 1999 at the Epping Masonic Centre.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry, opened an Occasional Lodge during which he conducted the consecration ceremony. The Grand Master was supported by the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro John Armfield, and the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Officers under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Very Wor Bro Russell Foster.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of brethren, many of whom were taking part in a consecration of a Lodge for the first time.

The consecration was followed by the installation of the foundation Master, Bro Joseph Frank Beresford Turner, by the Immediate Past Master of Lodge Pennant Hills, Wor Bro John Sim. Lodge Pennant Hills No. 905 was the sponsoring Lodge of the new Lodge.

The ceremonies were followed by an excellent banquet held at the Boronia Gardens Function Centre.

Most Wor Bro Robert Hammond, Past Grand Master, proposed the toast to the new Lodge.

There were a number of presentations during the evening including donations to the Grand Charity of \$500 as a token of appreciation from the Lodge for the granting of the number 2000, and \$250 to the charity known as OPALS which had been created by the Grand Master's wife, Annette.

Lodge Millennium took as its motto 'Praestantia' (Excellence), and it is to excellence that the members are committed.

Year of Older Persons.

The year 1999 was the International Year of Older Persons. It was, therefore, with great pride and pleasure that the Grand Master announced that two Masons had been awarded a Special Certificate from the Commonwealth Government in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the community. The brethren were Most Wor Bro Harold Coates, OBE, Past Grand Master, and Bro John Bartlett, who had been honoured for services to the communities of Lithgow and Bankstown respectively. Criteria for the award were that the nominee should be an outstanding role model for the community; should have made a significant or outstanding contribution to the well-being of people; should present a significant positive image of ageing and have achieved a notable and new attainment for himself or have been a quiet achiever working for his community.

Death of Right Wor Bro Frank Milton Jeffree, OAM, Past Deputy Grand Master.

Right Wor Bro Jeffree was initiated in Lodge James Cook No. 442 on 19 August 1941 and served the office of Worshipful Master in Lodge Excalibur No. 737 in 1951-52. He served as District Grand Inspector of Workings for District 28 in the 1958-60 term and had the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden conferred in 1974. He was appointed Assistant Grand Master for the 1974-75 Masonic year and in 1987 had the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master conferred.

In later years, Right Wor Bro Jeffree was best known for his active role as President of the Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution of NSW and he was credited for the great strides which that Institution made in aged care under his leadership.

Right Wor Bro Jeffree's sincere and competent manner will be sorely missed. He died on 9 January 2000.

Communications Manager.

A newly appointed Communications Manager, Bro Norris Smith, commenced his duties in mid-January 2000. Norris made an important contribution in bringing the good news of Masonic achievements, particularly in the field of community service, into the public domain.

Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

At the end of February 2000, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry, led a delegation of 63 brethren and ladies to the Centenary Grand Installation of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia which took place in the city of Perth. This was clearly the largest delegation NSW have had, at least in the last ten years.

Most Wor Bro W D (Peter) Stokes was installed as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Regional Visits by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry and other Senior Grand Lodge Officers attended a conference at each of the eleven Masonic Regions in the Jurisdiction.

The visits were:

Region 1	Sydney North	2 November 1999
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Region 2 1999	Sydney South	30	November
Region 3 December 1999	Sydney West	13	
Region 4 1999	Hunter	23	November
Region 5 November 1999	North Coast	15	
Region 6	New England	5	February 2000
Region 7	Orana	29	January 2000
Region 8 2000	Murray	12	February
Region 9 February 2000	Central West	12	
Region 10	South	19	February 2000
Region 11	South Coast	3	March 2000

As a result, The Grand Secretary prepared summaries of the principal issues which were raised. These issues were documented into the Business Plan and encouragement was given for Regions to develop their own plans which reflected issues relevant to a particular geographical area. The subjects of communication, leadership of the Craft, training and education were the forefront of discussions at all of the Regional meetings.

Masonic Awareness.

Masonic Awareness Week was an annual event for several years. While there was some success in a number of Regions in recruiting and regaining members, retention remained a problem,

especially among the 25 to 45 age group. It was proven that Lodges which had a good management structure and high standards in all other aspects of their Lodge functions maintained a sustainable membership. They were gaining new members but, most importantly, they were retaining the new members as well as their existing members.

The many successful Lodges which were enjoying a stable membership had the right things in place to create an environment where their members pursued Masonic awareness and promotion on a continuous basis - 52 weeks a year. It was primarily up to each Lodge to implement initiatives and programmes to regenerate the Lodge experience for their existing members and to revitalise the Craft with new members.

Masonic awareness and promotion, it was agreed, was best served by all Lodges promoting themselves 52 weeks a year. There would no longer be any single week as Masonic Awareness Week. Rather, it was left to the discretion of Regions and/or Districts to decide if a particular week or period in a locality had community significance and could be advantageous in terms of Masonic participation. There was not an abandoning of the concept of Masonic awareness but the initiative was to be handed over to brethren at large.

Changes to the Election and Appointment of the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge.

A number of significant changes were made to the Book of Constitutions. These were adopted by Grand Lodge.

- Delete the Office of Grand Inspector of Workings

- Create the Office of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Every nominee seeking election to a Grand Lodge Office (with the exception of the Pro-Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, Regional Grand Counsellors, District Grand Inspectors of Workings, Grand Secretary, Deputy Grand Secretary, Regional Buildings Officers and Grand Stewards) shall lodge with the Grand Secretary no later than 4.00 pm on the first working day in May a nomination form, duly signed as specified in Regulation 3.1.1., containing the information detailed in 3.1.2. and, in addition thereto, particulars of the office(s) or position(s) for which the brother is accepting nomination.
- The nominations for Grand Deacons shall not specify that the nomination is for either Senior Grand Deacon or Junior Grand Deacon. At the ballot for Grand Deacons the brother receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected as Senior Grand Deacon and the brother receiving the next highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected as Junior Grand Deacon.
- The Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies shall be appointed annually by the Grand Master from the Past Masters of Lodges in this Jurisdiction.
- It shall be the duty of the Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies to train those Grand Lodge Officers involved in ceremonial duties and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the Grand Master.

The new Office of (two) Assistant Grand Director(s) of Ceremonie(s) was established. These brethren would be elected and occupation of this Office would be part of the normal progression through the Ceremonial Offices. The objective was to emphasise the importance of training and to empower specific officers to carry out this role.

The number of Senior Grand Deacons and Junior Grand Deacons was reduced in each case from two to one.

The objective was to make entry into the Ceremonial Offices a more attractive option to brethren on the basis that the number of years they were required to commit would be reduced.

Consecration of Lodge Pythagoras No. 1026.

On 25 March 2000, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George R. Curry, assisted by the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge consecrated Lodge Pythagoras No. 1026 at the Egyptian Room, Petersham. Wor Bro Simon Delagrammatis was installed as its foundation Master.

It was intended that Lodge Pythagoras would adopt a Greek style in its membership and social gatherings.

Hunter Valley Masonic Widows' Association.

There was a day of celebration on 1 April 2000 for the Hunter Valley Masonic Widows' Association. Being the first Masonic Widows' Association in the Jurisdiction, they were celebrating twenty years to the month of their formation.

With over one hundred in attendance, President Mrs Betty Collins welcomed Bro Jack Baldwin, President of the Masters' and Wardens' Association of the Newcastle Districts, Bro George Brown and his wife representing the Grand Lodge Officers Association of Newcastle, Mr and Mrs Phil Jackson representing the Newcastle City Council, along with the six Patrons.

The six Patrons were Bro John Read, Bro Jim Rix, Bro Vic Swiney (original Patrons) with Bro Jack Bertram, Bro Bill Hutcheon and Bro Jack Land.

Mrs Dorothy Rix (wife of Bro Jim Rix) was invited to cut the 20th birthday cake. Excellent entertainment topped off a very enjoyable luncheon meeting.

Death of Right Wor Bro Kellerman, OBE, BEC, MACE, FIBA, FCES, Past Deputy Grand Master.

The Masonic world lost one of its outstanding members, with the recent passing of noted educator, Right Wor Bro Maurice Herman 'Harry' Kellerman. Harry was born in Wellington, New Zealand in 1902 and migrated to Sydney with his family in 1910.

After successfully completing his secondary education in 1919, he attended the University of Sydney where he graduated in economics. He later qualified as a mathematics and science teacher.

Professionally, he was best remembered for his administration of Blackfriars Correspondence School from 1938 to 1963, and as Principal and a Director of the International Correspondence Schools from 1963 until his retirement.

He was Headmaster, for twelve years, of the biggest school in the southern hemisphere, with a staff of more than 100 teachers, reaching 7,000 pupils in isolated areas. Always a hands-on teacher, Harry Kellerman broadcast School of the Air lessons for an hour every day. His voice was said by the ABC to be one of the most recognised in the State.

In 1969, Right Wor Bro Kellerman was recognised for his service to the community in the field of education when he became an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE).

He also brought his energy and expertise to Jewish education and community fund raising activities. In 1939 he was asked to teach English to Jewish refugees. From this experience he wrote a report advising the Department of Education of how to deal with refugee assimilation.

Masonically, Harry made his many talents freely available during his seventy-five years of service to the Craft.

After being initiated into Lodge Apsley No. 129, United Grand Lodge of New South Wales on 10 September 1924, he affiliated with a number of Lodges whilst moving around the State to various teaching posts.

His participation in Freemasonry was extensive.

As well as serving as Worshipful Master in several Lodges, District Grand Inspector of Workings, and in various capacities in Grand Lodge, Harry was best remembered for:

- Being a foundation member of the Publications Committee of *The NSW Freemason*;
- His contribution to Masonic education, including his roles as both Official Lecturer and a Member of the Committee of Masonic Education;
- The establishment of the Research Lodge of New South Wales No. 971;
- The Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council honoured his work by titling lectures chosen for its biennial meetings, *The Kellerman Lectures*;
- Writing *From Diamond Jubilee to Centenary*, volumes V and VI of the History of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales covering the period from 1948 to 1988, in his role as Grand Historian; and
- His work to improve the Grand Lodge Library in his role as Grand Librarian.
- Writing *The History of The Order of the Secret Monitor, or the Brotherhood of David and Jonathan*, in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Right Wor Bro Kellerman was also a much-loved family man, with two sons, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Harry passed away in Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital on Sunday, 16 April 2000.

Business Manager Employed.

As part of a substantial restructuring plan, the United Grand Lodge of NSW and the ACT employed Mr Ken Taylor as Business Manager. This was a new position created by the

Executive Council acting on a recommendation by the Grand Master.

Mr Taylor commenced in his new role on Monday, 1 May 2000.

Grand Installation of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

The Grand Master and brethren of South Australia, were hosts to our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and their wives, and the twenty-four brethren and fourteen ladies who attended the celebrations relating to the installation of Most Wor Bro Geoffrey D. Tucker as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory from 14 to 17 April 2000.

The various events were held in the Adelaide Convention Centre and its Exhibition Hall and the Grand Lodge Masonic Centre and included a coach trip to the Adelaide Hills.

Appointment of Manager of Masonic Administration.

As part of a substantial restructuring plan, the United Grand Lodge of NSW and the ACT appointed Very Wor Bro Alan Pretzman as Manager, Masonic Administration.

Alan commenced in his new role on Monday, 22 May 2000 but continued to retain his position as Secretary of the Masonic Buildings Board, to which he had been appointed in December 1992.

Lodge of Tranquillity's 125 years.

Members of the Lodge of Tranquillity No. 42 enjoyed a double celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Lodge in February and May this year.

The foundation meeting of the Lodge was held in February 1875 at the Masonic Hall, York Street, Sydney. Just 125 years later, on 16 February 2000, at the Bondi Masonic Centre, Right Wor Bro John E. Armfield, Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, was present at the historic meeting.

The highlight of the evening was the initiation of Mr Michael Jaeger and Mr Sheridan Zantis.

A 125 year Lodge history booklet was presented to all brethren present.

At the installation of The Lodge of Tranquillity in May 2000, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George R. Curry, and his Grand Lodge delegation were present for the re-installation of Wor Bro Peter J. Ryner. During the evening, the Grand Master congratulated the seven Entered Apprentices present, of whom four were members of The Lodge of Tranquillity. A 125th anniversary medal and a 125 year Lodge history booklet were presented to all in attendance.

275th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The strong Irish-Australian Masonic connection, which took its rise from memorable events in the history of the colony soon after the original settlement of Sydney, was again evident in June 2000. The occasion was the 275th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and was

marked by the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW and the ACT, Most Wor Bro George Curry, Mrs Curry and thirty-nine New South Wales brethren and partners, who journeyed to Dublin to join their Irish counterparts in the celebrations. The Grand Lodge of Ireland is the second oldest Grand Lodge in the world, the first being the original Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) founded in London in 1717. The Grand Lodge of Scotland was founded in 1736.

The New South Wales delegation of twenty-three brethren was by far the largest of the estimated thirty-eight delegations received from all parts of the world.

The celebratory Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland was held on 8 June 2000 and took the form of a thanksgiving service for the continuity and success of the Grand Lodge during the 275 years of its existence. It is not known exactly when the Grand Lodge of Ireland was formed; however, the year 1725 saw the appearance of the first written reference to its existence.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

A major change from tradition occurred in 2000 when the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, usually held on the second Wednesday in September at 7.30 pm, was held on Wednesday 9 August 2000 at 4.00 pm prior to the proclamation of the Grand Master.

Establishment of Audit Committee.

The Grand Master reported:

'Whilst the planning process is a start, I am convinced that unless we continually review

our own performance in the things we do as Freemasons we will never improve. Consequently, I will be appointing an Audit Committee to review the actions of the Executive Council in regard to its achievement rate in dealing with the issues identified in the Strategic Plan. Likewise, I am of the opinion that Lodges should embark on a system of self-assessment. To this end, one of the questions I asked at the Regional meetings earlier this year was on this very topic.

At those meetings 85% of brethren in attendance were in favour of a system for self-assessment for Lodges. We again sought the opinions of the Regional Grand Counsellors and District Grand Inspectors of Workings at the DGIW conference last May. These groups were similarly unanimous in their support of self-assessment. As a consequence, the Members' Board has prepared a programme of self-assessment for all Lodges.

Again, an audit of this programme is most essential. This will be the responsibility of the District Grand Inspectors of Workings working with the Regional Grand Counsellors. Brethren, I would encourage you to co-operate in this initiative, as we are convinced that it will be an excellent tool which will enable us to improve our wonderful Craft.'

Definition of Metropolitan and Country Members.

Grand Lodge adopted without debate the following motion moved by the Grand Registrar, Right Wor Bro Andrew S. Brown, PAGM:

The existing Regulation 8.1.21(b) be deleted and replaced by a new Regulation as follows:

8.1.21(b) That the word 'Metropolitan' be defined as being that area of the State of New South Wales:

- i within a radius of 40 kilometres of Spoon Rocks at Caves Beach in the City of Lake Macquarie; and
- ii within a radius of 80 kilometres of Uhrs Point on the Parramatta River at Rhodes in the Municipality of Concord; and
- iii within a radius of 25 kilometres of Flagstaff Point at Wollongong in the City of Wollongong.

That the word 'Country' be defined as being all of the State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory and the Jervis Bay Territory other than such as shall lie within that part of the State defined as 'Metropolitan' pursuant to this regulation'.

Master Masons to Qualify for Membership of the Members' Board and the Board of Benevolence.

The Grand Registrar provided the following information in support of the motion, which he moved at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on 9 August 2000:

'Although Master Masons are, under our Regulations, members of Grand Lodge, they are not currently entitled to sit on the Members' Board or the Board of Benevolence. Master Masons are, however, entitled to sit on all other Boards of Grand Lodge.

This amendment seeks to eliminate this discrepancy and to bring the Members' Board and the Board of Benevolence into alignment with other Boards.'

The motion was carried.

Proclamation of Most Wor Bro George Richard Curry for a Second Term as Grand Master.

The ceremony of proclamation was held at the Sydney Masonic Centre on Wednesday 9 August 2000 after the Quarterly Communication held earlier in the afternoon.

The brethren having been joined by their ladies, the Grand Master re-entered Grand Lodge at 6.30 pm and declared the meeting resumed.

The Grand Master received Most Excellent Companion Kevin E. Andersson, First Grand Principal and Grand Master of The United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and his accompanying Grand Officers.

The Grand Master then received Right Wor Bro René Hervet, the Representative of the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of France (GLNF) and accompanying members of his delegation.

In his address, the Grand Master advised:

'My tour of the eleven Regions earlier this year was most successful. My thanks go to our Regional Grand Counsellors and their teams for organizing the venues and the many other housekeeping details. The feedback we obtained from brethren and their ladies is invaluable. Whilst some of the meetings were a little "heated" (to say the least), we were able to break down many barriers. It undoubtedly provided an opportunity for us to be able to explain what we are trying to achieve and, at the same time, to listen to our members. We are now in the process of implementing many of the suggestions which were made during these meetings.'

Retirement of Grand Lodge Office Manager.

When Right Wor Bro Kenneth M. Bellingham indicated his intention to retire from the Grand Secretary's staff at the Masonic Centre in Sydney, it was recognised as being 'the end of an era' for those staff members who served with the late Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Raymond G. Connon.

Ken commenced his duties in the old Sydney Masonic Temple in August 1971 and served in many senior offices in the administration of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction. He was regarded as a well informed Mason and fine organizer responsible for many of the important Masonic events during his term of office. He would be sadly missed but had established a sound foundation of administration in the Centre.

He, and his wife Dawn, were honoured in recognition of his many years of service with an enjoyable evening attended by his many friends and colleagues at the Masonic Centre on Thursday, 10 August 2000. He was recognised by the Grand Master with an elevation to the rank of Past Assistant Grand Master at the August Grand Lodge Communication.

Masonic Tribute Seminar.

The Board of Benevolence conducted a training session at the Parramatta Masonic Club on Saturday 26 August 2000, to accommodate the possible requirements of visitors from overseas, interstate or intrastate who may request a Masonic Tribute to be conducted in Sydney.

The training programme included:

- Principles of speaking and reading in public.
- Hands-on practice workshop.
- Practice sessions recorded and played back.

Freemasons and the Olympic Games.

There were many Freemasons who carried the Olympic Torch on its journey from Atlanta, Georgia in the United States of America to Sydney for the 2000 Olympic Games.

One runner was Wor Bro Gordon (George) Avery, Secretary of Lodge Bulli No. 319, who won the silver medal in the triple jump at the 1948 Games held in London.

A number of Freemasons also generously gave their time and experience to assist with the successful organization of the Para-Olympic Games held in Sydney.

Most Wor Bro Eric A. Primrose - 70 Years Membership.

The 9th November 2000 was a wonderful night at Lodge Balmain No. 23. It was the night that Most Wor Bro Eric Aubrey Primrose, Past Grand Master, nonagenarian and beloved member of the Craft, received his 70 Year Membership Certificate from the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry.

Most Wor Bro Primrose's many friends packed the Lodge Room and witnessed a unique event in NSW Masonic history when the Grand Master's delegation consisting only of Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro Armfield and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Right Wor Bro Foster.

The Past Grand Masters present were Most Wor Bros Hammond, Woodman, Johnson, Dunn and Green. With the exception of Most Wor Bro Coates, Past Grand Master, who unfortunately was unable to be present and forwarded an apology, all of the Past Grand Masters of the Jurisdiction still living were present. The delegation was also unusual because its members put aside their Grand Lodge regalia in favour of dinner dress and Past Master's aprons.

In presenting the seventy-year Certificate, the Grand Master said that Most Wor Bro Primrose had displayed all of the qualities of Freemasonry and had brought great credit to the Craft in every facet of his life. In doing so, this most senior Past Grand Master had contributed wisely and unstintingly to the Craft in a way that very few Masons past and present would be able to emulate.

The Grand Master very generously delegated to Most Wor Bro Hammond the pleasure of presenting Most Wor Bro Primrose, a close friend, with a seventy-year jewel. Most Wor Bro Primrose had installed Most Wor Bro Hammond as Grand Master in 1969. In expressing his own appreciation for the many qualities of his friend, Bro Hammond said that the large gathering present to witness this happy event was an indication of the esteem, and affection felt for Most Wor Bro Primrose.

Sesquicentenary of Lodge Unity No. 6.

Lodge Unity No. 6 celebrated its 150th year at the installation of Wor Bro Steve Jamsek on Saturday 2 December 2000.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry, and his delegation arrived in Armidale to a Mayoral Reception at the Armidale Dumaresq Shire Council on Friday 1 December, followed by a barbecue at the home of Right Wor Bro and Mrs Kevin Mortimer.

The following morning, a visit to the University of New England homestead Booloominbah was enjoyed by the Grand Master and Mrs Curry. The tour was conducted by Bro Andrew St. John Brown.

The Grand Master then inspected the New England Masonic Village, a project of the Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution of New South Wales.

The Lodge tyled at 4.30 pm for the Centenary Installation.

Wor Bro Maxwell S Tavener installed Wor Bro Steve Jamsek as the 150th Worshipful Master in the presence of seventy-one Masons. The installation banquet was held at the Ex-Service's Club where approximately 100 members and ladies attended. Wor Bro Max Elliott and Wor Bro Richard Hutt from the Tamworth Lodges entertained the guests with musical items.

A breakfast was provided by Lodge Unity on Sunday morning for all the Masons of the District and their ladies, to say farewell to the Grand Master and Mrs Annette Curry.

Masonic Radio Hits the Air.

A new Masonic radio programme went to air on 6 December 2000 on Radio 2SSR 99.7 FM covering the St. George and Sutherland areas.

The Masonic radio programme, produced by Very Wor Bro John Denning, his wife Marie and Bro John Donaldson, was broadcast for two hours each Wednesday night from 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm.

Most Wor Bro Revd. Raymond Green, Past Grand Master officially launched the new programme as the guest of honour speaking about *Freemasonry in Our Society*.

The two hour programme was proudly sponsored by the St.George Masonic Centre Pty Ltd to assist all Freemasons and Lodges in the St.George and Sutherland Shire region to publicise their social and Lodge activities to their members.

The radio studio, located in the grounds of the Gympie TAFE College operates on a 24 hour basis throughout the week.

Death of Right Wor Bro Gordon Watt, Past Deputy Grand Master.

Gordon Henry Watt passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 25 September 2000. He was initiated into Lodge Westgate No. 773 on 22 January 1964, passed to the Second Degree in February and raised to the Third Degree in April of that year. Gordon was the Worshipful Master of Lodge Westgate for the year 1973-74.

In 1974, Gordon was elected a Grand Steward and was Senior Grand Warden in the 1983-84 Masonic year. He was appointed Assistant Grand Master by Most Wor Bro Harold Coates, OBE, for 1984-85.

He was elected to the Committee of the Masonic Youth Welfare Fund during the same year and was the Vice-President of that Fund at the time of his death.

In 1987, Right Wor Bro Watt was appointed to the Board of Benevolence. He had the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master conferred in June 1990. During the same year, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson appointed him as Chairman of the Publications Committee of *The NSW Freemason*.

In 1990 he was elected as a Trustee of Grand Lodge. He was elected as a member of the Board of General Purposes in September 1993 and was the Deputy Chairman of the Members' Board at the time of his passing.

In 1997, he was appointed to the Grand Registrar's Committee where his experience in the Police Service proved invaluable. As a Trustee of Grand Lodge, Gordon was, ex-officio, a member of the Board of Youth Support.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry said:

'Gordon made a significant impact on the direction and shape of Freemasonry in NSW. When thinking of how to describe this man, words such as, dedicated, hardworking, dependable and, most of all, loyal come to my mind. Gordon was always a people person; he knew what people wanted and could always get to the heart of major issues.'

Regional Grand Counsellors' Conference.

A conference of Regional Grand Counsellors was held on 6 November 2000. The conference focused on the use of electronic communications to facilitate the establishment of Regional secretariats and the empowerment of Regions to undertake some of the tasks now centralised in the Grand Secretariat in Sydney.

New Zealand Grand Installation.

At the end of November 2000, the Grand Master led a delegation to the Grand Installation of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand held in the city of Wellington where Most Wor Bro Ian Ross was installed as Grand Master by Most Wor Bro Michael Pope.

Dedication of Lodge Room at Toukley.

On 6 December 2000, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry, accompanied by Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge carried out the ceremony of dedication of the Lodge Room of Lodge Toukley No. 933 at the Toukley Senior Citizens Centre.

The ceremony was conducted in the presence of representatives of the Wyong Shire Council, Order of the Amaranth, Order of the Secret Monitor, Senior Citizens Club, members of the Lodge and other Lodges in the District, ladies of members and the public.

Following the dedication ceremony, Mrs Del Douglas, widow of the Lodge's late esteemed member, Right Wor Bro Reg Douglas, PJGW, assisted by the Grand Master, unveiled a plaque noting the occasion.

It was also the Lodge's Ladies Night and, following the ceremony, all retired to the Central Coast Masonic Club for a most enjoyable evening.

Grand Lodge Communication in Canberra.

The Regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the Senate Chamber of Old

Parliament House, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, on Saturday, 9 December 2000.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George R. Curry, at 6.00 pm.

In his address, the Grand Master said:

'When entering tonight you should have received an overview of the document titled *Bridges to Success*.

The most important part of the Strategic Plan, and especially the action, must be at the Lodge, District and Regional level. The Lodge is the keystone in what makes our organization so special, in promoting self-development, integrity, tolerance and fellowship.

At each of those levels we know there is a great deal of positive planning and activity to raise the quality of our Craft. Lodges, Districts and Regions are planning and working to achieve success. Together, they will build a bridge from what has often been a poor experience of Freemasonry to one in which we can all take pride and delight.

Grand Lodge's role is to provide a strong foundation for that bridge. The Plan has seven key result areas, which are:

- Lodges
- Image
- Grand Charity
- Governance
- Management
- Regions
- Assets

These seven key result areas have been developed into thirty separate strategies, each with its own action plan.'



Most Wor Bro GEORGE R CURRY
GRAND MASTER 1999 - 2002



Right Wor Bro
JOHN ARMFIELD



Right Wor Bro
BRUCE NATION



Right Wor Bro
NEIL RICHARDSON



Right Wor Bro
RICHARD PICKERING

Appointment of Chairman of the Publications Committee.

The Grand Master announced that he had appointed Right Wor Bro Alan Ernest Farrell, PAGM, following the death of Right Wor Bro Gordon Watt.

Proclamation Ceremony.

Smaller Lodges requested to have a proclamation of the Worshipful Master without the added expense of Grand Lodge being in attendance. Whilst the Grand Master continued to encourage Lodges to have a full ceremony of installation he decided that, in future, he would not attend nor would he appoint a representative to attend a proclamation of a Private Lodge. This would allow a Lodge to have a choice as to what ceremony to have and consequently, what level of expenditure would be incurred.

Lodge Self Assessment.

A Lodge self assessment, initiated by the Members' Board, designed to encourage Lodges to identify areas where early intervention would raise the level of standards and performance, was undertaken during 2000.

As part of an individual Lodge's renewal programme, all Lodges were asked to critically examine themselves in order to more effectively meet the needs of their members and provide for a sustainable future for their Lodge.

Individual Lodge Assessment Returns were examined by District Grand Inspectors of Workings and Regional Grand Councillors and assistance on an individual Lodge basis was provided where necessary.

June 2000 Revised 'Guidelines for the Conduct of the Festive Board'.

A revised booklet titled *Guidelines for the Conduct of the Festive Board* was produced with the co-operation of the Members' Board.

Lodges were encouraged to adopt these guidelines to ensure a smooth, efficient and friendly atmosphere.

Grand Superintendent of Works.

The Grand Registrar, Right Wor Bro Andrew S. Brown, PAGM, presented a motion on behalf of the Executive Council and the Masonic Buildings Board which was carried without debate that the title of the Office of Grand Architect be changed to Grand Superintendent of Works.

Changing the name of the Office to Grand Superintendent of Works, enabled Grand Lodge to have the principal officer and that of the deputy filled by brethren who possessed a wider range of building industry skills than purely architecture; for example, construction engineer, quantity surveyor and the like.

Membership Officer.

At the December 2000 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, a new Office for private Lodges was introduced whose duties were defined as:

The Membership Officer shall maintain the members' attendance register and record in it whether or not a member has attended each meeting of the Lodge.

The Membership Officer shall arrange for immediate contact to be made with any member who has, without prior apology, been absent from two consecutive meetings of the Lodge. Afterwards, the Membership Officer shall arrange for any further appropriate action to be taken to ensure the requirements of that member are attended to.

Masonic Administration Manager Appointed.

Wor Bro Christopher John Craven was born in Temora, NSW, in 1953. His family later moved to Sydney.

Chris completed his schooling in Sydney eventually completing the Higher School Certificate at North Ryde High School and then continuing to a three year Diploma in Science at the William Balmain College of Advanced Education. This course was completed in 1973 and Chris was sent as a science teacher to Bathurst High School. After a short period he was then transferred to Canowindra High School where he was a science teacher and relieving head teacher until 1992. He then became head of the Training and Education section of the NSW State Electoral Office until his appointment as Manager, Masonic Administration.

Chris was initiated into Lodge Welfare No. 616 in 1973 before leaving Sydney and then was passed and raised in 1974 on trips back to Sydney. Chris was first installed as Worshipful Master in Lodge Canowindra No. 478 in 1976 and was again Worshipful Master of that Lodge during 1981-82 and 1987-88. He also filled many other offices during his time in this Lodge.

On moving to Sydney and settling into his new position, he was elected a Grand Steward in 1995. He was elected Grand Pursuivant in 1998, Grand Sword Bearer in 1999 and again in 2000.

He is currently a member of Lodge Challenge No. 284, meeting at Epping. Due to his appointment as Manager, Masonic Administration at the end of 2000, Chris resigned his office of Grand Sword Bearer to enable him to focus all his energies into his new position.

Centenary of The Queen's Lodge No. 229.

In January 1901, The Queen's Lodge No. 229 was consecrated.

The members decided it would be most fitting, as a celebration of that event, to conduct a re-enactment at its 100th anniversary on 24 January 2001.

The minutes of the first meeting were studied and they allowed sufficient of the structure of the meeting to be determined to permit the conduct of the re-enactment.

Due to the differences in the ceremonial of today and yesteryear it was found necessary to use a narrator to bring the structure of the two meetings together and explain variations to the audience. This task was ably performed by Wor Bro John Robb.

In 1901, the consecration and dedication was carried out by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro John C. Remington. His role was most ably played by Right Wor Bro Albert Thorsby, who also represented the current Grand Master on the occasion.

The original minutes stated that fifty-one Master Masons were in attendance when the Grand Master opened an Occasional Lodge. Coincidentally, the re-enactment also attracted fifty-one Master Masons.

Grand Installation in Victoria.

St. Patrick's Day 2001 was a day to be remembered in Victoria when business executive, Most Wor Bro John Wilson, was installed as the 38th Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. Most Wor Bro Wilson took his oath of office in front of some 1,600 Freemasons, ladies and friends, as well as representatives from New Zealand, the USA, India, Canada, France and Malaysia. Leaders from every Australian Constitution as well as the heads of the Mark and Holy Royal Arch Degrees witnessed the ceremony.

Most Wor Bro Wilson, who is also a committed member of the Mark and Royal Arch Orders, invited the heads of each body to participate in his installation. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria, Most Wor Bro Robin Harrison, invested his life-long friend, Right Wor Bro John Evans, as the Deputy Grand Master, and the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, Most Eminent Companion Keith Rankcom, spoke on behalf of other Masonic Orders and visiting delegations.

The installation ceremony was moved away from the soon-to-be re-developed Freemasonry Victoria's large inner-city auditorium to the commodious Robert Blackwood Hall in the grounds of Monash University.

Lodge Web Sites.

Cyberspace is a reality as is the new millennium. While traditional methods of communication will continue to be used, there is an entirely new, more cost-effective, and considerably faster way to disseminate important information to our Masonic brethren - the Internet.

Many Masonic Lodges and other Masonic bodies around the world already realised this, and were beginning to take full advantage of today's hyper-speed technology (you can send a message half-way around the world in less than a second). How?

They developed web sites for their Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and just about everything else you can think of. Freemasons are, of course, builders and, as such, have launched into the cyber-world by building Masonic web sites with an unprecedented fervour.

Appointment of Publicity Officer.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory announced the appointment of Ms Kylie Matthews to the new position of Publicity Officer in early 2001.

Kylie was born in Melbourne in 1977, and after completing her Victorian Certificate of Education in 1995, she went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Melbourne. She was at the time of her appointment completing a postgraduate diploma in editing and publishing.

Kylie began her career with Australian book publisher Hyland House Publishing, where she

obtained experience in the field of publicity, marketing and promotions. She has since worked in New Zealand, promoting Australian books into the New Zealand media, and has also freelanced for a number of Australian and New Zealand book publishers. She relocated to Sydney earlier this year.

Kylie was involved in writing and designing new promotional materials, such as general information fliers, media kits and membership kits. She also provided Lodges with information and advice on media liaison and the local promotion of newsworthy Masonic activities.

Kylie also worked with the Publications Committee of *The NSW Freemason* as well as the Internet Committee, where she was involved with the on-going development of the NSW and ACT Freemasonry web site.

Bridges to Success - Ritual Demonstration Team.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 14 March 2001, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry advised:

'The programme *Bridges to Success* addresses the important issues of training and education for Lodge Officers and for members generally. The conducting of our ceremonies and rituals is integral to the uniqueness of Freemasonry and I am

pleased to be able to confirm positive steps in ensuring that Masonic ceremonial and ritual is both understood and is well presented.

In June 1997, the Grand Lodge Demonstration Team Co-ordination Committee, under the Chairmanship of Most Wor Bro Noel Dunn, OAM,

Past Grand Master, reported that his Team was available to Lodges of Instruction and Masonic Districts to assist in the training of brethren responsible for the presentation of ceremonial in Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction.

The team has already conducted demonstrations in a number of Regions, demonstrating and providing instruction on the three Degrees and other protocol matters within Lodges. The team continues to make itself available for our benefit and is keen to provide this service in those Regions not yet covered. The team possesses a great depth of knowledge and experience and I recommend that you avail yourself of its talents.'

Impounding of Charter of Lodge Merrylands No. 479.

On 14 March 2001, the Grand Master advised:

'Brethren, I wish to report to you on an important matter. On Monday, 5 March 2001, I impounded the Warrant of Lodge Merrylands No. 479. This action came about because the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer of that Lodge had been summonsed in terms of Regulation 13.6 to explain why the Lodge remains in breach of Regulation 7.2.4 relating to the proceeds of sale of a Masonic meeting place.'

Grand Lodge Corporate Trustee.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 14 March 2001, the Grand Registrar, Right Wor Bro Andrew S. Brown, PAGM, moved on behalf of the Executive Council:

That the whole of Regulation 7.1 be deleted and replaced by a new Regulation 7.1 as follows:

7.1 Grand Lodge Property.

7.1.1 All property, both real and personal, of whatever description, including funds belonging to the Grand Lodge, shall vest in a corporation under the control of this Grand Lodge (known as the Grand Lodge Corporate Trustee) which shall hold upon trust for this Grand Lodge all such real and personal property of whatever description, including funds belonging to the Grand Lodge.

This, and other detailed supporting changes to the Regulations, were carried without debate.

Appointment of Masonic Investments Limited.

The Grand Registrar, Right Wor Bro Brown moved on behalf of the Executive Council that Masonic Investments Limited (ACN 088 524 083) be appointed as the Grand Lodge Corporate Trustee pursuant to Regulation 7.1.1.

This motion was adopted by Grand Lodge without debate.

Ladies and Guests Attend Installation.

History was made on Saturday, 21 April 2001 when Lodge Armidale No. 641 held its installation. Wor Bro David Mink was re-installed into the Chair, but the highlight of the evening was the invitation to the ladies and guests to enter the Lodge Room to listen to the Addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren.

The Most Wor Grand Master, who had been petitioned by the Worshipful Master elect, sanctioned this action. Permission was given

with the proviso that Right Wor Bro Alex Chad, Regional Grand Counsellor, represent the Grand Master, and that the Grand Director of Ceremonies would travel from Sydney and attend to make sure that everything occurring in the Lodge Room was done in accordance with the approval given.

Golden Jubilee of Lodge Mark Owen No. 828.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George R. Curry attended the celebrations held in the Double Bay Masonic Centre on 9 May 2001.

Wor Bro Robert Grant, Master of Lodge Mark Owen No. 828, said that the Lodge had been consecrated in 1951 to preserve the memory of a man who had represented the quintessence of friendship; and appropriately, the ceremony had been performed by an old and dear friend of his, Most Wor Bro John Goulston, MBE, Past Grand Master, whose daughter was married to Dr Hyam Owen. Dr Hyam Owen was one of the sons of Mark Owen and, with five of his brothers, served as the foundation officers of the new Lodge.

Foundation Day Dinner 2001.

On Tuesday 12 June, over 150 brethren, their partners and friends gathered together at the Masonic Centre Sydney for the 2001 Foundation Day Dinner to celebrate the anniversary of the inauguration, 113 years ago, of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Guests also witnessed the presentation of the 2001 Grand Master's Awards, and the presentation of the major charity grant of \$50,000, to the Oncology Unit, The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Presented by the Chairman of the Grand Charity, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson, AM, Past Grand Master, the donation was accepted by Dr Luciano Dalla-Pozza and Dr Michael Stevens, on behalf of the Oncology Research Unit and The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

The Grand Master's Awards were:

Bro Pascall Comminos - Grand Master's Award for Service to Freemasonry and the Community.

Bro Pascall Comminos, otherwise known as 'Killswitch', is a founding member of the Wednesday Wheelie Warriors, (motor cycle group) which originated after the parents of 'Shaun', a twelve year old boy dying of cancer, approached them and asked if they would fulfil their son's wish to go for a ride on a motorbike.

Bro Darren Paul Jameson - For Community Service through the Life Saving Movement.

Last year Bro Darren Jameson was honoured by the Surf Life Saving Movement in being selected as the Australian Surf Lifesaver of the Year - the highest and most prestigious award in Surf Life Saving, Australia. At the same time he was awarded the NSW Surf Lifesaver of the Year and also received the Governor-General's Trophy.

Mrs Jean Power - For Community Service.

The Newcastle (now Hunter Valley) Masonic Widows' Association was formed in April 1980 under the patronage of the Masters' and Wardens' Association of the Newcastle Districts.

The Association brings together ladies with a common bond - they are widows of our deceased

brethren. The establishment of the Association aimed to pursue the well-being of the ladies in all ways possible and communicate the various funds available to assist them.

Mrs Jean Power was a member for twenty-one years, and a member of the executive council for sixteen of those years. She was President of the Association from 1983-1986, Secretary from 1988-1993, and Treasurer from 1994-2001.

Young Achiever Award.

Christine Lymbery is a seventeen year old from the Australian Capital Territory. Amongst her many community service activities, Christine is a volunteer with *Sailability ACT*, an organization dedicated to facilitating sailing for everyone, regardless of ability.

Sailability ACT operates its programme every Sunday, from September to April each year. Christine is a regular volunteer at those sailing sessions and gives her time when and where her assistance is needed.

Breach of Regulations.

In accordance with Regulation 13.6 and following hearings of the Grand Registrar's Committee on 20 March and 27 March 2001, the Executive Council reported that the Worshipful Master and the Treasurer of Lodge Merrylands No. 479 had their membership privileges suspended for failure to produce the Warrant, books and papers of the Lodge when required to do so by the Grand Master on 5 March 2001. The lesser penalty of admonition was adopted in regard to the Secretary and the Junior Warden

of this Lodge for their roles in this breach of Regulation.

Report of the Members' Board - The Way Forward.

The Chairman of the Members' Board, Right Wor Bro Neil Richardson, PAGM, reported on:

- i New Technologies - keeping our members informed.
- ii Membership database (Membership Management System)
- iii Lodge Officer Development
- iv Membership Sustainability - Lodge Viability

Right Wor Bro Richardson said:

'The individual experience of Freemasonry in our Lodges and in the broader community will decide our future. Freemasonry can only be a success if we enjoy our Lodge meetings and derive satisfaction from the ritual ceremony. The three most important objectives of the Members' Board are:

- Maintain a viable, quality membership within a structure of Lodges, Districts and Regions.
- Assist and encourage Lodges to retain members, regain former members and recruit new members.
- Advise Lodges on their financial and operational management and assist them to maintain quality standards.'

Open Forum.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 8 August 2001, the Grand Master conducted an open forum where questions and

comments without notice were received and, where possible, dealt with or noted.

Proclamation of Most Wor Bro George Richard Curry for a Third Term of Office.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 8 August 2001, ladies were admitted to the Grand Lodge Room to witness the ceremony of proclamation of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master announced that he had appointed Very Wor Bro Anthony R Lauer, Past District Grand Inspector of Workings as Deputy Grand Master and Right Wor Bro Raymond B Brooke, Past Junior Grand Warden, as Assistant Grand Master for the coming year.

The Address to the Most Worshipful Grand Master was presented by Most Wor Bro Harold G. Coates, OBE, Past Grand Master. The NSW Masonic Centenary Ensemble then sang 'Abide With Me' with the solo part being taken by Very Wor Bro Colin W. Gill, PDGDC.

Wor Bro George McC Jamieson, Grand Pursuivant, then delivered the Address to the Brethren, following which the Ensemble sang 'Rejoice in the Lord Always'.

Lodge Merrylands No. 479.

During the evening of 8 August 2001, the Grand Master announced that, following agreement with the Lodge, he had restored the Warrant of Lodge Merrylands No. 479. The Grand Master said:

'Brethren, I would hope that this process will never be repeated. Our Regulations are very clear in what we can and cannot do. We cannot

be selective in determining which Regulations to obey.'

Leadership Training in Lodges.

On 8 August 2001, the Grand Master said:

'I have requested the Chairman of the Members' Board to develop a procedure which will make it compulsory for Master Masons to attend such leadership courses before being permitted to become the Worshipful Master of a Lodge. Brethren, I believe we have a responsibility to ensure that our future leaders are given the skills and tools to take us into the future.'

Retirement of Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Ian Robert McCulloch, PAGM, retired on Friday 31 August 2001, after occupying the office for eleven years. During this time Ian had taken a very active part in shaping the future of Freemasonry in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

He has had a very distinguished Masonic career. He arrived in Melbourne as a manager of a pottery company, and was initiated on 20 June 1975 in the Lodge of Advancement No. 782, Victorian Constitution. He then moved to Sydney and affiliated with Lodge Pennant Hills No. 905 in 1976 and was installed as Master in 1982. He was appointed District Grand Inspector of Workings of District 37A for the 1986-88 term. In October 1988 he accepted an invitation to become a member of the Commission for the Future. He was a member of the Board of General Purposes from March 1989 until his appointment as Grand Secretary on 1 August 1990. The rank of Past Junior Grand Warden was

conferred on him on 12 December 1990, followed by Past Assistant Grand Master on 14 June 1995.

He is well respected throughout the Masonic fraternity, and was involved in many ways with the Grand Lodges of Australasia. He also accompanied the Grand Master of the day to England, and Ireland to represent this Grand Lodge. Right Wor Bro Mc Culloch performed his duty with great dignity and represented this Grand Lodge in an outstanding manner.

Appointment of Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master announced that Very Wor Bro Bruce Nation, Deputy Grand Treasurer, had been appointed Acting Grand Secretary.

In December 2001, the Grand Master announced that he had formally appointed Very Wor Bro Bruce Nation and Very Wor Bro Christopher Craven, respectively Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Secretary.

Grand Installation in Queensland.

The Grand Master and a large delegation attended the Grand Installation of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland in Brisbane.

Consecration of Lodge Kellerman No. 1027.

On Thursday 20 September 2001, brethren and guests came together at the Sydney Masonic Centre to attend the consecration of Lodge Kellerman No. 1027. Lodge Kellerman draws its membership from the young businessmen, students and professionals of inner Sydney. The progressive officers of Lodge Kellerman must be below the age of 45 at the time of taking office.

The foundation Master of Lodge Kellerman, Bro Nicholas Scott, began his Masonic career in 1993 with his initiation into Lodge West Epping No. 731. In 1998, he became the Senior Warden of Lodge West Epping, progressing in 1999 to become the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He is also a member of the Research Lodge of NSW No. 971.

Lodge Kellerman takes its name from Right Wor Bro Maurice 'Harry' Kellerman, PDGM and former Grand Librarian. Right Wor Bro Kellerman was a leader in education who devoted his life to establishing educational opportunities for thousands of students in isolated regions of New South Wales. From his early teaching career to the later stages of his Masonic career, Harry Kellerman's focus was always to aid youth in their development of a broad understanding of life and the nature of humanity.

In like manner, Lodge Kellerman's philosophy is to lead young men in their first steps in Masonry, to develop their understanding of Masonic principles and to encourage them in their progress through the rich tapestry of Masonic enlightenment. Towards this goal, and as Harry Kellerman would have done, the Lodge has established a systematic logging of a candidate's progressive Masonic education, culminating in the presentation of the candidate's development record on his raising to the Third Degree.

Consecration of the Central Coast Lodge No. 2001.

The ceremonial tradition and colour, as well as importance of a new Lodge being appropriately launched was fully demonstrated at events on 6 October 2001 when The Central Coast Lodge No. 2001 got off to a flying start at its consecration and inaugural installation by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry and the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge. There were 131 foundation members.

The creation of this new Lodge was the result of the re-constitution of two Lodges: Lodge Gosford No. 742 and Lodge Rising Sun Gosford City No. 311. The Central Coast Lodge was given a brand new name, number and Charter, and began with a new optimism and enthusiasm for the future.

With the attendance of 135 Masons, including over fifty (almost half) of the new Lodge's own locally resident members, it was a promising start for the future of the Lodge.

The first Worshipful Master was Wor Bro Cliff Hobson.

Regional Grand Councillors' Conference.

On Sunday 7 and Monday 8 October 2001, the Regional Grand Councillors attended a two-day seminar on strategic leadership and management.

The seminar was convened following the Grand Master's statement at the June 2001 Communication on Lodge officer training and development.

Such was the importance placed on this aspect of Masonic endeavour, the Regional Grand Councillors participated in an intensive

programme on Regional, District and Lodge leadership, management and planning.

The Grand Master, who attended the seminar together with the Chairman of the Members' Board, Right Wor Bro Neil Richardson, said that his vision was that we would eventually have an organization that was leadership driven. He went on to say that our organization will only be strong if 'we make it happen, and not let it happen'.

Golden Anniversary of Lodge Shoalhaven No. 840.

On 20-21 October 2001, the members and their guests of Lodge Shoalhaven No. 840 gathered at the NSW south coast town of Nowra to enjoy the celebrations associated with the 50th anniversary of the consecration of the Lodge.

New Membership Officer.

On 19 November 2001, Grand Lodge welcomed Anthony James Picone who joined the Grand Secretariat as Membership Officer. He worked with Very Wor Bro Peter Court in the membership department.

Freemasonry and the Anglican Church.

In early December 2001, a number of high standing and dedicated members of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Lithgow, who were also Freemasons, were given an ultimatum by the Rector, Reverend William Winthrop and the Parish Council of the Lithgow Anglican Church - withdraw from Freemasonry or be expelled from Christian fellowship with the congregation.

The former Mayor of Lithgow, an alderman of 40 years, State member for Hartley and the Blue

Mountains, and Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, Most Wor Bro Harold Coates, OBE, was just one of several distressed parishioners who had been members of the Lithgow Anglican Church for many years.

The Grand Master expressed his disappointment at the current situation, by publicly stating:

'There is nothing whatsoever in being a Freemason that conflicts with a member's religious beliefs and practices. It is my earnest desire as Grand Master to promote a good relationship with all faiths. I am very saddened to have learned of the events in Lithgow and the pain that they have occasioned. I wish to do all I can to encourage a reconciliation between all concerned.'

Retirement of Members of the NSW Freemason Publications Committee.

In December 2001 the Committee lost three of its hard working members in December when Mrs Sandra Ackers, Right Wor Bro Ron Maguire and Right Wor Bro Garth McKinnon retired. All had been members of the Committee since its formation in 1993.

Grand Master to Represent Australasia.

Most Wor Bro George Curry was elected by his brother Australasian Grand Masters to represent them at the 6th World Conference of Freemasonry in India from 6 to 8 November 2002.

Terrorist Attacks in New York.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 8 December 2001 at Armidale in the New England region of the State, the Grand Master began his address by saying:

'Before I go any further, I feel that I must make mention of the terrible happenings of 11 September 2001. No doubt it will change the direction of the world to come. I did express to the Grand Masters of New York and Washington, Most Wor Bro Carl Smith and Most Wor Bro Robert Van Zee, the condolences of this Grand Lodge on the loss of so many people. A day none of us will ever forget and one, I am sure, the people of New York and Washington will mourn forever. Please join me in a moment of silence in remembrance of those many people lost, including a number of Australians.'

Appointments to Boards and Committees to Include a Number of Younger Masons to Ensure They Have a Voice.

The Grand Master announced on 8 December 2001 that the Grand Lodge now had an excellent mix of youth and experience on all major Boards.

Working With Approved Rituals.

The Grand Master announced that Lodges could apply to work in approved rituals.

The presentation of the three Addresses in the ceremony of installation could be given with family in attendance.

Grand Master's Awards.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 8 December 2001, the Grand Master announced:

'Brethren, it has been a concern of mine for some time as to the reducing opportunities I have available to me to recognise the good works of our brethren by conferring Grand

Honours. The drop in our numbers has resulted in that some 20% of our membership now have Grand Rank.

In an endeavour to overcome this problem, I requested Right Wor Bro Ron Gale, Past Senior Grand Warden, to research "Awards of Honour" granted in Jurisdictions throughout the Masonic world. After much research, Right Wor Bro Gale made a number of recommendations which I then discussed with other senior Masons. As a consequence, I have now been able to determine suitable awards for our Jurisdiction. I announce the following awards, and in doing so express my sincere thanks to Right Wor Bro Ron Gale for the many hours of research carried out on my behalf.

The awards will be collectively known as "The Grand Master's Awards" and there are three types. They are:

- The Carrington Medal of Honour;
- The Grand Master's Distinguished Service Award;
- The Grand Master's Award of Merit.

THE CARRINGTON MEDAL OF HONOUR will recognise the outstanding efforts of a brother who has made a major contribution to the community at large, as well as those made within our Masonic family. His involvements will highlight to us that he is in fact "The Mason of the Year". This award will only be made sparingly and may not be yearly, should there not be a suitable candidate.

I will be appointing an Awards Committee of Past Grand Masters to review applicants; a short list will then be presented to the Grand Master to determine final selection.

Presentation of this award will be made at the Grand Installation or Re-installation of the Grand Master.

The award will consist of a collarette jewel showing a bust of Lord Carrington. The jewel will be gold and suspended from a garter blue ribbon. The reverse side will be suitably inscribed with the details of the recipient.

THE GRAND MASTER'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD is to be available to Freemasons who have displayed outstanding proficiency in the knowledge of Freemasonry and distinguished service in the successful application of that knowledge for the welfare of the Craft.

For example, the recipient may have played a significant role in improving methods of Masonic education, or done something, which has resulted in positive public awareness of the Craft.

The recipients will be determined by the Grand Master and will be announced annually.

This award will be a silver collarette jewel showing the NSW and ACT logo of the Square and Compasses on one side, whilst the reverse will have the details of the recipient and be suspended from a garter blue ribbon.

THE GRAND MASTER'S AWARD OF MERIT is to be available to a Freemason who has made an outstanding contribution of his time and services to Freemasonry which has gone far beyond the usual line of duty. For example, a Freemason may have voluntarily dedicated a significant number of hours to his Lodge, District or Region, or to a community service group or charity, or has been instrumental in raising a substantial amount of money for a needy cause.

The recipients will be determined by the Grand Master and will be announced annually. The award will be a collarette jewel the same as the previous award but will be copper in colour.

Submissions for all awards must be made no later than 31 March each year.

Objects of the Grand Lodge.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 8 December 2001, the Grand Registrar, Right Wor Bro Andrew S Brown, PAGM, moved on behalf of the Executive Council that this Grand Lodge repeal the Objects it adopted in September 1996 and replace those Objects with the following:

Objects - Whereas the principal and dominant Object of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons is to provide community service, it will achieve this by:

Pursuing the aims of Freemasonry which are to:

- i Teach and encourage both public and private morality and to support the maintenance of high moral standards on which public life and private conduct should be based.
- ii Practice and support charity and philanthropy including, where necessary, mutual support for members and their families by recognising and responding to the needs of the whole human community.
- iii Participate openly and actively in the life of the community.

Details of those Objects were included in the motion. The Grand Master said:

'Although not part of the Regulations, the Objects are found in this Grand Lodge's Book of Constitutions. They set forth the overriding policy of this Grand Lodge, and the Regulations should always reflect this policy. Last amended in September 1996, the Objects once again require revision as the Grand Lodge restructures its charitable activities.'

The motion was carried without discussion.

Grand Superintendents of Works.

The duties of those Officers were defined by a change to the Regulations on 8 December 2001:

3.17 Grand Superintendent of Works and Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Superintendent of Works and, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works to:

- a Advise the Grand Lodge and the relevant Board on all building plans or works projected or undertaken by the Grand Lodge.
- b Advise and assist the Masonic Buildings Board, Lodge building managers and Masonic bodies on all aspects of the design and construction of new Masonic buildings and the alteration, extension, renovation and maintenance of existing Masonic buildings and accommodation.
- c Superintend the design and construction of new Masonic buildings and the alteration, extension, renovation and maintenance of existing Masonic buildings and accommodation and to see that the

works undertaken conform with approvals.

- d Report to the Members' Board on places of meeting of Lodges, when requested.

The proposed amendment was intend to reflect the current roles of the Grand Superintendents of Works, which had expanded both at the request of the Masonic Buildings Board and of owners of Masonic buildings.

Grand Charity Board.

The Grand Charity Board was established by a motion carried on 8 December 2001:

The Grand Charity Board shall consist of:

- a A Chairman who shall be the Grand Master or his nominee, who shall be a member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction;
- b The Grand Master (should he not be the Chairman) or the Pro Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master or the Assistant Grand Master;
- c The Grand Treasurer or the Deputy Grand Treasurer;
- d The Grand Registrar or the Deputy Grand Registrar; and
- e Eight members appointed by the Executive Council who, between them, are considered to have experience in the fields of fund raising for charities, charitable grants, business planning for charities and communications by charities.

Included in the Board's responsibilities was fund raising activities in support of, and

executing all other directions of the Grand Lodge or the Executive Council in relation to the:

- a Fund of Benevolence;
- b New South Wales Freemasons' Disaster Relief Fund;
- c New South Wales Freemasons' Grand Charity Fund; and
- d All charitable trusts for which the Grand Lodge is responsible.

Golden Jubilee of Lodge Panania No. 845.

On 13 February 2002, Lodge Panania No. 845 celebrated the 50th anniversary of its consecration on 25 February 1952 by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro John Hodgson. The foundation Master of the Lodge was Wor Bro Wilfred F.C. Johnson.

Formation of New Lodge - Brotherhood of Maitland No. 1029.

On Saturday 16 February 2002 at the Maitland Masonic Centre, a new Lodge - Brotherhood of Maitland No. 1029 was consecrated and constituted by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry and the Ceremonial Officers of Grand Lodge in an impressive ceremony. The formation of this Lodge was made possible by the amalgamation of Lodges Orient No. 215 and Allyn-Excelsior No. 167.

After the consecration ceremony the Grand Master handed the gavel of office to the installing Master, Wor Bro Warwick Johnston, who proceeded to re-install the Worshipful

Master, Wor Bro Don Bagnell, into the chair of office.

Grand Installation in Tasmania.

On 22 February 2002, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Curry accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro Anthony Lauer and the Assistant Grand Master, Right Wor Bro Raymond Brooke, attended the installation of Most Wor Bro Robert T. Clarke at Hobart.

The Grand Master was accompanied by a delegation of 44 brethren from New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Freemasonry and the Anglican Church.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 13 March 2002, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry included in his address:

'Brethren let me now bring you up to date on what I believe to be a most disgraceful treatment of Masons and their partners at St.Paul's Anglican Church, Lithgow. In particular the manner in which the Rector of that Church has treated Most Wor Bro Harold Coates, OBE, Past Grand Master, and his family. Most Wor Bro Harold Coates and his family have been life long members of that Church, and this Rector has banished them from attending Church because of his Masonic background. Most Wor Bro Coates, I want to assure and commit to you the full support for you and your family of this Grand Lodge, for the plight in which you find yourself. Brethren, the situation so far is that the Rector still refuses to make amends and restore the rights of Masons and their family to attend St.Paul's Lithgow. We have now had one meeting with Archbishop Peter Jensen. This meeting was at our request and I was

accompanied at the meeting by Most Wor Bro the Revd. Raymond Green, Past Grand Master, Right Wor Bro John Armfield, LLM, Past Deputy Grand Master and our Grand Secretary Very Wor Bro Bruce Nation. The Archbishop chose to meet us by himself. We were determined to have a positive outcome from the meeting and not let the meeting become just another talk fest.

Whilst the meeting was most amicable, the outcomes are this; firstly the Archbishop confirmed that the action of the Rector was not how he (the Archbishop) would have handled the situation. However, whilst he did not have the power to direct his Rector what he could or could not preach, he would in the passage of time ensure that the issues would be corrected. The Archbishop would not commit to a time frame for these actions. The Archbishop also inferred that whilst he was not in agreement with Freemasonry, he believed we should be made welcome in Church. At this point we requested that he make a public statement to that effect. He indicated he would; however the wording of the statement would be paramount, and he would require some time to deliberate on what should be said. After much discussion an agreement was finally made that Right Wor Bro John Armfield would be the point of contact and he would submit to the Archbishop personally what we believe should be in such a statement. The Archbishop and Right Wor Bro Armfield would work directly to achieve completion of this statement. This work continues.

Brethren, I would like to re-affirm that this Grand Lodge stands firmly with Most Wor Bro Coates, his family and all families affected by this terrible event in Lithgow. Whilst it is not a fight with the Anglican Church per se, we intend to defend the right of Masons to attend Church and be treated fairly. I fully support the actions of Most Wor Bro Coates

and this issue is far from over. Brethren we will keep you informed of any further developments. In the interim period it is most important that this Grand Lodge is kept informed of any similar actions taken by other Ministers.'

Canvassing for Election to Office.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 13 March 2002, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry said:

'Brethren, tonight we meet first and foremost to elect our Grand Master for the coming Masonic year. You have all received or seen the notice paper for tonight's meeting, the nomination forms as submitted by the candidates for election and a memorandum in which the Grand Registrar reminded all members of Grand Lodge about the strict prohibition against canvassing and the serious penalties that attach to it.

Unfortunately, brethren, as many of you are well aware, there has been canvassing on behalf of the candidates. I find this extremely regrettable, especially as a common thread that runs through it is an apparent belief that the rules against canvassing somehow do not apply to elections for the office of Grand Master - or else that the canvassing Regulation is overly prescriptive and essentially unfair.

Brethren, this canvassing issue has the very real possibility of splitting this Grand Lodge right down the middle - and I, as Grand Master, cannot and will not tolerate that ever happening. Allegations about canvassing - some more serious than others have been made in relation to both sides and I, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Registrar are becoming heartily sick of it. I intend to take the

following course: Let us get on with the vote tonight and put all - and I do mean all - allegations of canvassing behind us. Let us elect a Grand Master on the basis of merit and worthiness to the Craft, not on the basis of pettiness and over-reliance on regulation.'

Election of Grand Master.

The candidates for the office of Grand Master were the Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor Bro Anthony Raymond Lauer and Right Wor Bro Ian Robert McCulloch, Past Assistant Grand Master, Past Grand Secretary. A ballot was taken and Right Wor Bro Lauer was declared elected.

Investments and Audit Committee.

At the March 2002 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge a motion with some amendments was passed:

Investments.

The investments of Grand Lodge shall be the responsibility of and shall be managed by the Grand Secretary subject at all times to the investment policy set by the Executive Council and to the oversight of the Audit Committee, which shall be a Committee of the Executive Council.

The Audit Committee shall comprise:

- a The Grand Treasurer, as Chairman;
- b The Deputy Grand Treasurer;
- c Three members being subscribing members of Lodges in the Jurisdiction nominated by the Grand Treasurer and appointed by the Executive Council for a term of two years; and

- d With a right to be present and to speak but not to vote, the Grand Secretary and such of his staff as shall be invited to attend by the Chairman.

Death of Most Wor Bro Harold George Coates, OBE, JP, Past Grand Master - (22 April 1917 - 8 April 2002).

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry reported the death of Most Wor Bro Coates at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 12 June 2002. He said:

'Brethren, I give you welcome to our June 2002 Communication. I do so with a very heavy heart. I am sure you would all be aware of the passing to the Grand Lodge Above of our very esteemed Past Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Harold George Coates, OBE, JP, Past Grand Master. Most Wor Bro Coates passed away on 8 April 2002. Our Grand Chaplain, Right Wor Bro Harold Ctercteko, PDGM, conducted a Masonic Tribute service in the Uniting Church, Lithgow on 12 April 2002.

Most Wor Bro Coates achieved in his lifetime what would take the average man two lifetimes to complete. I feel certain that Harold would be very disappointed by not completing one issue in his life, and that is the matter still unresolved with his beloved St.Paul's Church at Lithgow. However, he may rest in peace because this Grand Lodge will continue, on his behalf, with just as much vigour and energy that we, the Masons of NSW and the ACT can muster, to complete that task. Harold had a number of passions in his life; his family, his beloved City of Lithgow and Freemasonry and there is no doubt that his outstanding public career was matched by his eminence in Freemasonry.

His Masonic career commenced on 8 August 1935 when his father, who was then the Worshipful Master, initiated him into Lodge Independent No. 8 as a Lewis. He was passed to the Second Degree on 14 November 1935 and raised to the Third Degree on 9 January 1936.

Harold served as the Worshipful Master of Lodge Independent for two years, 1941 and 1942. He was appointed District Grand Inspector of Workings for the term 1952-54. In 1957 he had the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden conferred. Harold served the Office of Assistant Grand Master for the period 1976-78 and Deputy Grand Master from 1978-80.

Harold proudly served the Office of Grand Master from 1980 to 1985. He was especially proud of the fact that he visited every Lodge in this Jurisdiction during his term. People today still talk about the happy times that were had with their Grand Master.

In March 1988 he was elected a Trustee of this Grand Lodge, a position he served with great pride until his death.

Harold was a man of the people and he always had time for those he called "the ordinary men". We will always remember his sense of humour and the cheeky grin that he always gave whenever he was cutting you to pieces. We will all miss his great intellect and counsel. His passing is a great loss to this Grand Lodge.'

The June 2002 issue of *The NSW and ACT Freemason* reported:

Surrounded by her immediate family, close friends and more than 500 Freemasons and their families including the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry, and five Past Grand Masters, Mrs Kit Coates said farewell to her beloved husband of 63 years.

The service, held in the Hoskings Memorial Uniting Church,

Lithgow, celebrated the life of an extraordinary man whose achievements in his private life, community service and in Freemasonry were an inspiration to all who knew him. Sadly, and for reasons reported in a previous issue of this journal, the service was not held in the Church that he and his family had attended since its erection in 1924.

At the completion of the service, and in a final tribute to their friend and mentor, Freemasons, clothed in Masonic regalia, scouts and friends, formed a guard of honour as Most Wor Bro Coates' casket was carried from the Church. A Lodge of Sorrow had been held at the Lithgow Masonic Centre earlier in the day.

Most Wor Bro Coates was born at Hampton, New South Wales, in the Greater Lithgow City Council area, on 22 April 1917. He was educated at Lithgow High School and Lithgow Technical College where he qualified in the building trades. Following an apprenticeship as a carpenter and joiner with his father, he became a director in the family firm G Coates and Sons Pty Ltd a leading saw-milling and timber hardware merchant in the Lithgow area.

Harold married Kathleen (Kit) Winchester on 20 May 1939. The marriage was blessed with four children, two boys and two girls.

Both sons, Ian and Douglas, are members of Lodge Independent No. 8. Harold was the first to acknowledge that without the support and tolerance of his loving and dedicated wife, he could not have given so much of his time to the many organizations that claimed his attention.

Most Wor Bro Coates' service to the community was outstanding and spanned more than forty years.

He held numerous positions in Local Government including Alderman with the Greater Lithgow City Council from 1944 to 1983 during which time he was Mayor and Deputy Mayor; member of the Australian Council of Local Government for six years; member of the New South Wales Local Government Executive for eighteen years including five years as Vice-President and two years as President. He also served as a member of the Library Board (NSW) for ten years.

In addition to his Local Government interests, our distinguished brother was President of the Lithgow Chamber of Commerce for eighteen years; President of the Hartley District Scouts for twenty eight years; served on St. Paul's Church of England Parish Council for thirty years and the Lithgow Cemetery Trust for more than thirty years.

In 1965, Bro Coates was elected as the Member for the Blue Mountains in the NSW Parliament for four terms. He was Acting Speaker for eight years, Chairman of Committees and also served on two Parliamentary Select Committees.

Local interests included the establishment of Cooinda home for the aged of which he was President for more than forty years, member of the Hartley Bush Fire Brigade and President of the Lithgow Show Society for which he held a 'Life Member' badge. He also formed the Lithgow Musical Society and was President for more than twenty years. As a Rotarian of more than sixty years, he was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

At various times he was the President of the Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes of NSW and Patron

of the Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution of NSW.

Awards received by Most Wor Bro Coates include the Queen's Coronation Medal, the Scout's Thanks Badge and Long Service Award, the Police 'Friend' Badge and Bravery Award, the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal and in 1979, an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Appointment of Grand Lodge Trustee vale Most Wor Bro Coates, OBE, Past Grand Master Deceased.

The Grand Master said:

'With the passing of Most Wor Bro Coates there was some work of the Trustees which needed to be completed. To allow

this work to carry on I have seen the need to appoint myself as interim Trustee according to Regulation 7.1.12. We will, however, need to elect another Trustee at our September 2002 Communication to ensure we comply with Regulation 7.1.11.'

Retirement of Right Wor Bro Revd Harold Ctercteko, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master reported to the June 2002 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

'Brethren, our Grand Chaplain, Right Wor Bro Revd Harold Ernest Ctercteko, Past Deputy Grand Master, has decided not to seek another term as our Grand Chaplain. He first became Grand Chaplain in August 1969, some 32 years ago. In June 1973 he had the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden conferred. He was elevated to Past Assistant Grand Master in June 1982 and to Past Deputy Grand Master in June 1991.

Harry attended Moore College and was ordained as a Deacon in 1947 and ordained as a Priest in 1948. His career in serving the Church took him to many places:

- Church Missionary Society of Missionaries in Northern Territory 1942 to 1945.
- Superintendent of Oenpelli 1945
- Chaplain of Herne Bay Housing Estate 1947-49
- Rector of Canley Vale and Cabramatta 1949-1952
- Rector of Port Kembla 1952-1957
- Rector of Botany 1957-1960
- Rector of Sans Souci 1960 until his retirement in 1983.

Since his retirement Harry has been working as a locum in many parishes.

He has served on the Board of the Masonic Youth Welfare Fund since 1983. He was appointed Deputy Chairman in 1993 and President in 1996, a position he still holds today. Harry, on behalf of us all in this Grand Lodge, let me say thank you for the very warm, caring and sincere way you have served this Grand Lodge, my brother. We wish you well in your retirement and we look forward to being with you in the future when you can sit back and relax.'

At the Grand Installation on Friday 9 August, the retiring Past Grand Master, Most Wor Bro George Curry announced that Right Wor Bro Revd Harry Ctercteko, Past Deputy Grand Master, Past

Grand Chaplain was the inaugural recipient of the Carrington Medal of Honour. The announcement was greeted with prolonged applause.

Fixed Assets Register.

A thorough review of all fixed assets of Grand Lodge was undertaken during the early part of 2002 and a detailed register established. Many heritage items were identified and included, more accurately reflecting true values. Some items needed formal valuations to record present day worth.

Public Relations.

Following the resignation of the Communications Officer Ms Kylie Matthews to travel overseas, a decision was taken to out-source Grand Lodge public relations work. A specialist firm was contracted and paid a monthly retainer.

Royal Easter Show 2002.

The Members' Board reported on the success of NSW-ACT Masons presence at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Many people commented on how pleased they were to see our participation at the Show.

The Board thanked the many volunteers who helped at the Show, both Masons and their partners who actually spent time talking to about 1,200 people about Masonry. In addition, just over 2,300 information bags were handed out.

It was pleasing that, as well as general members of the public who expressed interest, called-off brethren came to chat, expressing

their elation at our presence and some also advising their intention to return to the Craft. Their details have been forwarded to the appropriate Lodge Secretaries to set the wheels in motion. This proved to be a most successful public relations event for Freemasonry.

Lodge Officer Development.

There was a great deal of support throughout the Regions for this programme. By June 2002 there were in excess of 150 brethren who had undertaken this one-day course, which was facilitated by experienced trainers accredited by the Members' Board.

This was an ongoing development programme and all Regions completed phase 1 within the second half of 2002.

Special Communication of Grand Lodge held in the Sydney Masonic Centre on 16 July 2002.

At a Special Communication held on 16 July 2002, the final piece of legislation was adopted that clearly established the principle of governance in the administrative structure of Grand Lodge.

The legislation created the Board of Management to replace the Members' Board and Masonic Buildings Board. The new structure accorded with the Grand Lodge Strategic Plan and aligned with professional business practice.

A major advantage of the new Board was the ability to deal with membership, training and development, accommodation, communication and planning issues within the range of Board responsibilities. The consolidated role

ensured that important relationships between accommodation and membership were taken into consideration in the decision making process.

Membership of the new Board included the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master, Grand Treasurer or Deputy Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar or Deputy Grand Registrar, Grand Superintendent of Works and six members elected by the Grand Lodge. The six elected members were to be elected from ten names to be put before the Grand Lodge by the Executive Council and who were considered by the Executive Council to have experience in the fields of membership, private Lodges, Masonic buildings, training and development, communication and planning. The Chairman of the Board was the Grand Master or his nominee.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of Right Wor Bro Alan E Farrell, PAGM, as Chairman of the Board of Management.

Right Wor Bro Farrell is a Chartered Builder with extensive experience in the building discipline both at project level and executive management. During the period 1984 to 1996, he served as a member of the Masonic Buildings Board and was Chairman of the Board in 1996-97.

Conclusion of Term.

The installation of Most Wor Bro Lauer took place in the Sydney Town Hall on 9 August 2002 when Most Wor Bro George Curry relinquished the office of Grand Master.

CHAPTER V

MEMBERSHIP

Without doubt, the most serious problem faced by the Grand Lodge, during the second half of the twentieth century was the continual decline in membership.

Grand Lodges in many parts of the world, particularly Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America, confronted with the problem, began a variety of measures in an effort to reverse the trend.

Many reasons and excuses have been given and many questions have been asked by Grand Masters and leaders in Masonic administration and Masonic education.

The few positive solutions to the dilemma that have been proposed have not yielded the desired result and, despite the rhetoric and the vague hope that 'we have turned the corner', membership, and with it, the number of Lodges, has continued to decline.

In New South Wales and in many other Jurisdictions, a candidate on the night of his initiation, is required to seriously declare on his honour that he has sought membership of the Lodge 'unbiased by the improper solicitation of friends . . . or any other unworthy motive.'

The message is clear. A Mason must not unduly pressure a person to join the Craft. It is unworthy and the candidate would not be able to say that he has come to Freemasonry 'of his own free will and accord.'

A great many Masons, far too many, including those senior in Masonic rank and status, have interpreted this aspect of our Lodge work to mean not only a prohibition on any invitation, but that such a course of action would result in a charge of un-Masonic conduct and the ultimate disgrace of being expelled from Freemasonry.

The result of this misguided thinking is that those of such a mind, refuse to discuss any aspect of Freemasonry with anyone, even, in many cases, with members of their own family.

It is always distressing to hear a son say, on the night of initiation, that he wanted to join years ago but his father had not asked him.

All this despite the fact that there is an extensive literature on Freemasonry and there are books on the subject in most public libraries.

By 1975, the decline in membership in New South Wales was shown as:

YEAR	NUMBER OF LODGES	MEMBERSHIP *
1958	879	135,126
1975	878	86,585

* Membership figures include multiple memberships and are, therefore, NOT THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF MASONS IN THE JURISDICTION.

The Board of General Purposes quite properly addressed the problem and the Report of the Board submitted to the Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales held on 11 June 1975 contained:

Solicitation - The Board has given much consideration to a person being improperly solicited to become a Freemason and has determined that there may be 'proper solicitation'. The Board has defined 'proper solicitation' in these terms:

Proper solicitation consists of an approach to a desirable candidate for the Craft to give him the opportunity to seek information about becoming a member.

No person should be high-pressured for membership but, if interested, he should be acquainted with what Freemasonry has to offer. There is a publication, *Some Facts Concerning Freemasonry*, which should be given to the prospective member, after an expression of interest.

The member making the approach to a prospective member should be sufficiently acquainted with the candidate's character and moral standing as to be prepared to nominate him. The candidate should be assisted in every way with his application for membership by his sponsors.

This was one of the most significant decisions ever taken by the Board of General Purposes and it was adopted by Grand Lodge without a single comment.

Perhaps this was because it was tabled in amongst other matters of much less significance.

After the Report had been circulated to Lodges and members of Grand Lodge, there was some comment on the matter, both adverse and favourable, received by the Grand Secretary.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 8 December 1976, eighteen months after the original ruling, the Report of the Board of General Purposes included:

Candidates for Freemasonry - The Report of the Board of General Purposes adopted at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 11 June 1975, purported to define 'proper solicitation' of intending members of the Craft.

As some brethren have raised questions in the light of Regulation 152 and the Fourth Schedule to the Book of Constitutions, the Board clarifies the matter in the following manner and makes the following determination:

- i The Board of General Purposes re-affirms that no person should be solicited to become a Freemason.
- ii There is nothing in the Ancient Landmarks or Constitution to preclude a Freemason from:
 - Discussing with a non-Mason the aims and principles of the Craft;
 - Asking a non-Mason whether he has ever considered joining Freemasonry;
 - Advising a non-Mason how to go about making inquiries to become a Freemason.

There is a publication, *Some Facts Concerning Freemasonry*, which may be given to a prospective candidate after an expression of interest in the Craft. A desirable candidate should be assisted in every way with his application for membership.

This time there was a lone voice:

Wor Bro John Whatham, Lodge Kuring-gai No. 230, spoke on the item of the Board's Report

which dealt with Candidates for Freemasonry, and expressed the view that the various approaches sought to be permitted added up practically to a direct request to a candidate to consider submitting an application for membership of the Craft. He moved an amendment that the Report be received and adopted with the exception of the item concerning solicitation which should be referred back to the Board of General Purposes.

Very Wor Bro John H. Laurence, Grand Registrar, opposing the amendment, mentioned that the Board of General Purposes had spent many hours considering the matters raised and had endeavoured to re-state and re-affirm the current position, setting out just what might be done. It was still necessary for a candidate to sign the declaration required by the Book of Constitutions negating solicitation. No-one wished to see solicitation in any form at all.

Wor Bro Whatham sought to reply but, on a point of order being taken, did not proceed. His amendment was then put to the meeting and declared lost, following which the original motion was submitted to Grand Lodge and carried by a very considerable majority.

This definition of proper solicitation was printed in the *Handbook for Worshipful Masters and Lodge Secretaries*. (page 49 in the 1987 edition). Unfortunately, most Worshipful Masters and many Lodge Secretaries were unaware that the *Handbook* existed and certainly, most Master Masons and Past Masters, who could be expected to nominate suitable candidates, had no knowledge of the ruling.

Immediately following his installation as Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L H Johnson, at the

December 1988 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge announced the formation of the Commission for the Future.

'A twelve man committee will be examining all aspects of the Craft, ranging from the structure of the Grand Lodge secretariat to Masonic dress, the promotion of the Craft and, of course, retaining and increasing Craft membership.

Six sub-committees have been formed, examining: Grand Lodge administration, Fees and Dues, the Masonic Centre, Publicity, Management, the Rationalisation of Masonic buildings and Craft membership.'

A number of working parties were formed which included a membership group chaired by Very Wor Bro Ian R McCulloch, PDGIW.

Analysis of Masonic Membership in New South Wales.

At the meeting of the Research Lodge of NSW No. 971 held on 2 May 1989, an important paper titled *A Critical Analysis of the Decline in Masonic Membership in New South Wales* was presented by Wor Bro Edmund J. Buckman. It was a timely contribution to those concerned with the future of Freemasonry and particularly to the Commission for the Future who were engaged in examining many of the aspects of membership presented in the paper.

The August - October 1989 issue of *The NSW Freemason* published the following summary of Bro Buckman's paper:

Historical equivalents of the time period which we are now experiencing, from the mid-1950s, are few, the most similar being the

major social changes in the seventeenth century in Britain, when our own fraternity, in fact, had its genesis. Australia is now involved in a somewhat similar social 'upheaval' which is generating much bewilderment and confusion amongst the general community.

The paper proceeded to give a detailed historical perspective of the membership of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, including the two periods of decline, 1893-1899 and 1931-1937 and the two periods of growth 1899-1931 (6,847 to 71,095 members) and 1937-1959 (58,813 to 135,126 members) each being a span of 32 years.*

The *NSW Freemason's* summary continued:

However, the current decline in NSW after 1959 has continued at an almost consistent rate of about 3,200 per annum, and this is the annual resignation rate; those joining plus initiates roughly balance the death rate and those struck off. These trends were illustrated with graphs, and compared with similar trends in the membership of the various Churches, Service Clubs and Registered Clubs. Trends in the acquisition of educational qualifications in general, the higher level of female education and of female employment were also described as well as the improvements in average Australian weekly earnings.

* Author's note:

Membership figures include multiple memberships and are, therefore, NOT THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF MASONS IN THE JURISDICTION. In this instance, however, they are comparable.

Social and cultural changes were detailed at length, with descriptions of their complexity and interaction. The immediacy of television and radio communications, and the

complex and time-demanding pressures of daily living, contrary to what is often alleged, severely restrict the time available for cultural or spontaneous social activity, that is not prescribed by, or related, to occupational interests. Immigration and the growth of multiculturalism has reduced the proportion of the population descended from the traditional origins of the British Isles. The new and novel influences experienced by the young in the last 30 years have resulted in their having scales of values different from those of earlier generations, examples of which are the pursuit of change for the sake of change, novelty as a criterion for choice, hedonism as an aim in life and materialism as a measure of worth.

In contrast, Freemasonry, based on tradition and ancient forms is seen as unchanging, and in fact members of the founding year of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales would be quite at home in today's meetings. In addition, such features as our secrecy provisions and disowning the additional Degrees do not help in presenting an open front to the social environment. Freemasonry is urgently in need of an image which will appeal to the young and which will be clearly understandable and possess a strong depth of content.

Comparisons between the decline in Masonic membership were made with similar conditions in some mainline Churches and in some theological colleges. Attention is needed to the provisions for learning in Freemasonry, so that Freemasons may make progress in building upon the learning of ritual by constructive reading. This is very difficult for busy people engaged in raising a family. To overcome this problem, especially for those lacking a background in history and arts subjects a 'College of Masonic Studies' was suggested to co-ordinate existing library,

education and research activities and act as a source of Masonic information. To achieve a higher social profile a greater availability of reading and explanatory material is required, and a range of 'packaged' material should be readily available, suitable for Freemasons at whatever their level of learning.

Some comment was made on current criticism by some mainline Churches, e.g. the Methodists and Church of England in England and the Anglicans in Sydney, on the grounds that Freemasonry is a competitor with the Churches and is incompatible with Christianity. Bro Buckman noted that the attacks were directed at Craft Masonry, and ignored the additional Degrees, many of which are Christian Degrees. In one sense, the Masonic movement has been a meeting place with ecumenical influence, emphasising certain bases of man's ideas of God and relationships with his fellow men. This aspect has much in common with the modern quest for simplicity of religion and social order and perhaps gives some indication for the role of Freemasonry in the future.

The paper concluded by sketching suggestions for a plan for the future. Bro Buckman advocated detailed statistical research into the membership problem - age range profiles for Districts, and for new, joining, calling-off and deceased members, reasons for resigning (calling off), attendance rates at Lodge meetings and research into Lodge closures. The universality of Freemasonry offers it the opportunity of playing a significant part as a unifying force as has been shown in the United States of America. A more sophisticated Masonic administration is required, with stronger links with additional Degrees, and thus able to present a united front to critics. The result of the adoption of these plans might produce the desirable

modern image, and assist in heading off further criticism.

There was also a summary of recommendations and a detailed bibliography.

Proper Solicitation.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 13 June 1990, the Board of General Purposes added a very significant item to the earlier definition of proper solicitation:

Definition of proper solicitation - The Board decided to revise the definition to allow Petitions for membership 'by invitation'.

This item was listed under 'Recommendations from The Commission for the Future' which had been launched by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald Johnson in December 1988.

In presenting the Report, the President of the Board of General Purposes, Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy, PDGM, said:

. in relation to the item of the Report relating to proper solicitation, and for clarification, the revision of the definition to allow Petitions for membership 'by invitation', and the implementation thereof, is in the process of development.

Once again, this vitally important matter was included among a number of other far less important matters in the Report.

The *Final Report* of the Commission for the Future presented to the Board of General Purposes and dated November 1990 contained

nothing new. It confirmed the earlier decisions.

Active Recruitment.

The Commission became aware at a very early stage that many brethren either have no information about or do not understand the current definitions of proper and improper solicitation. There appeared to be a definite case for a 'plain English' version to be issued. In extending its deliberations on this matter the Commission considered in detail the historical conditions which applied when our original rules of solicitation were drawn up and set these against the conditions in society today.

Taking into account the mobility of today's generation and the fact that people rarely stay in the same place through childhood and working life, there is not the opportunity to develop the same close bonds and relationships between individuals which formerly sustained the expectancy that a potential new member for Freemasonry should make the first approach in the joining process.

The Commission, in making this decision, reaffirms that no person should be unduly pressured to become a Freemason. However, it notes the Ancient Landmarks or Constitutions do not preclude a Freemason from discussing with a potential candidate:

- The aims and principles of the Craft
- Joining Freemasonry
- How to make enquiries to become a Freemason.

In light of these facts, the Commission is aware that there is a strong misconception within the Craft about the amount of information that can be supplied to potential

candidates and the steps a brother can take to likely candidates.

THAT THE DEFINITION OF PROPER SOLICITATION BE WIDENED TO ALLOW 'INVITATION TO APPLY'.

The recommendation was adopted and incorporated in the Report of the Board of General Purposes to the June 1990 Grand Lodge Communication.

In effect, the Board decided at the May 1990 meeting that the definition of proper solicitation should be revised to allow members to invite worthy men to apply for membership, but stressed the need to prevent unnecessary pressure being brought to bear on potential candidates.

This important finding was listed in the contents of the 179 page *Final Report* under the heading 'Active Recruitment' with a sub-heading 'Candidates Invited'. The definition of proper solicitation was given on pages 76 and 77 of the Report.

Once again, potential nominators remained largely ignorant of the decision.

In the year 2,000 edition of the *Handbook of Masonic Information and Procedures* which had replaced the earlier *Handbook for Worshipful Masters and Lodge Secretaries*, under the heading 'Section C Lodge Membership', the matter of proper solicitation was defined in the same terms as previously stated in 1976.

An explanatory note stated:

There are publications that may be given to a prospective applicant who expresses interest in the Craft. These, coupled with an intelligent, positive and helpful attitude by

the Mason to whom the inquiry for information is addressed, will assist desirable persons in every way in their application for membership.

Unfortunately there was no mention of the important 1990 addition 'by invitation'.

The Membership Assistance Committee.

The Membership Assistance Committee established in 1986 has proved to be a positive committee of the Board of General Purposes as, by 1989, it had increased the membership of Lodges by about 200 new members since it came into existence.

This was a forward move for the Craft when candidates interested in Masonry were given an opportunity to join when they had no nominators who had known them for the time required by the Book of Constitutions.

These new arrangements came about due to changes in society, new-comers to a new district, immigration, persons from interstate, executives of firms who move frequently by their position and spontaneous impromptu enquiries by individuals to a Lodge member or Secretary or even to Grand Lodge itself at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

The Craft needed to meet these needs should the enquiry be worthy. Hence the Membership Assistance Committee came into being to help Lodges to improve their numbers by introducing to them worthy and tried candidates.

Membership Assistance Scheme.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held in September 1990, the Board of General

Purposes reported approved changes to the procedure for processing Petitions and Applications:

- i Referees - In view of the experience thus far and the quality of candidates seeking admission TWO ONLY referees are required.
- ii Where the Application originates from a Lodge:
 - Letters of Referees (2) are to be requested at time of petitioning and appended to and form part of the application.
 - Fifth Schedule Enquiries to be forwarded by the Lodge to appropriate Lodges as in all other nominations.
 - Interviews to be carried out by the DGIW and a Senior Grand Officer in the District as chosen by the DGIW, and the appropriate documents be forwarded to the Membership Assistance Committee after interview, with the recommendation.
 - The recommendation to be approved by the Membership Assistance Committee who may or may not wish to interview the candidate.
 - All approvals or rejections to be reported to the Board of General Purposes for ratification.
 - Lodge Secretary to be advised by the Grand Secretary when to proceed with the nomination.
 - The Board of General Purposes will appoint the applicable District Grand Inspector of Workings and Senior Grand Officer to give effect to the nomination which should proceed as usual in accordance with the Book of Constitutions.

- iii Where the application originates from other than a Lodge, the Committee will interview and recommend accordingly following current procedures.

The Ten for One Membership Campaign.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 12 September 1990, the Grand Master announced the commencement of a programme directed towards the correction of adverse trends in membership numbers.

The Grand Master invited the President of the Board of General Purposes, Right Wor Bro James L. Eddy, PDGM, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Commission for the Future, to present the campaign which had been launched at the District Grand Inspectors of Workings Convention held on 10-11 September 1990 with the slogan 'TEN FOR ONE IN 1991. SHIRK IT OR SHOULDER IT'.

A campaign handbook was prepared which made it clear that the challenge of the campaign was crucial to our survival and the message it contained was to be embraced by all Lodges as part of the overall plan prepared by The Commission for the Future.

In summary, the handbook recommended:

- **Retain** those Freemasons who may be thinking of calling off
- **Regain** Freemasons who have left the Craft for a variety of reasons
- **Recruit** men of good standing in the community.

Right Wor Bro Eddy then continued the presentation by saying:

'The handbook is designed not only as an information booklet, but as the basis for a review and re-structure of Lodge management and for the beginning of an active campaign to lift the profile of Freemasonry in your District. Poor Lodge management is causing a high degree of resignations. The answer to this is involvement, because a person who is involved is not bored.

It is essential that this message is communicated to all Lodges within two months. A series of District meetings to provide more information on the Ten for One campaign are being planned at the moment, but you are responsible for 'preparing the way'.

The Ten for One kit includes a series of sheets which can easily be turned into overhead transparencies and then used in conjunction with this booklet as a Lodge presentation or during the supper that follows all Lodge meetings.

Brethren, the smooth implementation of this campaign depends on you. Shoulder It or Shirk It. To paraphrase 'you have been left to choose or refuse, with the certainty of increasing or decreasing membership according as you accept or disregard the challenge of the future'.

Masonic Membership - The Facts.

A profile of Masonic membership trends from 1892 to 1989 shows that, up until the early fifties, national economic variables and wars were the greatest influence over Masonic membership movements. The first major dip was during the economic depression of the 1890s, followed by a steady increase (in line with general population trends) as the nation's economic health improved.

The period immediately after the First World War brought a strong recruitment boost, a response by men wanting to maintain the camaraderie of military life. As in the late 1800's, the economic depression of the late 1920's and early 1930's brought a sharp decline in membership.

The sharp increase in membership after the First World War was repeated after the Second World War. The year 1948 saw the highest growth in the history of the Craft in this Jurisdiction and membership statistics from other Grand Lodges in Australia mirror this trend. In all normal circumstances, it would have been expected that the trend from 1948 would have been a fairly strong decline followed by a levelling out to normal growth, which happened in 1955. However, from 1956 there is a steady drop, culminating in 1958, when we crossed the border into strong negative growth, a pattern that has continued ever since.

The change in trend is evident and has been increasing ever since. At the moment, we are running about three to one against - for every one member coming into the Craft, three are leaving, which begs the question, what do we look like now? The fact is that our membership figures are steadily decreasing and the rate of decline is rapidly accelerating.

With Masonic membership running at three to one against, what does the future hold?

Faced with an accelerating membership decline, the future is obvious.

We aren't even able to hold membership steady at the moment.

Why? The Commission for the Future, driven by the stark realisation that unless something is done to arrest the membership decline fast, commissioned a survey into the attitudes of

Masons and non-Masons towards the Craft. This survey, in conjunction with the responses made by many brethren, indicated there is a lot of dissatisfaction with the management of individual Lodges. The major finding was that:

- Brethren who called off were 'too busy'.

How many times have you heard that, brethren? That a man calling off from the Craft has said that he's too busy? The fact is that he's too busy because he's bored. Nobody is too busy for something he's excited to be part of. Other reasons cited included:

- Too Expensive
- Poor Quality Meeting Places
- Boring, Repetitive Meetings
- Family Separation
- No Feeling of Involvement
- No Sense of Personal Achievement

These problems highlight the seven deadly sins of poor Lodge management namely:

- No **Membership** outreach
- Minimal **Community** involvement
- Poor **Ceremonial** work
- Badly administered **Finances**
- Limited **Social** activities
- No impression of being **Cared** for
- No provisions for member's **Mobility**

By simply setting up Lodge management sub-groups covering these seven areas - therefore delegating responsibility from the Master to the members not only is the workload shared, but members become INVOLVED. And people who get involved do not get BORED.

The Commission for the Future recommends, as a means of improving Lodge management and the overall environment of every Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

- A **Membership** committee, which plays an active role in attracting potential members and fosters new members.
- A **Community** involvement work group, charged with lifting the Lodge's profile in the area.
- A **Ceremonial** committee, which ensures that the Lodge's ritual work is planned.
- A **Finance** committee, which prepares strategies and plans for financial growth.
- A **Social** committee, which plans a year of social events to supplement the regular meetings.
- A **Group of Brethren who Care** for brethren by sharing the Caring Officer's work, and making sure each Lodge has appointed one.
- Keeping members **Mobile**, by making sure all efforts are made to transport them to Lodge and social meetings.

Thus, the seven Masonic Management Sins can become the seven Masonic Management Virtues.

The Board of General Purposes, acting on a series of recommendations from the Commission for the Future, wants to make it as easy as possible (within the Landmarks of the Order and according to the Book of Constitutions) for men to join the Craft, to re-join the Craft, and to move from Lodge to Lodge. Acting on these recommendations, Grand Lodge has decided to:

- Drop the Grand Lodge portion of Affiliation fees

- Suspend payments by Lodges to the Masonic Buildings Fund (with the recommendation that the money would be used to maintain local buildings)
- Form the Membership and Lodges Assistance Committees
- Instigate a cooling off period between when a brother signifies his intention to call-off and the clearance certificate being issued.
- Create and install a complete Membership Data Base
- Introduce the *Waratah Link*
- Improve and modernise the ritual
- Encourage brethren to issue invitations to apply (removing the fear of un-Masonic conduct)
- Encourage Lodges to place advertisements in local newspapers to make interested men aware of the Craft's existence in the local area.

It is essential that all Freemasons look at the structure, rather than the bricks. There are two ways of looking at a brick wall - close up, so that all you see is one brick - or from a distance, so the whole structure is revealed. It is essential that every brother looks at Freemasonry as a whole, not just at one Lodge. We are part of a world-wide fraternity founded on the purest principles of morality and virtue. In order to secure a sound future for that fraternity in this Jurisdiction, we must change our attitudes to Lodge management and membership retention. This is the responsibility of every Mason in New South Wales. brethren, you will manage the change by following the three R's of Masonic survival, we must

RETAIN - REGAIN - RECRUIT.

Retain: Keep Masons within the Craft by improving the Lodge environment.

Regain: By improving Lodge management, rekindle the interest of Masons who have called off.

Recruit: As we have never been allowed before.

The Goal is to arrest our membership decline, turn it around, and hold it steady by the year 2000 aiming for positive growth in line with population trends thereafter.

If every ten Masons within the Jurisdiction bring someone new into the Craft in 1991, we will have made the first step towards survival. Whether it be a candidate, or a brother who called off, the important matter is that someone who otherwise would not be a Freemason is enjoying the benefits of Masonic membership. But we cannot afford to stop there.

This must be a perpetual goal for Freemasonry in New South Wales; that is, if you want the Craft to survive. **Ten For One in 91** is a realistic goal for every Lodge. It means a Lodge of 20 finds two new faces - and a Lodge of 200 finds 20.

Brethren, this is **your** responsibility.

A huge State-wide membership programme heralds a new era of Freemasonry, making a resurgence cemented by the common bond of preservation through perseverance.

Brethren, the smooth implementation of this campaign depends on you. Shoulder it or Shirk It. To paraphrase 'you have been left to choose or refuse, with the certainty of increasing or decreasing membership according as you accept or disregard the challenge of the future'.

Brethren, IT'S UP TO YOU.'

The Ten for One Campaign was received with mixed reactions in the Private Lodges.

Some simply viewed it as a Grand Lodge gimmick and carried on as before. Others, who were eager to embrace the concept, were unhappy with the President's concluding words "Brethren: its up to you" with only limited suggestions as to how a positive result might be achieved.

Whilst it is true that no-one has ever been initiated in Grand Lodge, some more positive guidance could have resulted from the previous rulings of the Board of General Purposes on the all-important subject of proper solicitation.

Unfortunately, it was not used in the campaign.

Gaining a Commitment from Lodge Members.

In addressing this subject, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Johnson said at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 13 March 1991:

'When becoming associated with any type of organization, full expectations cannot really be evaluated until sufficient knowledge has been gained about the establishment and a realisation of the organization's goals and objectives is understood.

After the period of initiation, new members have only the memory of an experience and little or nothing tangible to show other than the thought-provoking message associated with membership.

From the Lodges' viewpoint there is no better way to gain new members' confidence than by innovative management and a commitment to co-

operation mutually shared by the incumbent and the more experienced members.

Accordingly, it must be easily identified that the organization is structured to embrace the member into its fold to ensure successful delivery of promises, either seen or believed.

To ensure this commitment there are several issues which need to be addressed:

- i Expectations of new members should be matched to long term rewards or benefits derived from membership.
- ii There may be a change involved in respect of their lifestyle and change often goes hand in hand with intrepidation.
- iii To achieve the desired result, the necessary groundwork must be done to ensure favourable acceptance.
- iv The overall process associated with cultivating new members must be well supervised.

Entering the 1990's, organizations such as ours will need to fight to retain current membership, to target new ones and become increasingly accountable for our actions.

One of the most convenient avenues for exploring new opportunities is to listen to your membership and to members of similar organizations.

If we add up the number of years of experience related to the membership of your own Private Lodge, you would be amazed at the amount of experience you have to draw upon.

Once new opportunities have been identified start with:-

- Open discussions of problems affecting your Lodge.

- Don't hide them - ask why, but ensure everyone agrees on the reasons. Everyone has a right to his opinions but no one has a right to be wrong in his facts.
- Research the real reasons. Ask your members and decide whether their ideas fit with the changes which may or may not be desirable.
- Recognise the areas where other organizations are superior and in doing so work on your own weaknesses.
- In the reverse, look for the weaknesses in other organizations and create new opportunities in your own.

In gaining commitment from new members, it is only fair that they should be able to 'MATCH RESULTS' to the question 'WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?'

Discuss new opportunities openly and determine whether you have the current skills and whether emphasis needs to be changed.

An integral part of membership is 'PLAIN ENJOYMENT IN BELONGING', in addition to deriving pleasure from being with other committed members. This comes from the learning process associated with Freemasonry having progressed from the OLD TIMES to THE NEW, which also must cater for CHANGE which is inevitable.

Where change is necessary, accept others' ideas, remembering that HYBRID IDEAS are often superior to SINGULAR ONES. To remain open-minded has obvious advantages. No organization can be all things to all people - human nature will dictate otherwise.

No person is irreplaceable.

Make training opportunities and entice incentives. It's a stated fact Freemasonry offers PROMOTION from within.

COMMITMENT offers an aggressive growth strategy with new opportunities opening up for those who seek promotion and lesser benefits for those who don't. Whatever is done to gain COMMITMENT, plan and do it in stages so it is easier to gauge whether your efforts are obtaining results.

Inform others so that CHANGE may be mapped or tracked.

It is easier to FINE-TUNE specific elements rather than looking at a whole programme and wondering where you went wrong.

If you are not ACHIEVING your desired results by a particular stage then RE-EVALUATE your criteria and performance and RE-SET REALISTIC GOALS.

To succeed in gaining COMMITMENT from others, it is necessary to:

- be open and 'up front'
- dispel rumours.

Finally, it is necessary to FACILITATE EACH STEP.

Steering is also required, that is, guidance to ensure that things go in the direction you want them to. Look at things from a wide angle and manage the arena.

Endeavour not to get caught up in making promises that cannot be delivered.

QUALITY IN COMMITMENT IS LIMITED BY
YOUR LEAST COMMITTED MEMBER.'

This was a most important statement which could be applied with other initiatives which evolved from the Commission for the Future.

Membership Retention.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes submitted to and adopted by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication held on 11 March 1992 addressed this important matter and advised Grand Lodge that it had adopted the following recommendations received from the special committee appointed to consider ways and means to minimize the loss of membership at the time of a consolidation or surrender of a Charter:

- i When a Lodge indicates that it is considering its future, the Lodges Assistance Committee (LAC) is to be formally notified, a designated person representing the LAC will communicate, preferably by personal meeting contact, with the Worshipful Master and other representatives of the Lodge, in order to report as fully and as quickly as possible the circumstances to the LAC, and advice be given and action be taken to ensure the welfare of the Lodge members.
- ii The Worshipful Master is to furnish a report to Grand Lodge before the end of each term of office regarding the status of the Lodge, copies to be forwarded to the relevant District Grand Inspector of Workings and the LAC which will assess the Lodge's function and prospects and, if considered appropriate, counselling will be undertaken.
- iii When a Lodge decides to surrender its Charter, each member is to nominate a Lodge with which he is seeking affiliation or the Board of General Purposes must nominate one to which his name will be

submitted under the same terms as Regulation 160A.

Retain, Regain and Recruit.

A paper published in the August 1993 issue of *The NSW Freemason* contained:

Belatedly perhaps, we as Freemasons came to realise that while we have survived the twentieth century there is no guarantee that Freemasonry would survive far beyond the start of the twenty-first century. Change in social behaviour, in life styles between generations suddenly provided challenges that we had neglected to meet and this is indeed the challenge of the future.

It is not unreasonable to consider that in all organizations that are successful and wish to remain so, strength is measured in part by the number of members. A critical look at statistics reveals that Freemasonry numerically has declined dramatically in the last two decades and that the decline continued unchecked until now.

The Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F. Dunn, incorporated 'Retain, Regain, Recruit' in his slogan and it is these three areas which were currently occupying the Membership Management Committee's attention.

It was considered not enough to consider any one of these without adoption of the other two as it was thought unlikely that on-going success would be maintained without practising all three.

Masonic Awareness Week 1994.

The Membership Management Committee of the Board of General Purposes launched Masonic

Awareness Week at the District Grand Inspectors of Workings Mid-Term Conference on 28 August 1993. This State-wide event was planned for the period 12-20 March 1994 and involved the opening of the doors of each Masonic Centre to present a programme of Masonic and social events to which Masons and members of the public could be invited.

During this week information to promote and advise on the philosophy of Freemasonry was presented for the education of Masons and their friends.

Slogans such as:

'Let's Open the Door in '94'

'Each One - Reach One'

were introduced to supplement the 'Retain, Regain, Recruit' membership enhancement plan then being promoted within Lodges throughout New South Wales.

The Opportunities of Masonic Awareness.

- It is an opportunity to make your local community more aware of Freemasonry.
- It is an opportunity to let the community know of the role that the Craft exercises in caring and charitable activities.
- It is an opportunity for Lodges to be more visible to the general community, and the good influence that Freemasonry has in the lives of its members.
- It is an opportunity to enable members to invite friends to Lodge or District promotional functions.
- It is an opportunity for Lodges to realise the benefits of an improvement of standards

in the presentation of meetings; to retain their current members.

- It is an opportunity for Lodges to renew 'old contacts' with their non-subscribing brethren, and regain their active membership.
- It is an opportunity for the Craft in this Jurisdiction to embrace the concept of Masonic Awareness in order to arrest trends which have become of increasing concern to all those with the future of the Craft at heart.

1000th Membership Assistance Candidate.

The Membership Assistance Scheme (MAS), since its inception in 1987, was responsible for the interviewing and sponsoring of over one thousand new members for admission into the Craft.

The earliest candidate supported by MAS still retaining membership was Mr John Whyte who was initiated into Lodge Nepean No. 29 in May 1987. The 1000th candidate was Mr Hugh Boulter, initiated into Lodge Torchbearer No. 638 on 17 March 1995.

The high retention rate of MAS sponsored members indicated a genuine appreciation of the ideals of Freemasonry and the bonds of friendship afforded by the brethren.

Membership Director.

At the September 1995 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Noel F Dunn, said:

'There is no doubt that the number one problem facing very many of our Lodges is that of membership.

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I, as Grand Master, view this situation to be so important that I am hereby giving a directive for each Worshipful Master to appoint a Membership Director.

The duty of the appointed brother will primarily be to direct his Lodge towards the attraction and retention of new members. The issue of membership cannot be left for solutions to appear out of the mists. We are going to come to grips with the problem and we are going to do it now, before it's too late.'

Embracing the Young.

In presenting a paper on membership which was a précis of where we are and where we may be going, the Grand Secretary, Right Wor Bro Ian R. McCulloch, PAGM, said:

'Older members will have to recognise that younger men bring with them their own, different aspirations. Whether we like it or not, recollections of war and of depression are beyond the compass of the experiences of those who were born after 1950. Those younger men have had their experience moulded by television and computers; they know that if you shoot for the moon you can in fact walk on it. They are, importantly, products of a consumer society.

It is, and will remain, the clear duty of the old in our Lodges not to obstruct the young (the old are there to guide on genuine matters of Masonic knowledge). And if the two generations cannot mix, then separation will have to be contemplated - either by the older members leaving to form a daylight Lodge or the younger members grouping together to form a new night Lodge.

Either way, new Lodges will increasingly be a feature as our Masonic population settles into new groupings (e.g. also ethnic Lodges). Besides which, the formation of new Lodges is positive - it brings with it the benefits of building afresh, of talking our organization up and not talking it down.'

Membership Kit.

In September 1998, the Grand Secretariat finalised a Membership Kit for use by Lodges in their quest for new members. The Kit, contained in an attractive new folder, was circulated to Lodges and it had the full support of the Executive Council.

The Declining Membership Trend Continued.

Unfortunately, the total membership of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory continued to decline in spite of the best efforts of the administration and many of the members.

Certainly, the Ten for One in '91 campaign did not achieve its nominal objective but one wonders what the result might have been had no action of any kind been taken.

The magic formula to reverse the trend of declining membership has yet to be found.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Year	No of Lodges	M'ship	* Init	Joined	C off	S Off	Died	Remained
1988	652	53,278	664	1,094	3,064	485	1,225	50,262
1989	631	50,262	630	981	2,461	438	1,161	47,813
1990	616	47,813	667	1,127	2,516	348	1,123	45,620
1991	600	45,620	727	840	2,480	373	1,043	43,291
1992	583	43,684	651	1,083	1,658	348	728	41,690
1993	576	41,690	757	766	2,072	400	863	39,334

Notes to Membership Statistics:

- i) The number of members remaining at 31 December 1993 was 37,205;
- ii) At 31 December 1993, there were 2,129 multiple memberships;
- iii) With computerisation of the database the schedule, as above, was ruled off on 31 December 1993 and from that date onwards, membership figures are presented to show net movements of 'ins' and 'outs', excluding changes which are merely transfers between Lodges or those which are the result of multiple memberships (see below)

Year	Members At Start	Initiated	Re-Joined	Affiliated From Sister Constitns	C Off	S Off	Died	Members At End
1994	37,205	775	284	59	1,828	358	934	35,103
1995	35,103	619	256	75	1,691	333	809	33,220
1996	33,220	602	225	83	1,631	309	810	31,380
1997	31,380	551	200	94	1,693	321	708	29,503
1998	29,503	466	196	56	1,553	309	651	27,708
1999	27,708	379	207	35	1,336	256	573	26,164
2000	26,164	417	308	68	2,024	244	659	24,030
2001	24,030	395	294	35	1,863	229	588	22,074
2002	22,074	403	279	46	1,723	188	620	20,271

* Init Initiated C Off
 Called Off S Off Struck Off

M'ship	Membership	Constitns
Constitutions		

APPENDIX I

A CHRONOLOGY OF AUSTRALIAN FREEMASONRY

IC	<i>Irish Constitution</i>	SAC	<i>South</i>
	<i>Australian Constitution</i>		
EC	<i>English Constitution</i>	UGLQ	<i>United Grand Lodge</i>
	<i>of Queensland</i>		
SC	<i>Scottish Constitution</i>	UGLNSW	<i>United Grand Lodge of</i>
	<i>New South Wales</i>		

- 1770 - Joseph Banks, the first Freemason to set foot on Australian soil.
- 1788 - Freemasons arrive with the first fleet.
- 1797 - Grand Lodge of Ireland defers request for warrant to be held in the New South Wales Corps, Port Jackson.
- 1802 - Masonic certificate issued to Captain Anthony Fenn Kemp.
- 1803 - Sir Henry Browne Hayes attempts to form a Masonic Lodge in Sydney.
- 1804 - Brother Charles Wood's obituary reported in the *Sydney Gazette*.
- 1807 - Letter written to Captain John Piper, Commandant of Norfolk Island, thanking him for patronage of Masonic activities on the island.
- 1814 - The 46th Regiment arrive with warrant No. 227, IC, Lodge of Social and Military Virtues.
- 1816 - Setting of foundation stone of Captain John Piper's home.
- 1817 - The 48th Regiment arrive with warrant No. 218, IC
- 1817 - Consecration of land for St Davids' Church, Hobart.
- 1820 - The Australian Social Lodge No. 260, IC, the first stationary Lodge in Australia, established at Sydney.
- 1824 - Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia No. 266, IC, the second Lodge in Australia, established at Sydney.
- 1827 - First reference to the erection of a Masonic building in Australia.

- 1828 - The Lodge of Australia No. 820, EC, the first English Lodge in Australia, established at Sydney.
- 1828 - The Tasmanian Lodge No. 313, IC, the first Lodge in Tasmania, established at Hobart.
- 1834 - First Masonic Fund of Benevolence established at Sydney.
- 1834 - The South Australian Lodge of Friendship No. 613, EC, the first Lodge in South Australia, established at London, England.
- 1839 - Brother George Robert Nichols appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master for New South Wales, South Australia and Van Diemen's Land.
- 1839 - The Lodge of Australia Felix No. 697, EC, the first Lodge in Victoria, established at Melbourne.
- 1841 - Meeting held at Government House, Perth, to form a Masonic Lodge in Western Australia.
- 1842 - St John's Lodge No. 346, IC, the first Lodge established at Launceston.
- 1842 - Dispensation issued for the Auckland Social Lodge No. 348, IC, to be established at Auckland, New Zealand.
- 1843 - St John Lodge No. 712, EC, the first Lodge in Western Australia, established at Perth.
- 1843 - Australia Felix Lodge of Hiram No. 349, IC, the first Irish Lodge in Victoria, established at Melbourne.
- 1844 - Australasian Kilwinning No. 337, SC, the first Scottish Lodge in Australia, established at Melbourne.
- 1844 - Tasmanian Union No. 781, EC, the first English Lodge in Tasmania, established at Hobart.
- 1844 - The Adelaide Lodge No. 341, SC, the first Scottish Lodge in South Australia and the first Lodge consecrated at Adelaide.
- 1845 - Provincial Grand Lodge of South Australia, EC, established.

- 1845 - Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria, SC, established.
- 1847 - Grand Lodge of Botany Bay of Australia, the first attempt at Masonic independence.
- 1847 - Provincial Grand Lodge of South Australia, SC, established.
- 1849 - Provincial Grand Lodge of New South Wales, EC, established.
- 1849 - First case of Masonic litigation at Sydney.
- 1854 - The origin of the Freemasons' Orphan Society at Sydney.
- 1855 - Duke of Leinster Lodge No. 363, IC, first Irish Lodge in South Australia, established at Adelaide.
- 1856 - Provincial Grand Lodge of New South Wales, SC, established
- 1856 - Provincial Grand Lodge of Tasmania, EC, established.
- 1856 - Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria, EC, established.
- 1856 - Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria, IC, established.
- 1857 - Provincial Grand Lodge of New South Wales, IC, established.
- 1857 - First Masonic library established in Sydney.
- 1859 - North Australian Lodge No. 1098, EC, the first in Queensland, established at Brisbane.
- 1860 - Provincial Grand Lodge of South Australia, IC, established.
- 1862 - Provincial Grand Lodge of Queensland, EC, established.
- 1863 - St Patrick Lodge No. 279, IC, the first Irish Lodge in Queensland, established at Brisbane.
- 1864 - St Andrew Lodge No. 435, SC, the first Scottish Lodge in Queensland, established at Brisbane.
- 1864 - Provincial Grand Lodge of South Australia, SC, established.
- 1865 - Provincial Grand Lodge of Queensland, IC, established.

- 1866 - Provincial Grand Lodge of Queensland, SC, established.
- 1872 - The Independent Grand Lodge of New South Wales established.
- 1876 - St Andrew No. 591½ SC, the first Scottish Lodge in Tasmania, established at Launceston.
- 1877 - The Grand Lodge of New South Wales inaugurated.
- 1880 - First meeting of (Royal) Freemasons' Benevolent Institution held at Sydney.
- 1883 - The Grand Lodge of Victoria inaugurated.
- 1884 - The Grand Lodge of South Australia inaugurated.
- 1884 - Provincial Grand Lodge of Tasmania, IC, established.
- 1885 - District Grand Lodge of Tasmania, SC, established.
- 1887 - District Grand Lodge of Western Australia, EC, established.
- 1888 - The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales inaugurated.
- 1889 - The United Grand Lodge of Victoria inaugurated.
- 1890 - The Grand Lodge of Tasmania inaugurated.
- 1890 - The Grand Lodge of New Zealand inaugurated.
- 1896 - St Andrew No. 829, SC, the first Scottish Lodge in Western Australia, established at Perth.
- 1896 - Port Darwin Lodge No. 41, SAC, the first Lodge established in the Northern Territory.
- 1899 - The Grand Lodge of Western Australia inaugurated.
- 1904 - The Grand Lodge of Queensland inaugurated.
- 1919 - Rabaul Lodge No. 4468, EC, the first Lodge established in Papua New Guinea. Consecrated 1923.
- 1920 - The Queensland Grand Lodge inaugurated.
- 1921 - The United Grand Lodge of Queensland inaugurated.
- 1922 - The District Grand Lodge North Queensland, UGLQ, established at Townsville

- 1922- New Guinea Lodge No. 292, the first Lodge
established in Papua New Guinea by the United
Grand Lodge of Queensland.
- 1923 - Lodge Canberra No. 465; the first Lodge
established in the Australian Capital Territory
by the UGLNSW.
- 1924 - The District Grand Lodge of Carpentaria,
UGLQ, established at Cairns.
- 1998 - The Australian Capital Territory
included in the title of the United Grand Lodge
of New South Wales.
- 1999 - The Northern Territory included in the
title of the Grand Lodge of South Australia

APPENDIX 11

AN EXPLANATION OF THE MASONIC COATS-OF-ARMS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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In Volume 1V of the history of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Right Wor Bro Kellerman included a description of the coat-of-arms of the United Grand Lodge in the Appendix.

The descriptions given here were presented to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication held in the Sydney Masonic Centre on 8 March 1989 at the time of the unveiling of plaques depicting the Coats-of-Arms of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Ronald L H Johnson.

The Origin of Heraldry.

Heraldry (more correctly termed 'Armory') is the system of using hereditary designs to distinguish individual families and to authenticate official documents. The word also refers to the art of reproducing these designs in pictorial form.

The need for such a system arose from the general illiteracy of the Medieval period and the adoption of full face armour which required a means of recognising leaders in battle. Designs and symbols were placed on the shield and on the surcoat worn over the armour, the latter giving rise to the expression 'Coat-of-Arms'. These designs were passed from father to son and thereby became the hereditary

identifying 'mark' of the person and the family.

As even the nobles were usually illiterate, wax seals bearing their personal arms were affixed to documents as identification in place of a written signature.

In later times the concept of corporate and organisational identity has led to many 'Coats-of-Arms' being granted to private companies as well as governments, statutory bodies and associations, and usually feature in the Corporate Seal of such organizations. The Seal of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales is portrayed on the outer cover and dust jacket of this book. Among the early examples of Corporate Arms are those granted to industry guilds, such as the grant made in 1472 by William Hawkesloe, Clarenceux King-at-Arms to the Company of Masons (an Operative guild).

In the explanation of these Masonic Arms all references to 'left' and 'right' have been made in relation to the viewer.

The whole depiction is termed an 'Achievement of Arms' and consists of the Crest, Escutcheon (or Shield) on which the actual 'arms' are placed and, where used, Supporters, Mantling and Helm (helmet), in which case the Crest is placed on top.

Whether or not the Helm is used, the Crest is usually shown on a roll of twisted silk, termed an 'Heraldic Wreath', which represents the fastening of the silk cloak ('Mantling') worn over the actual suit of armour. 'Supporters' are figures placed either side of the Escutcheon to 'support' the Arms, which is the purpose of the smaller shields in the Masonic Arms described herein.

Neither Achievement is formally registered as there is no provision for registration in

Australia and, having struggled to obtain independence from the Masonic Jurisdictions of Great Britain, it would have been a contradiction to seek a registration of Arms through a British heraldic authority.

The Coats-of-Arms displayed in the Grand Lodge Room are of cast aluminium manufacture and were produced for the Board of General Purposes on the recommendation of the Centenary Central Organising Committee to mark the One Hundredth Anniversary of the formation of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The Arms of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was formed in 1877 and adopted a Coat-of-Arms depicting its identity and origin. The Crest, at the centre top of the Escutcheon (or Shield) is a rising Sun (similar to the Crest in the Arms of the State of New South Wales) on a silver and blue Wreath of twisted silk above a Wreath of Clouds. The Sun is a symbol of authority, and here signifies the authority of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales over the Lodges under its Jurisdiction.

The Escutcheon has as its central motif a blue Cross adorned with five-pointed stars. This Cross on a silver background similarly forms the central motif on the unofficial arms used by colonial New South Wales prior to the design officially adopted in 1876.

In the upper left Quarter is an Anchor (for the Maritime industry), a Fleece (Pastoral industry), a Plough (Agricultural industry) and a Caduceus which is here thought to represent the professions in general, of which Medicine was the most prominent at that time.

In the lower left Quarter are three Castle-towers, and a pair of extended Compasses superimposed on a Chevron. This Quarter, taken from the left half of the Coat of Arms of The United Grand Lodge of England, was the Coat of Arms of the first Grand Lodge founded in London in 1717 ('Moderns'), being derived from the Coat-of-Arms of the Masons' Company of London founded in 1412.

In the upper right Quarter appear a Lion, an Ox, and Eagle and a Man with hands erect. These represent the four principal Tribes of ancient Israel, namely: The Lion for the Tribe of Judah, the Ox for Ephraim, the Eagle for Dan and the Man for Reuben. This Quarter is taken from the right half of the Coat-of-Arms of The United Grand Lodge of England, being those of the second Grand Lodge founded in London in 1751 ('Antients') and uniting with the first Grand Lodge in 1813 to form The United Grand Lodge of England.

In the lower right Quarter appear the Arms of Great Britain which feature the three gold Lions of England, the Harp of Ireland and the red Lion of Scotland.

On the left of the Escutcheon, is a shield bearing the Arms of Great Britain which depicts by its quarters the constitutional origins of those Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, namely, The United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland.¹ The shield on the right represents New South Wales. These shields are surrounded by the floral emblems appropriate to each, ie thistle (for Scotland), rose (England), fern and waratah (New South Wales) and shamrock (Ireland).

Along the base is a scroll with the Latin motto IN DOMINO CONFIDO, which can be translated as 'I trust in the Lord'.

The Arms of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was formed in 1888 by the union of all Constitutions then exercising Jurisdiction in NSW.² The Coat-of-Arms adopted is a variation of that used by the former Grand Lodge of NSW and an explanation is given only for those features which differ.

While the Crest itself remains unchanged the colours of the Wreath reflect the colour change in the central Cross on the Escutcheon.

The Escutcheon has as the central motif the Cross of St George with a 'star' on each arm and a lion in the centre. This motif was central to the official design of the NSW Coat-of-Arms adopted in 1876 and confirmed in the Royal grant of Arms to the State in 1906.

It appears that at Union in 1888 the original Grand Lodge of NSW 'stars' were displaced in the same renditions with gold 'spheres' but the 'stars' were permanently adopted when the NSW State Arms (with stars) were confirmed in 1906.

The Cross of St George represents the English origin of most of the early settlers while the four stars represent the Southern Cross, emblematic of the new land to which the settlers came. In the Coat-of-Arms of The United Grand Lodge the stars have five points, not eight as on the State badge, because five points have symbolic significance in Freemasonry.

In the upper left Quarter is (clockwise from the upper left) a banded Fleece representing the Pastoral Industry; a Ship in full sail representing the Maritime Industry; a Sheaf of grain representing the Agricultural Industry and a Pick and Shovel representing the Mining Industry.

The lower left and upper right Quarters continue to represent, respectively, the English 'Moderns' and 'Antients' Grand Lodges. The upper right has some minor change to conform with that now depicted in the Arms of The United Grand Lodge of England.

The lower right Quarter contains the Arms of Great Britain the quarterings of which are also displayed on individual shields and together with that of the original (unofficial) NSW badge depicts the Constitutional origins of The United Grand Lodge of NSW. These shields are surrounded by the floral emblems appropriate to each, while at the foot of the Arms are flowers and leaves of the flannel flower, native fuchsia and leaves of the fern, all common plants along coastal areas of New South Wales.

In the scroll at the base is the Latin motto *JUNCTA JUVANT* which may bear the literal meaning 'Things joined together (*JUNCTA*) help, assist, support or benefit (*JUVANT*) ('one another') and which could permit as a free translation, 'Unity is Strength'.

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

1. This is not strictly accurate. Although some individual English Constitution Masons joined Lodges under the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, there were no English Constitution Lodges involved at its inauguration. The Lodge of Truth No. 1183 EC (later No. 881 EC) transferred its allegiance in 1879 to become No. 18 Grand Lodge of New South Wales.
2. There were no Irish Constitution Lodges working in NSW in 1888. They had either surrendered the warrant or joined the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

	July 1877	August 1888
England	32	74
Ireland	8	Nil
Scotland	25	53
New South Wales	<u>Nil</u>	<u>49</u>
	65	176

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CONSOLIDATED LODGES

<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Consolidated with Lodge</i>	<i>Under the name and number of Lodge</i>
Athenaeum No. 195	Samaritan No. 50	Samaritan No. 50
Australia No. 3	United Service and Unanimity No. 24 Prince of Wales No. 49	Australia No. 3
Asquith No. 914	Wahroonga No. 674	Wahroonga No. 674
Allawah Zenith No. 825	St George United No. 480 ...	St George United No. 480
Adamstown Temperance No. 727	Star in the West No. 189 ...	Star in the West No. 189
Aviation No. 688	Burns Lewis No. 403	Aviation No. 688
Acacia No. 329	Sydney St John No. 80	Sydney St John No. 80
Aubrey Halloran Lewis No. 824	Illawarra No. 59	Illawarra No. 59
.....	Illawarra No. 59	
Accord No. 500	Challenge No. 284	Challenge No. 284
Alpha No. 970	Edward No. 351	Alpha No. 970
Aubrey Halloran No. 643	King George No. 776	Aubrey Halloran No. 643
Apsley No. 129	Peace No. 120	Peace No. 120
Artificer St George No. 78	The Waratah Lodge No. 170 ..	The Waratah Lodge No. 170
Allyn No. 642	Excelsior No. 157	Allyn Excelsior No. 157
Ashlar No. 767	Oatley No. 381	Oatley No. 381
Abermain No. 634	Tomalpin No. 253	Tomalpin No. 253
Avery No. 751	Umberumberka No. 141 Barrier No. 173 Broken Hill No. 199	

<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Consolidated with Lodge</i>	<i>Under the name and number of Lodge</i>
	Menindee No. 959	Silver City No. 141
Auburn United No. 484	Regents Park No. 703	Regents Park United No. 484
Abbotsford No. 526	Sportsman No. 975	Abbotsford Sportsman No. 526
Artarmon No. 285	Drummoyne United No. 210	Artarmon Drummoyne United No. 210
Arcadia No. 177	Hellenic No. 888	Hellenic Arcadia No. 177
Allyn Excelsior No. 167	Orient No. 215	Brotherhood of Maitland No. 1029
Beecroft No. 359	Edward Beers No. 965	Beecroft No. 359
Belmore No. 244	Belmore Lewis No. 732	Belmore No. 244
Belmore Lewis No. 732	Belmore No. 244	Belmore No. 244
Bexley-Marrickville No. 328	Berith Kingsgrove No. 571	Bexley-Marrickville No. 328
Balgowlah Lewis No. 832	Cremorne No. 326	Cremorne No. 326
Burns Lewis No. 403	Aviation No. 688	Aviation No. 688
Botany Bay-Observance No. 699	Rockdale Tolerance No. 574	
	Rosebery No. 645	
	Beacon-Damo No. 919	Rockdale United No. 574
Beacon-Damo No. 919	Rockdale Tolerance No. 574	
	Rosebery No. 645	
	Botany Bay-Observance No. 699	Rockdale United No. 574
Biloela No. 157	Waratah No. 166	Waratah No. 166

Brotherhood No. 488Kuring-gai Unity No. 230 .Brotherhood of Kuring-gai
 No. 230
 Blacktown No. 393Kildare No. 953Blacktown-Kildare No. 393
 Booralee No. 202Sydney United No. 620Booralee No. 202
 Burns St David No. 534Southern Cross No. 91Southern Cross No. 91
Lodge *Consolidated with Lodge* *Under the name and number of Lodge*

Bellevue Hill-Rose Bay No. 371 Edgecliff-Double Bay No.
 331 Double Bay United No. 331
 Bexley-Marrickville No. 328 King of Tyre No. 457 Bexley-Marrickville No.
 328
 Burns Bay No. 527 Prometheus No. 599 Prometheus No. 527
 Baringa Chapel No. 947 Highfield Amity Belfield No. 629 Future No. 947
 Burrangong St John No. 20 .. Young No. 930 Young Burrangong No. 20
 Burrowa No. 283 Federal No. 193 Federal Burrowa No. 193
 Burns Wentworth No. 21 Tuscan No. 18 Burns Wentworth Tuscan
 No. 21
 Bexley-Marrickville No. 328 Constellation Tudor No. 890 Bexley-Marrickville No.
 328
 Barrier No. 173 Umberumberka No. 141
 Broken Hill No. 199 Umberumberka No. 141
 Broken Hill No. 199 Umberumberka No. 141
 Barrier No. 173
 Avery No. 751
 Menindee No. 959 Silver City No. 141
 Broken Hill No. 199 Umberumberka No. 141
 Barrier No. 173
 Avery No. 751
 Menindee No. 959 Silver City No. 141

Barraba No. 264 St Andrews No. 281 St Andrews No. 281
 Balgowlah No. 392 Cremorne No. 326 Balgowlah No. 392
 Bonalbo No. 354 Urbenville No. 782 Urbenville Bonalbo No.
 354
 Birkenhead Mansions No. 332 Drummoyne No. 210 Drummoyne United No. 210
 Batlow United No. 650 Tumut Unity No. 39
 St Clair No. 47 Gadara No. 39
 Balmain No. 23 Roseville No. 344 Balmain No. 23
Lodge Consolidated with Lodge Under the name and number of Lodge
 Bronte No. 507 Waverley No. 296 Bronte No. 507
 Bexley-Marrickville No. 328 Rockdale United No. 574 The St George Lodge No.
 328
 Bulli No. 319 Woonona No. 842 Bulli No. 319
 Belmore No. 244 Punchbowl No. 433 Punchbowl No. 244
 Cardiff Temperance No. 576 . Merewether No. 778 Merewether-Cardiff No.
 576
 Clovelly No. 443 Matraville No. 689 Doncaster No. 443
 Carlton Kogarah No. 305 Peakhurst No. 864 Carlton Kogarah No. 305
 Cremorne No. 326 Balgowlah Lewis No. 832 Cremorne No. 326
 Commerce No. 501 Harmony No. 15 Harmony Commerce No. 15
 Clyde Rowe No. 793 Liverpool No. 197 Liverpool No. 197
 Captain Cook No. 950 Gynea No. 796 Gynea No. 796
 Conadilly No. 817 Zion No. 218 Zion No. 218
 Challenge No. 284 Accord No. 500 Challenge No. 284
 Clairville Orana No. 489 ... Punchbowl No. 433 Punchbowl No. 433

Concord West and Lewis No. 736	Homebush No. 910
.....	Concord West Homebush No. 736
Cooma No. 926	The Monaro Lodge No. 164 ... Cooma Monaro No. 164
City of Sydney No. 952	Mackay No. 761
No. 761	Mackay-City of Sydney
Caringbah No. 834	Gymea No. 796
Carlton Kogarah No. 305	Gymea No. 796
	Sir Francis Drake Beverly
	Hills No. 943
Cronulla No. 312	Carlton Kogarah No. 305
	Miranda No. 846
Carlingford No. 730	Cronulla No. 312
	Eastwood No. 390
	West Ryde No. 453
	Northern Suburbs United No. 390
<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Consolidated with Lodge</i>
	<i>Under the name and number of Lodge</i>
Claymore No. 892	Ubique No. 900
Cricket No. 98	Ubique No. 900
	St Ives No. 873
Constellation Tudor No. 890	St Ives No. 873
	Bexley-Marrickville No. 328
	Bexley-Marrickville No. 328
Canoblas No. 498	Ophir No. 17
Cumberland No. 752	Ophir No. 17
	Parramatta St George No. 316
	Parramatta St George No. 316
Centenary No. 373	Honour No. 519
No. 373	Centenary with Honour
City of Grafton No. 847	Grafton No. 467
Cremorne No. 326	Grafton No. 467
	Balgowlah No. 392
Concord No. 93	Balgowlah No. 392
	Hume No. 212
	City of Albury No. 772
City of Albury No. 772	Farrar No. 93
	Hume No. 212

Concord No. 93 Farrar No. 93
 Cessnock No. 252 Caledonia No. 447 Cessnock No. 252
 Caledonia No. 447 Cessnock No. 252 Cessnock No. 252
 Coolah No. 578 Ulungra No. 299 Ulungra No. 299
 Clyde No. 99 Holroyd Daylight No. 990 ... Holroyd Daylight No. 99
 Corrimal No. 747 Thirroul Temperance No. 567 Corrimal Thirroul Temperance
 No. 567
 Cullen No. 685 Inverell No. 48 Inverell No. 48
 Duty with Perseverance No. 411 Prosperity No. 278
 Prosperity No. 278
 Doncaster No. 443 John Williams No. 148 John Williams No. 148
 Dugald Dobie No. 563 Ferndale No. 400
 Pegasus Roberts No. 870 Enterprise No. 400
 Drummoyne No. 210 Birkenhead Mansions No. 332 Drummoyne United No. 210
Lodge Consolidated with Lodge Under the name and number of Lodge
 Dural No. 973 Fortitude No. 439 The Hills Lodge No. 1025
 Drummoyne United No. 210 ... Artarmon No. 285 Artarmon Drummoyne United No.
 210
 Double Bay United No. 331 .. Orpheus William Taylor No. 560 Double Bay No. 331
 Duke of Connaught No. 150 .. Windsor No. 770
 Royal Prince No. 364 The Hawkesbury Heritage Lodge
 No. 150
 Edward Beers No. 965 Beecroft No. 359 Beecroft No. 359
 Edward No. 351 Alpha No. 970 Alpha No. 970
 Excalibur No. 737 Lakemba No. 396 Excalibur No. 737
 Edgecliff-Double Bay No. 331 Bellevue Hill-Rose Bay No. 371 Double Bay United No. 331

Elouera No. 678	Illawarra No. 59	Illawarra No. 59
Excelsior No. 157	Allyn No. 642	Allyn Excelsior No. 157
Eastwood No. 390	West Ryde No. 453	
	Carlingford No. 730	Northern Suburbs United No. 390
Epoch No. 979	Shaw Stewart St John No. 133	
	Shaw Stewart Westgate No. 471	
	Leichhardt Dobroyde No. 379	The Leichhardt Lodge No. 133
Edinburgh St John No. 38 ...	Rylstone Kandos No. 495	Edinburgh St John No. 38
Earl Carnarvon No. 180	St David and St John No. 380	St David and St John No. 180
Frank McDowell No. 789	Lindfield No. 362	Frank McDowell No. 362
Fyfe No. 455	Remington No. 242	Remington-Fyfe No. 242
Fraternity Industry No. 759	Sincerity No. 233	Sincerity No. 233
French's Forest-Naremburn No. 927	T L Warren No. 444	
.....	French's Forest United No. 927	
<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Consolidated with Lodge</i>	<i>Under the name and number of Lodge</i>
Ferndale No. 400	Dugald Dobie No. 563	
	Pegasus Roberts No. 870	Enterprise No. 400
Fidelity and Lewis No. 101	King Solomon Dulwich No. 251	Fidelity King Solomon No. 101
Federal No. 193	Burrowa No. 283	Federal Burrowa No. 193
Friendship No. 158	Hamilton No. 451	
	New Lambton No. 516	Friendship No. 158
Fortitude No. 439	Dural No. 973	The Hills Lodge No. 1025
French's Forest United No. 927	Rawson and Northbridge	
No. 249	French's Forest United No. 249	

Forest Hill No. 915	Loyalty No. 358	
	Harmony United No. 22	Wagga Wagga No. 22
GyMEA No. 796	Captain Cook No. 950	GyMEA No. 796
GyMEA No. 796	Caringbah No. 834	GyMEA No. 796
Glebe Cambrian No. 96	William Thompson No. 309	
	MacKinnon of Liberty Plains	William Thompson of
	No 829	Liberty Plains No. 96
Gosford No. 742	Rising Sun Gosford City No. 311	Central Coast Lodge
No. 2001		
Hanbury No. 721	Kotara No. 939	Kotara Hanbury No. 939
Hunter No. 246	Karuah No. 289	Hunter No. 246
Haberfield Emulation No. 284	Pembroke No. 883	Challenge No. 284
Harmony No. 15	Commerce No. 501	Harmony Commerce No. 15
Honour and Friendship No. 698		Long Bay No. 569
		Long Bay No. 569
Homebush No. 910	Concord West and Lewis No. 736	Concord West Homebush
No. 736		
Highfield Amity Belfield No. 629		Baringa Chapel No. 947
		Future No. 947
<i>Lodge</i>		<i>Consolidated with</i>
<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Under the name and number of Lodge</i>	
Honour No. 519	Centenary No. 373	Centenary with Honour
No. 373		
Hume No. 212	City of Albury No. 772	
	Concord No. 93	Farrar No. 93
Hurstville No. 282	St George United No. 480 ...	Hurstville No. 282

Halcyon Carlton Lewis No. 565 Woronora No. 414
 Woronora No. 414
 Holroyd Daylight No. 990 ... Clyde No. 99 Holroyd Daylight No. 99
 Hamilton No. 451 Friendship No. 158
 New Lambton No. 516 Friendship No. 158
 Herne Bay No. 788 Masonian No. 575 Masonian No. 575
 Hellenic No. 888 Arcadia No. 177 Hellenic Arcadia No. 177
 Harmony United No. 22 Forest Hill No. 915
 Loyalty No. 358 Wagga Wagga No. 22
 Illawarra No. 59 Winston No. 774 Illawarra No. 59
 Illawarra No. 59 Aubrey Halloran Lewis No. 824 Illawarra No. 59
 Illawarra St George No. 219 James Cook-Tarbolton No. 68 Illawarra St George No.
 219
 Inkata Daylight No. 983 Woolooware No. 904 Inkata Daylight No. 983
 Illawarra No. 59 Elouera No. 678 Illawarra No. 59
 Ivanhoe No. 143 Illawarra St George No. 219 Ivanhoe St George No.
 143
 Illawarra St George No. 219 Ivanhoe No. 143 Ivanhoe St George No.
 143
 Inverell No. 48 Cullen No. 685 Inverell No. 48
 James Cook-Tarbolton No. 68 Illawarra St George No. 219 Illawarra St George No.
 219
 John Williams No. 148 Doncaster No. 443 John Williams No. 148
 John Oxley No. 879 The Peel No. 209 The Peel No. 209
Lodge Consolidated with Lodge Under the name and number of Lodge
 John T Jennings No. 426 Kensington No. 270 Kensington No. 270

Kotara No. 939 Hanbury No. 721 Kotara Hanbury No. 939
 Kurri Kurri No. 253 Weston-Kurri St George No. 317 Tomalpin No. 253
 Kamilaroi No. 830 Lane Cove-Imperial No. 338 . Longueville No. 338
 Karuah No. 289 Hunter No. 246 Hunter No. 246
 King George No. 776 Aubrey Halloran No. 643 Aubrey Halloran No. 643
 Kuring-gai Unity No. 230 ... Brotherhood No. 488 Brotherhood of Kuring-gai No.
 230
 Kildare No. 953 Blacktown No. 393 Blacktown-Kildare No.
 393
 King of Tyre No. 457 Bexley-Marrickville No. 328 Bexley-Marrickville No.
 328
 King Solomon Dulwich No. 251 Fidelity and Lewis No. 101 . Fidelity King Solomon
 No. 101
 King Edward No. 234 Theo Grey No. 893 Theo Grey No. 234
 Kensington No. 270 John T Jennings No. 426 Kensington No. 270
 Lindfield No. 362 Frank McDowell No. 789 Frank McDowell No. 362
 Lane Cove-Imperial No. 338 . Kamilaroi No. 830 Longueville No. 338
 Liberty Plains No. 829 Mackinnon No. 784 Mackinnon of Liberty Plains
 No. 829
 Liverpool No. 197 Clyde Rowe No. 793 Liverpool No. 197
 Livingstone Freedom No. 604 Scarborough No. 94 Livingstone F Bass No.
 604
 Long Bay No. 569 Honour and Friendship No. 698 Long Bay No. 569
 Lakemba No. 396 Excalibur No. 737 Excalibur No. 737
 Langlea Assembly No. 470 ... Rudyard Kipling No. 802 Rudyard Kipling with
 Langlea
 Assembly No. 470

Loyalty No. 358	Harmony United No. 22	
	Forest Hill No. 915	Wagga Wagga No. 22
<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Consolidated with Lodge</i>	<i>Under the name and number of Lodge</i>
Lilyville Hereward No. 532 .	Long Bay No. 569	Kingsford Smith No. 1028
Long Bay No. 569	Lilyville Hereward No. 532 .	Kingsford Smith No. 1028
Liverpool Plains No. 191 ...	Werriston No. 273	Liverpool Plains No. 193
Leichhardt-Dobroyde No. 379	Epoch No. 979	
	Shaw Stewart St John No. 133	
	Shaw Stewart Westgate No. 471	The Leichhardt Lodge No. 133
Merewether No. 778	Cardiff Temperance No. 576 .	Merewether-Cardiff No. 576
Matraville No. 689	Clovelly No. 443	Doncaster No. 443
McLean No. 268	Woodburn No. 146	Woodburn United No. 146
Mackinnon No. 784	Liberty Plains No. 829	Mackinnon of Liberty Plains No. 829
Merrylands No. 479	Merrylands Lewis No. 708 ...	Merrylands No. 479
Merrylands Lewis No. 708 ...	Merrylands No. 479	Merrylands No. 479
Mortdale Hurstville Grove No. 676		Woronora No. 414
		Woronora No. 414
Mackay No. 761	City of Sydney No. 952	Mackay-City of Sydney No. 761
Manly Warringah United No. 83		Narrabeen No. 427
		Narrabeen No. 427
Miranda No. 846	Cronulla No. 312	Cronulla No. 312
Manoora No. 432	Technology No. 763	Manoora Technology No. 432
Menindee No. 959	Umberumberka No. 141	

	Barrier No. 173	
	Broken Hill No. 199	
	Avery No. 751	Silver City No. 141
Mackinnon of Liberty Plains	No. 829	William Thompson No. 309
.....	William Thompson of	
	Glebe Cambrian No. 96	Liberty Plains No. 96
<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Consolidated With Lodge</i>	<i>Under The Name And Number Of Lodge</i>
Manoora Technology No. 432	Onward United No. 606	Manoora Technology No. 432
Masonian No. 575	Herne Bay No. 788	Masonian No. 575
Mulwala No. 934	Scott No. 184	Mulwala The Scott No. 184
North Strathfield-Mindari No. 584	Wellbank No. 807	
	Yaralla No. 664	Yalama No. 664
Narrabeen No. 427	Manly Warringah United No. 83	Narrabeen No. 427
Northbridge and Pyramid No. 481	Rawson No. 249	Rawson and Northbridge No. 249
North Coast United Service No. 459	Richmond River No. 77	
.....	Lismore City United No. 77	
North Star No. 932	Warialda No. 257	Warialda No. 257
Namoi No. 207	Wee Waa No. 254	Namoi No. 207
New Lambton No. 516	Friendship No. 158	
	Hamilton No. 451	Friendship No. 158
Oatley No. 381	Ashlar No. 767	Oatley No. 381
Olympus No. 861	Prosperity No. 278	Olympus with Prosperity No. 278

Ophir No. 17	Canoblas No. 498	Ophir No. 17
Onward United No. 606	Manoora Technology No. 432 .	Manoora Technology No. 432
Orpheus William Taylor No. 560	Double Bay United No. 331	Double Bay No. 331
Oatley No. 381	Summit No. 753	Oatley No. 381
Orient No. 215	Allyn Excelsior No. 167	Brotherhood of Maitland No. 1029
Peakhurst No. 864	Carlton Kogarah No. 305	Carlton Kogarah No. 305
Prince of Wales No. 49	Australia No. 3	United Service and Unanimity No. 24
		Australia No. 3
<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Consolidated with Lodge</i>	<i>Under the name and number of Lodge</i>
Pymble No. 635	Werona No. 590	Werona-Pymble No. 590
Pembroke No. 883	Haberfield Emulation No. 284	Challenge No. 284
Punchbowl No. 433	Clairville Orana No. 489 ...	Punchbowl No. 433
Parkes No. 603	Star in the West No. 40	Parkes No. 40
Prosperity No. 278	Duty with Perseverance No. 411	Prosperity No. 278
Peace No. 120	Apsley No. 129	Peace No. 120
Pegasus Roberts No. 870	Ferndale No. 400	Dugald Dobie No. 563
		Enterprise No. 400
Prometheus No. 599	Burns Bay No. 527	Prometheus No. 527
Parramatta St John No. 450 .	St David No. 380	St David and St John No. 380
Perfect of Canberra No. 951	Philosophy No. 916	Perfect of Canberra No. 951

Philosophy No. 916	Perfect of Canberra No. 951	Perfect of Canberra No. 951
Preceptor No. 617	Waverley No. 296	Waverley No. 296
Prosperity No. 278	Olympus No. 861	Olympus with Prosperity No. 278
Parramatta St George No. 316	Cumberland No. 752	Parramatta St George No. 316
Port Jackson No. 387	Port Jackson Lewis No. 687	Port Jackson and Lewis No. 687
Port Jackson Lewis No. 687	Port Jackson No. 387	Port Jackson and Lewis No. 687
Pacific No. 114	Waratah Biloela No. 166	Waratah Pacific No. 114
Punchbowl No. 433	Belmore No. 244	Punchbowl No. 244
Pioneer No. 222	Wyalong No. 868	Wyalong Pioneers No. 222
Remington No. 242	Fyfe No. 455	Remington-Fyfe No. 242
Ryde No. 134	Horace Thompson No. 324	Horace Thompson Ryde No. 134
Rockdale Tolerance No. 574	Rosebery No. 645	
<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Consolidated with Lodge</i>	<i>Under the name and number of Lodge</i>
	Botany Bay-Observance No. 699	
	Beacon-Damo No. 919	Rockdale United No. 574
Rosebery No. 645	Rockdale Tolerance No. 574	
	Botany Bay-Observance No. 699	
	Beacon-Damo No. 919	Rockdale United No. 574
Robert Rae Dalziel No. 580	Strength with Zeal No. 540	Strength with Zeal No. 540
Robert Burns Lodge of Australia		

No. 21	Wentworth No. 89	Burns Wentworth No. 21
Rawson No. 249	Northbridge and Pyramid No. 481	Rawson and Northbridge
No. 249		
Richmond River No. 77	North Coast United Service	
	No. 459	Lismore City United No. 77
Rudyard Kipling No. 802	Langlea Assembly No. 470 ...	Rudyard Kipling with
Langlea		
		Assembly No. 470
Regents Park No. 703	Auburn United No. 484	Regents Park United No. 484
Rylstone Kandos No. 495	Edinburgh St John No. 38 ...	Edinburgh St John No. 38
Rugby No. 875	Vaucluse No. 266	Vaucluse No. 266
Roseville No. 344	Balmain No. 23	Balmain No. 23
Rawson and Northbridge No. 249	French's Forest United No.	
927	French's Forest United No. 249	
Rockdale United No. 574	Bexley-Marrickville No. 328	The St George Lodge No. 328
Royal Prince No. 364	Windsor No. 770	The Hawkesbury Heritage
	Duke of Connaught No. 150 ..	Lodge No. 150
Regents Park United No. 484	St David and St John No. 180	St David and St John No.
180		
Rising Sun Gosford City No. 311	Gosford No. 742	Central
Coast Lodge No. 2001		
Lodge	Consolidated with Lodge	Under the name and number of
Lodge		
Sirius No. 292	Seaforth No. 895	Sirius No. 292
Seaforth No. 895	Sirius No. 292	Sirius No. 292
Samaritan No. 50	Athenaeum No. 195	Samaritan No. 50

St George United No. 480 ... Allawah Zenith No. 825 St George United No. 480
 Star in the West No. 189 ... Adamstown Temperance No. 727 Star in the West No. 189
 Star in the East No. 160 ... Teralba No. 823 Teralba Star in the East
 No. 160
 Sydney St Andrew No. 7 St Andrew No. 62 St Andrew No. 7
 St Andrew No. 62 Sydney St Andrew No. 7 St Andrew No. 7
 Sydney St John No. 80 Acacia No. 329 Sydney St John No. 80
 Singleton No. 867 United St Andrew No. 34 United St Andrew Singleton
 No. 34
 Scarborough No. 94 Livingstone Freedom No. 604 Livingstone F Bass No.
 604
 Sincerity No. 233 Fraternity Industry No. 759 Sincerity No. 233
 Star in the West No. 40 Parkes No. 603 Parkes No. 40
 Sir Joseph Banks No. 300 ... Wallace Bryce No. 684 Sir Joseph Banks No. 300
 Strength with Zeal No. 540 . Robert Rae Dalziel No. 580 . Strength with Zeal No.
 540
 Sydney United No. 620 Booralee No. 202 Booralee No. 202
 Southern Cross No. 91 Burns St David No. 534 Southern Cross No. 91
 Sir Walter Scott Lewis No. 787 The Sir Walter Scott
 Lodge
 No. 123 The Sir Walter Scott Lodge
 No. 123
 Sir Francis Drake Beverly Hills
 No. 943 Carlton Kogarah No. 305 Carlton Kogarah No. 305
 St David No. 380 Parramatta St John No. 450 . St David and St John No.
 380
 Shaw Stewart St John No. 133 Shaw Stewart Westgate No. 471

<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Consolidated with Lodge</i>	<i>Under the name and number of Lodge</i>
	Epoch No. 979	
	Leichhardt Dobroyde No. 379	The Leichhardt Lodge No.
133		
Shaw Stewart Westgate No. 471		Shaw Stewart St John No.
133		
	Epoch No. 979	
	Leichhardt Dobroyde No. 379	The Leichhardt Lodge No.
133		
St Ives No. 873	Cricket No. 98	St Ives No. 873
St Andrews No. 281	Barraba No. 264	St Andrews No. 281
South Grafton No. 467	City of Grafton No. 847	Grafton No. 467
Sportsman No. 975	Abbotsford No. 526	Abbotsford Sportsman No.
526		
St George United No. 480	Hurstville No. 282	Hurstville No. 282
St Clair No. 47	Batlow United No. 650	
	Tumut Unity No. 39	Gadara No. 39
St David and St John No. 380	Earl Carnarvon No. 180	St David and St John No.
180		
Scott No. 184	Mulwala No. 934	Mulwala The Scott No.
184		
Strength with Zeal No. 540	Thespian No. 256	Thespian No. 256
St David and St John No. 180	Regents Park United No. 484	St David and St John No.
180		
Summit No. 753	Oatley No. 381	Oatley No. 381

Star in the West No. 189 ...	Sedgwick No. 125	Star in the West Sedgwick No. 189
Sedgwick No. 125	Star in the West No. 189 ...	Star in the West Sedgwick No. 189
Teralba No. 823	Star in the East No. 160 ...	Teralba Star in the East No. 160
The Monaro Lodge No. 164 ...	Cooma No. 926	Cooma Monaro No. 164
T L Warren No. 444	French's Forest Naremburn No. 927	French's Forest United No. 927
<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Consolidated with Lodge</i>	<i>Under the name and number of Lodge</i>
The Waratah Lodge No. 170 ..	Artificer St George No. 78 .	The Waratah Lodge No. 170
The Sir Walter Scott Lodge No. 123	Sir Walter Scott Lewis No 787	The Sir Walter Scott Lodge No. 123
Tomalpin No. 253	Abermain No. 634	Tomalpin No. 253
Technology No. 763	Manoora No. 432	Manoora Technology No. 432
The Peel No. 209	John Oxley No. 879	The Peel No. 209
Tuscan No. 18	Burns Wentworth No. 21	Burns Wentworth Tuscan No. 21
The Waratah Lodge No. 170 ..	Wallsend No. 693	The Waratah Lodge No. 170
The Waratah Lodge No. 170 ..	Teralba Star in the East No. 160	The Waratah Lodge No. 170

Teralba Star in the East No. 160	The Waratah Lodge No. 170	
170	The Waratah Lodge No. 170	
Tumut Unity No. 39	St Clair No. 47	
	Batlow United No. 650	Gadara No. 39
Tuggerah Lakes No. 757	Wyong No. 247	Wyong Tuggerah Lakes No. 247
Theo Grey No. 893	King Edward No. 234	Theo Grey No. 234
Tweed No. 136	Uki No. 497	
	Wollumbin No. 446	Tweed United No. 136
Thespian No. 256	Strength with Zeal No. 540 .	Thespian No. 256
Thirroul Temperance No. 567	Corrimal No. 747	Corrimal Thirroul Temperance No. 567
United Service and Unanimity No. 24	Australia No. 3	
	Prince of Wales No. 49	Australia No. 3
Universal No. 475	Welfare Temperance No. 616 .	Universal-Welfare No. 475
United St Andrew No. 34	Singleton No. 867	United St Andrew Singleton No. 34
Ubique No. 900	Claymore No. 892	Ubique No. 900
Lodge	<i>Consolidated with Lodge Under the name and number of</i>	
Lodge		
Umberumberka No. 141	Barrier No. 173	
	Broken Hill No. 199	
	Avery No. 751	
	Menindee No. 959	Silver City No. 141

Urbenville No. 782	Bonalbo No. 354	Urbenville Bonalbo No. 354
Ulungra No. 299	Coolah No. 578	Ulungra No. 299
Uki No. 497	Tweed No. 136	
	Wollumbin No. 446	Tweed United No. 136
Vaucluse No. 266	Rugby No. 875	Vaucluse No. 266
Winston No. 774	Illawarra No. 59	Illawarra No. 59
Weston Kurri St George No. 317		Kurri Kurri No. 253
	Tomalpin No. 253	
Wahroonga No. 674	Asquith No. 914	Wahroonga No. 674
Werona No. 590	Pymble No. 635	Werona-Pymble No. 590
Woodburn No. 146	McLean No. 268	Woodburn United No. 146
Welfare Temperance No. 616	Universal No. 475	Universal Welfare No. 475
Waratah No. 166	Biloela No. 157	Waratah No. 166
Woronora No. 414	Mortdale Hurstville Grove No. 676	Woronora No. 414
Wellbank No. 807	North Strathfield-Mindari No. 584	
	Yaralla No. 664	Yalama No. 664
Wallace Bryce No. 684	Sir Joseph Banks No. 300 ...	Sir Joseph Banks No. 300
Woolooware No. 904	Inkata Daylight No. 983	Inkata Daylight No. 983
Wentworth No. 89	Robert Burns Lodge of	
	Australia No. 21	Burns Wentworth No. 21
<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Consolidated with Lodge Under the name and number of</i>	
<i>Lodge</i>		
West Ryde No. 453	Eastwood No. 390	

	Carlingford No. 730	Northern Suburbs United
No. 390		
Waverley No. 296	Preceptor No. 617	Waverley No. 296
Warialda No. 257	North Star No. 932	Warialda No. 257
Wallsend No. 693	The Waratah Lodge No. 170 ..	The Waratah Lodge No. 170
Waratah Biloela No. 166	Pacific No. 114	Waratah Pacific No. 114
William Thompson No. 309 ...	Glebe Cambrian No. 96	
	Mackinnon of Liberty Plains	William Thompson of
	No. 829	Liberty Plains No. 96
Wee Waa No. 254	Namoi No. 207	Namoi No. 207
Woronora No. 414	Halcyon Carlton Lewis No. 565	Woronora No. 414
Waverley No. 296	Bronte No. 507	Bronte No. 507
Wyong No. 247	Tuggerah Lakes No. 757	Wyong Tuggerah Lakes No. 247
Wollumbin No. 446	Tweed No. 136	
	Uki No. 497	Tweed United No. 136
Woonona No. 842	Bulli No. 319	Bulli No. 319
Windsor No. 770	Duke of Connaught No. 150 ..	The Hawkesbury Heritage
	Royal Prince No. 364	Lodge No. 150
Werriston No. 273	Liverpool Plains No. 191 ...	Liverpool Plains No. 191
Wyalong No. 868	Pioneer No. 222	Wyalong Pioneers No. 222
Yaralla No. 664	North Strathfield-Mindari No. 584	
	Wellbank No. 807	Yalama No. 664

*Lodge
of Lodge*

Consolidated with Lodge Under the name and number

Young No. 930 Burrangong St John No. 20 .. Young Burrangong No. 20
Zion No. 218 Conadilly No. 817 Zion No. 218

APPENDIX 1V

SURRENDER OF CHARTER

<i>Lodge Meeting</i>	<i>Date of Final</i>
Murrumbidgee No 37 1988	21 December
Arthur H Bray No 334	3 March 1989
Metaforan No 871	10 March 1989
Manly Temperance No 568	8 February 1990
Banksia No 672	24 August 1990
Prince Edward Lewis No 625 1990	10 November
Corinthian No 100	14 November 1990
Commercial of Australia No 969 January 1991	22
Oaklands No 368	11 February 1991
Royal Croydon No 464	16 April 1991
Centennial No 169	25 June 1991
Victoria Lodge No 73	28 October 1991
Sphinx No 413	5 December 1991
Willyama No 178	11 December 1991
Austral No 194 1991	18 December
Integrity with Cordiality No 445 1991	23 December
Rose of Sharon No 116 1992	24 February
Irrigation No 917	18 March 1992
Randwick High No 388	18 March 1992
Enfield-Burwood No 153	20 May 1992
Frank Whiddon Confidence No 739	25 May 1992
Washington H Soul No 399	27 July 1992
Prospect No 805	28 May 1993
Moorabin No 122	6 November 1993
Faith No 327	9 June 1994
Sunny South Malvern No 19 1994	14 November
Ariah Park No 483	6 December 1994
Nandewar No 333	21 December 1994
Epping No 306	24 April 1995
Ungarie No 605	7 June 1995
Clermont No 661	15 August 1995

Trundle No 297 1995	7 September
Burrowa No 283	13 June 1996
Sydney No 505	23 October 1996
Petersham Temperance No 513 1997	11 February
St Ives Daylight No 986	16 May 1997
<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Date of Final</i>
<i>Meeting</i>	
Newtown St Stephen Daylight No 492	27 May 1997
Merriwa No 369	11 June 1997
Crookwell No 232	30 June 1997
Sydenham Kilwinning No 14	22 July 1997
Ardlethan No 294	6 November 1997
Purity and Virtue No 425	6 August 1998
Binnaway No 876	3 October 1998
Lockhart No 260	7 December 1998
Ganmain No 556	7 March 1999
Darling No 286	30 June 1999
Progress No 135	1 July 1999
Tenterfield No 55	1 December 1999
Gwydir No 211	24 May 2000
Brunswick No 255	13 June 2000
Mackay City of Sydney No 761	1 August 2000
Hemeras Daylight No 717	16 August 2000
Benevolence No 775	19 October 2000
Gunning No 375	20 October 2000
Awaba No 812	1 June 2001
Earl Kitchener No 308	2 June 2001
Gular No 486	12 June 2001
Lismore Temperance No 237	13 June 2001
Coleambally No 967	18 June 2001
Harry Maas No 949	19 June 2001
United No 863	27 June 2001
Prometheus No 527	19 September 2001
Dorrigo No 275	20 October 2001
Lennox No 902 2001	23 November
Oxford No 85 2001	27 November
St Annes No 800	4 December 2001
Alstonville No 259 2002	19 February
Cosmopolitan No 67	17 May 2002

Semper Fidelis No 964	23 May 2002
Casino Tomki No 103	4 June 2002
Ulungra No 299	15 June 2002
Grafton No 467	18 June 2002
Future No 947	22 June 2002
Bondi Mossong No 424	26 June 2002
Paddington Ionic No 181	28 June 2002
Railways No 925	8 August 2002

LODGE CONSECRATIONS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Meeting Place at</i>
<i>Consecrating</i>			<i>Time of Consecration</i>
<i>Grand Master</i>			
30 September 1989	Jerrabomberra Daylight	1001	Queanbeyan
28 October 1989	Murrumbidgee Daylight	1002	Wagga Wagga
25 November 1989	Northern Line Daylight	1003	Beecroft
3 February 1990	Laurelbank Daylight	1004	Willoughby
19 May 1990	Cockburn Daylight	1005	Tamworth
7 July 1990	Richmond Valley Daylight	1006	Ballina
27 October 1990	Eastern Beaches Daylight	1007	Bondi
29 June 1991	Montague Daylight	1008	Narooma
29 February 1992	Macarthur Daylight	1009	Ambarvale
7 March 1992	Nambucca Valley Daylight	1010	Nambucca Heads
2 May 1992	Clarence Valley Daylight	1011	Grafton

23 April 1994	Laurieton Daylight	1012	Laurieton	Noel F Dunn
4 February 1995	Batemans Bay Daylight	1013	Batemans Bay	"
10 June 1995	Parramatta City Daylight	1014	Parramatta	"
15 July 1995	Basin View Daylight	1015	Basin View	"
7 October 1995	Coffs Harbour Daylight	1016	Coffs Harbour	"
10 February 1996	Lakehaven Daylight	1017	Lake Haven	"
4 May 1996	Trial Bay Daylight	1018	South West Rocks	"
14 October 1996	Galileo	1019	Sydney	Revd Raymond C Green
7 June 1997	The Sydney Lodge	1020	Sydney	"
<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Meeting Place at Time of Consecration</i>	<i>Consecrating Grand Master</i>
1 August 1997	France	1021	Sydney	Revd Raymond C Green
29 August 1997	Grand Stewards Lodge	1022	Sydney	Revd Raymond C Green
10 December 1997	NSW Lodge of Transition	9999	This is not a Warranted Lodge	Green
2 May 1998	New England Daylight	1023	Armidale	Revd Raymond C Green
27 March 1999	Goulburn District Daylight	1 1024	Goulburn	"
16 June 1999	The Hills Lodge (a	1 1025	Castle Hill	"

	Union of Lodges Dural No. 973 and Fortitude No. 439 Millennium		Epping	George R Curry
19 November 1999		2000		
25 March 2000	Pythagoras		Petersham	"
		1026		
20 September 2001	Kellerman		Sydney	"
		1027		
6 October 2001	Central Coast (a Union of Lodges Gosford No. 742 and Rising Sun Gosford City No. 311)	2001	Gosford	"

APPENDIX VI
GRAND OFFICERS

The following is the list of Grand Officers for the period 18 August 1988 - 8 August 2003. Those marked * held the office prior to 1988.

GRAND MASTER

Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson, 1988 - 1992
Noel Frederick Dunn, 1992 - 1996
Revd Raymond Charles Green, 1996 - 1999
George Richard Curry, 1999 - 2002

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Noel Frederick Dunn, 1988 - 1992
Ian Henry Pike, 1992 - 1994
Revd Raymond Charles Green, 1994 - 1996
George Richard Curry, 1996 - 1999
John Edward Armfield, 1999 - 2001
Anthony Raymond Lauer, 2001 - 2002

ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER

John Michael Morrison Talty, 1988 - 1992
Thomas Albert Robson, 1992 - 1993
George Richard Curry, 1993 - 1996
Robert Harold Harper, 1996 - 1998
No Appointment, 1998 - 2001
Raymond Barry Brooke, 2001 - 2002

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

Ronald Paul Fletcher, 1988 - 1989
Walter Kenneth Dickie, 1989 - 1990
Frank William Tunney, 1990 - 1991
Glen Jones, 1991 - 1992

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN CONTD

John Anthony Bieshevel, 1992 - 1993
Alfred Albert Rawlins, 1993 - 1994
Alan Jewel Walker, 1994 - 1995
Edwin Robert Jarrett, 1995 - 1996
Frank Gordon, 1996 - 1997
Mervyn Edward Henry Cherry, 1997 - 1998
Andrew Brian Conlon, 1998 - 1999
Desmond Joseph Scotcher, 1999 - 2000
Darryn Scott Cherry, 2000 - March 2001
David Roger Thorne Powell, March 2001 - 2001
Thomas McIntyre, 2001 - 2002

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

Ronald James Freeman, 1988 - 1989
Reginald Graham La Motte, 1989 - 1990
John James Anthony Hile, 1990 - 1991
Norman Hamilton Gibbs, 1991 - 1992
John Davison, 1992 - 1993
Geoffrey Neville Hussey, 1993 - 1994
Stanley Ross Ackers, 1994 - 1995
Robert Matthew Tait, 1995 - 1996
Malcolm Bruce Ferguson, 1996 - 1997
Royston Arthur Wallis, 1997 - 1998
Warren Frederick Baker, 1998 - 1999
Erik Neljandi, 1999 - 2000
Louis Emanuel A Didier, 2000 - March 2001
Frank Stanley Hull, March 2001 - 2001
Geoffrey Quinton Lamb, 2001 - 2002

GRAND CHAPLAIN

Revd Harold Ernest Ctercteko,* 1988 - 2002
Revd Raymond Charles Green, 1988 - 1994
Revd Brian Keith Burton, Sept 1994 -

GRAND TREASURER

Reginald John Barrington, * 1988 - 1992
John Spence Pearson, 1992 - 1999
Richard Venn Pickering, 1999 -

DEPUTY GRAND TREASURER

John Spence Pearson, * 1988 - 1989
John Howard Mann, 1989 - 1991
John Oscar Bennett, 1991 - 1992
John Howard Mann, 1992 - 1994
Ian Newman Smart, 1994 - 1997
Richard Venn Pickering, 1997 - 1999
Bruce Archibald Nation, 1999 - August 2001
No election August 2001 - 2002

GRAND REGISTRAR

John Dick, * 1988 - 1994
John Edward Armfield, 1994 - 1999
Andrew Stuart Brown, 1999 - 2002

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR

Graham Paul Ellis, * 1988 - March 1990
John Edward Armfield, March 1990 - 1994
Andrew Stuart Brown, 1994 - 1999
Anthony George Jamieson, September 1999 -

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

James Lewis Eddy, * 1988 - 1991
Norman Frederic Brown, 1991 - 1993
Henry Harris, 1993 - 1995
Roger James Donsworth, 1995 - 1996

CHAIRMAN OF THE MEMBERS BOARD

The Members' Board replaced the Board of General Purposes in 1996. The Chairman of the Members' Board was appointed by the Grand Master and was no longer listed as an Officer of Grand Lodge.

Roger James Donsworth, 1996 - 1999
Neil John Richardson, 1999 - 2002

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Graham Kenneth Cohen, * 1988 - 1989
Stuart Lyle Kerry, 1989 - 1991
James Edwin Kirkness, 1991 - 1993
Edward Frederick Waugh, 1993 - 1995
Cecil Phillip Ainsworth, 1995 - 1996

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

In 1996, the title of the presiding officer of the Board of Benevolence was changed from President to Chairman. The Chairman was appointed by the Grand Master and was no longer listed as an Officer of Grand Lodge.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Cecil Phillip Ainsworth, 1996 - 1997
Kenneth Robert Newman, 1997 - 1999
Brian James Harold Warde, 1999 - December 2001

In December 2001, the Fund of Benevolence administered by the Board of Benevolence came under the control of The Grand Charity Board.

CHAIRMAN OF THE GRAND CHARITY BOARD

The Chairman of the Grand Charity Board was appointed by the Grand Master and was not listed as an Officer of Grand Lodge.

Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson, 1999 -

GRAND ARCHITECT

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Frank Leslie Hodgson,* 1988 - 1992
Gary Alan Green, 1992 - March 2000
John David Sim, 2000 -

DEPUTY GRAND ARCHITECT

This office was created in December 1999

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS

The office of Grand Architect was re-named Grand Superintendent of Works in December 2000.

John David Sim, December 2000 - 2002

DEPUTY GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS

The office of Deputy Grand Architect was re-named Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works in December 2000. There was no occupant of the office during the December 2000 - 2002 period.

GRAND SECRETARY

Raymond Gilbert Connon,* 1988 - 1990
Ian Robert McCulloch, 1990 - August 2001
(Appointed Grand Secretary designate on 9
October 1989)
Bruce Archibald Nation, August 2001 - 2002

DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY

Graham George Maltby, * 1988 - 1997
No appointment, 1997 - December 2001
Christopher John Craven, December 2001 -
(Also appointed Masonic Administration Manager
in March 2001)

GRAND DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Noel Walter Melvin,* 1988 - 1997
Kevin Arnold Stumbles, 1997 -

GRAND ORGANIST

Peter Thornton Kneeshaw,* 1988 - 1999
William Patrick Mark Caukill, 1999 -

GRAND TYLER

Edward Herbert Sprenger,* 1988 - 1997
Malcolm Alexander Macdonald, 1997 - 2000
Alan Charles Herbert, 2000 -

GRAND LODGE TRUSTEE

Harry Rickards Maas,* 1988 - April 1990
Noel William Warren, * 1988 - March 1994
Harold George Coates, * 1988 - April 2002
Gordon Henry Watt, June 1990 - September 2000
Ronald Lewis Hale Johnson, March 1994 -
Grahame Hugh Cumming, March 2001 -

OTHER GRAND OFFICERS

August 1988 - August 2002

<i>Year of Deputy Grand Director Investiture of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Grand Inspector of Workings</i>	<i>Grand of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Director</i>
1988	W Kenneth Dickie R Graham La Motte	John J A Hile	Frank W Tunney
1989	John J A Hile Frank W Tunney	Glen Jones	Norman H Gibbs
1990	Glen Jones Norman H Gibbs	John Davison	John A Bieshevel
1991	John Davison John A Bieshevel	George B Owen	Alfred A Rawlins
1992	Alfred A Rawlins Geoffrey N Hussey	Stanley R Ackers	Alan J Walker
1993	Alan J Walker Stanley R Ackers	Edwin R Jarrett	Robert M Tait
1994	Robert M Tait Edwin R Jarrett	Frank Gordon	Malcolm B Ferguson
1995	Malcolm B Ferguson Frank Gordon	Mervyn E H Cherry	Royston A Wallis
1996	Royston A Wallis Mervyn E H Cherry	Andrew B Conlon	David W Wines

<i>Year of Investiture</i>	<i>Grand Inspector of Workings</i>	<i>GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES</i>	<i>Deputy Director of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Grand</i>
1997	Andrew B Conlon	Desmond J Scotcher	r	
	David W Wines		Erik Neljandi	
1998	Erik Neljandi	Darryn S Cherry	L E Andre Didier	
	Desmond J Scotcher			
1999	L E Andre Didier	Russell Foster	George T Brown	
	Darryn S Cherry			

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 8 March 2000, the office of Grand Inspector of Workings was deleted and two offices of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies were created.

<i>Year of Grand Investiture Director of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Grand Director of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Deputy Grand</i>	<i>Assistant Director of Ceremonies</i>
2000	Russell Foster		George T Brown
Frank S Hull			David R T
Powell			

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2001
Darryl J Gray

Russell Foster

Leon A Aroustian

David Bahamonde

<i>Year of Grand Standard Investiture Bearer</i>	<i>Senior Grand</i>		<i>Junior Grand</i>		<i>Grand Sword</i>
	<i>Deacon</i>		<i>Deacon</i>		<i>Bearer</i>
1988	Norman H Gibbs Glen Jones	John Davison John A Bieshevel	Alfred A Rawlins	George B Owen	
1989	John Davison John A Bieshevel	Alfred A Rawlins George B Owen	Stanley R Ackers	Alan J Walker	
1990	Alfred A Rawlins George B Owen	Stanley R Ackers Alan J Walker	John A Presbury	Edwin R Jarrett	
1991	Stanley R Ackers Alan J Walker	Edwin R Jarrett John A Presbury	Malcolm B Ferguson	Frank Gordon	
1992	Edwin R Jarrett John A Presbury	Malcolm B Ferguson Frank Gordon	Mervyn E H Cherry	Robert M Tait	
1993	Malcolm B Ferguson Frank Gordon	Mervyn E H Cherry Royston A Wallis	Raymond E Bransgrove	Geoffrey Q Lamb	
1994	Mervyn E H Cherry	Raymond E Bransgrove	Andrew B Conlon	David W Wines	

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1995	Royston A Wallis Raymond E Bransgrove (to 7 Nov 1995) Andrew B Conlon (from 13 December 1995) David W Wines	Geoffrey Q Lamb Andrew B Conlon (to 13 Dec 1995) Desmond J Scotcher (from 13 Dec 1995) Erik Neljandi
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<i>Year of Investiture</i>	<i>Senior Grand Deacon</i>	<i>Junior Grand Deacon</i>	<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>	<i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>
1997	Darryn S Cherry Ronald S Goleby	L E Andre Didier Abraham E Constantin	David R T Powell	George T Brown
1998	Abraham E Constantin Russell Foster	George T Brown David R T Powell	Thomas McIntyre	Frank S Hull
1999	Frank S Hull David R T Powell	Thomas McIntyre Geoffrey Q	Christopher J Craven	Darryl J Gray

Lamb

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 8 March 2000, the number of Senior Grand Deacons was reduced from two to one and the number of Junior Grand Deacons was also reduced from two to one.

2000	Thomas McIntyre	Geoffrey Q Lamb	Christopher J Craven	Darryl J Gray
2001	H Murray A Bell	Kevin C Damyon	Kenneth J Handley	Richard J B Wingate

OTHER GRAND OFFICERS

<i>Year of Deputy Grand Investiture</i>	<i>Grand Pursuivant</i>	
	<i>Pursuivant</i>	
1988 Walker	Stanley R Ackers	Alan J
1989	John A Presbury	Edwin R Jarrett
1990	Malcolm B Ferguson	Frank Gordon
1991	Mervyn E H Cherry	Mervyn E H Cherry
	(from 11 Sept 1991)	(to 11 Sept
1991)		
		Robert M Tait
		(from 11 Sept
1991)		
1992 Bransgrove	Royston A Wallis	Raymond E
1993	Andrew B Conlon	David W Wines
1994	Darryn S Cherry	Desmond J Scotcher
1995	L E Andre Didier	Warren F Baker
1996	David R T Powell	George T Brown
1997	Thomas McIntyre	Frank S Hull
1998 Lamb	Christopher J Craven	Geoffrey Q
1999	Leon A Aroustian	David T Bahamonde
2000	Leon A Aroustian	David T Bahamonde
2001	George Mc C Jamieson	---

The office of Deputy Grand Pursuivant was discontinued.

Grand Steward - Year of Investiture

1988	Mervyn E H Cherry *
	Frank Gordon *
	Rodney W McBride *
	Malcolm B Ferguson *
	Edwin R Jarrett *
	John A Presbury *
	David J Standish
	Royston A Wallis

1989 Rodney W McBride
 Frank Gordon
 David J Standish

Grand Steward - Year of Investiture contd

Malcolm B Ferguson
 Robert P O'Hara
 Geoffrey Q Lamb
 Mervyn E H Cherry
 Robert M Tait

1990 Rodney W McBride
 Robert M Tait
 Mervyn E H Cherry
 Geoffrey Q Lamb
 Royston A Wallis
 Raymond E Bransgrove
 Andrew B Conlon
 David W Wines

1991 Gordon D Boyd
 Raymond E Bransgrove
 Darryn S Cherry
 Andrew B Conlon
 Geoffrey Q Lamb
 Robert M Tait
 Royston A Wallis
 David W Wines

1992 Darryn S Cherry
 Andrew B Conlon
 Ronald S Goleby
 Geoffrey Q Lamb
 Erik Neljandi
 Desmond J Scotcher
 Neil J E Toyer
 David W Wines

1993 Darryn S Cherry
 Ronald S Goleby

Erik Neljandi
Grand Steward - Year of Investiture contd

Desmond J Scotcher
 Warren F Baker
 David R T Powell
 George T Brown
 L E Andre Didier

1994 Warren F Baker
 George T Brown
 L E Andre Didier
 Russell Foster
 Ronald S Goleby
 Frank Hull
 Thomas McIntyre
 David R T Powell

1995 George T Brown
 Abraham E Constantin
 Christopher J Craven
 Russell Foster
 Ronald S Goleby
 Frank S Hull
 Thomas McIntyre
 David R T Powell

1996 Leon A Aroustian
 David T Bahamonde
 Abraham E Constantin
 Christopher J Craven
 Russell Foster
 Darryl J Gray
 Frank S Hull
 Thomas McIntyre

1997 Leon A Aroustian
 David T Bahamonde
 H Murray A Bell

Grand Steward - Year of Investiture contd

	Christopher J Craven Russell Foster Darryl J Gray Kenneth J Handley Geoffrey Q Lamb
1998	Leon A Aroustian David T Bahamonde H Murray A Bell Darryl J Gray Kenneth J Handley
1999	H Murray A Bell Kenneth J Handley George McC Jamieson Richard J B Wingate
2000	H Murray A Bell Kevin C Damyon Kenneth J Handley George McC Jamieson Richard J B Wingate
2001	Frank Len Butler James R Melville John G Williams

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