

# COLUMNS

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## WELCOME TO 'COLUMNS'

*Regional Ramblings with Michael Dalton, RGC 10*

Welcome to 'Columns' - the new Region 10 Newsletter for Freemasons. To make our newsletter as news-worthy as possible, I would like all lodges and district associations to send interesting items and photographs to VW Bro Geoff Ludowyk, who has generously agreed to be our editor. Geoff has done excellent work on Lodge Capitol's newsletter 'Capitol Capers' which is recognised as a great example of a lodge newsletter. You will find Geoff's email address on the masthead.

Esoteric Study Group  
W Bro David Slater of Lodge Commonwealth convened a meeting on Monday 10th December 2007 to ascertain whether there was sufficient interest in forming an esoteric study group or perhaps even a lodge within the districts, devoted to a contemplative approach to Freemasonry. Thirteen masons attended, with apologies from another five who were very interested in the idea but could not make it on the night.

It is early days as yet, but a first cut of the group's purpose states, "to discuss with interested Masons the meaning of the symbols and philosophies which underpin Freemasonry and disseminate the knowledge acquired to our Masonic community". Once established, the group may form links with other similar bodies around the world, such as the Lodge of Living Stones, Leeds UK. (Cont'd →)



Mike Dalton presenting a \$5,000 Regional masoniCare grant to VISACT (see story on Page 2)

## THE ANTECEDENCE OF FREEMASONRY IN REGION 10

by PHILIP PURCELL – LODGE CAPITOL 612

In 1820 Australia's population was 300,000 rising to 1.6m by the late 1860s as the first industrial revolution transitioned to the second (steam powered transport). By the turn of the century, at the time of Federation, there were just 3.8m Australians.

Australian society of the 1800s inherited substantial 'social capital' from its European antecedence in the arts, science, mathematics, philosophy, national governance, the rule of law and democracy. Freemasonry had a role in developing and promulgating this 'social capital' via the Scottish Enlightenment and the Royal Society of which the Freemason Joseph Banks would later become President.

By the mid 1880s the major centres of Region 10 were located to service pastoralists, near rivers or lakes, and on natural transport corridors. An example is the family of W Bro David Kaye (of Lodge Capitol 612) that farmed Springbank on the Molonglo River.

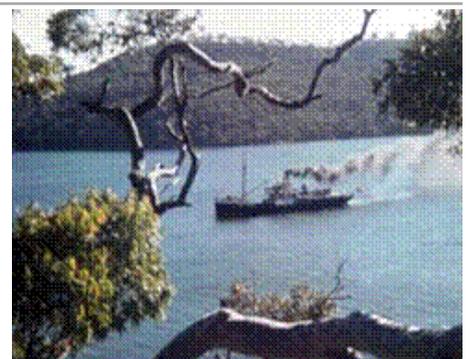
Rail links would connect Sydney, Goulburn, Yass, Cooma, Crookwell, Bombala and

Captains Flat (where a Master of Lodge Capitol lived for a time during the Great Depression).



*Steam train on the Canberra run, being hauled by a double header Class 32 locomotive – a workhorse of NSW railways between 1902 and 1968*

The main transport link until the 1950s for the far South Coast of NSW was by steam ship.



*A coastal steam ship – the 'John Oxley' – the only remaining restored example (Source: Sydney Maritime Museum website)*

During pre-Federation times Lodges were formed in Bega, Bombala, Braidwood, Burrangong, Cooma, Cootamundra, Goulburn, Murrumburrah, Queanbeyan and Yass. Settlement of the Braidwood district is a story illustrative of the rural towns and cities of Region 10. Formed in the 1820s, Braidwood, situated in the upper valley of the Shoalhaven River, was a gold

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I feel there may be some Masons within our Region who may be a bit distant from Canberra to attend meetings (particularly in District 105), but who would certainly like to participate by discussion of ideas via email. Further editions of our Regional Newsletter will bring you up to date on progress, but please feel free to put forward any ideas you might have to David or myself in this formative stage.

### Regional Grant

At the instigation of W Bro Peter Ellis of Lodge Caledonia, the Canberra Districts Masonic Association (CDMA) investigated the possibility of supporting "blind cricket" (they don't seem to mind the term). VISACT (Vision Impaired Sport ACT) Cricket turned out to be a terrific bunch of people supported by a very dedicated group. They play competitive cricket using a ball fitted with bells inside and have competed in the national championships in Melbourne. A ceremony was held at Deakin oval where I was able to present an envelope purporting to contain the cheque (which was delayed due to Christmas closure) to VISACT.

### ANZAC 2008

The Canberra Districts Masonic Association has decided that this year, the combined Anzac ceremony will be held at Yass Lodge of Concord 27 on 23 April. This came about in talking to W Bro Astley Tuallly (WM), at a Canberra lodge meeting where he expressed the desire for Freemasonry to present a positive and inclusive face to the Yass community. The Worshipful Master intends to invite local dignitaries and non masons to share in the moving ceremony with the masons of the ACT and surrounds.

### Mountain Men

I have made a couple of visits to The Mountain Lodge and have thoroughly enjoyed my time there. At my last visit, there was a

presentation of the extended first tracing board presented by two brethren from the Central Coast, one from Lodge Saratoga and one from Lodge Morning Star. It was very well done with a question and answer session which prompted many queries.

One of the features of the beautiful lodge room are the Italian marble columns situated each side of the master's and wardens' chairs. They are excellent examples of Ionic, Doric and Corinthian columns and are well worth a visit for a close look at the chapters, (as well as to enjoy the great fellowship).

The lodge will have its 1500th meeting at their installation in November and it would be great to have as many visitors as possible from the Region to make this a truly memorable occasion. I said to the WM that we will take over the town for the night. Those intending to stay the night should book early at the motel over the road from the lodge building.

### Corrective Services

This lodge was recently consecrated at Orchard Hills and has a travelling warrant which enables it to hold meetings around the jurisdiction. Their first meeting in our Region will be held at the Goulburn Masonic

Centre on Friday 25th January. There have been a number of Corrective Services officers joining Goulburn lodges which is great. The WM of Lodge Corrective Services advises me that he has only been to Goulburn when there have been riots at the correctional facility. I feel that his first meeting in our Region may seem a little subdued after his previous experience, but we will give his lodge our best support.

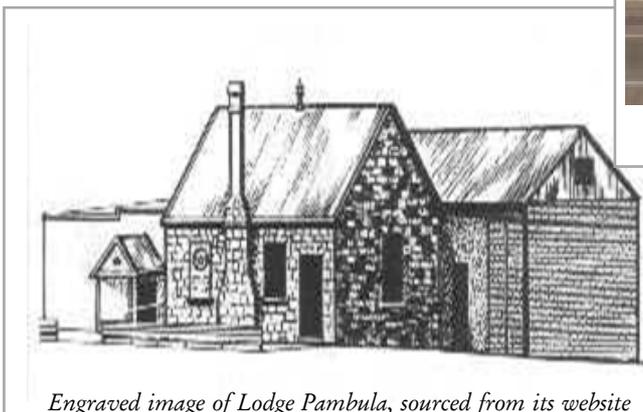
I will be attending officially with VW Bro Rodger Bush DGIW 102, as when a travelling lodge holds a meeting in another region, it comes under the host region's auspices. I particularly wish to welcome them to Goulburn and perhaps have a chat about the new correctional facility being built in Canberra so that we can make a connection to welcome masons and potential masons who may come to fill the new positions.

### That's all, folks!

That's about as much as I have for the Newsletter. Please send us your input for future editions, and please consider visiting other lodges in our Region. It really does add to the Masonic experience.

... *The antecedence etc (from Page 1)*

rush site in the second half of the 1800s. The Argyle County website comments, that *"like many country areas Braidwood was adversely affected by...two world wars, the Great Depression, the decline in the value of agriculture, increasing industrialisation and urbanisation...Today...the entire precinct of the town is considered a national treasure... Braidwood today remains an important agricultural and regional centre, but has new life in its tourism and service industries, and a large population of modern craftspeople and artisans."*



Engraved image of Lodge Pambula, sourced from its website



Masonic Centre at Goulburn (Source: Wikipedia)

Lodges were formed in Canberra in the 1920's and Masonic centres were built in Queanbeyan in 1925 and Canberra in 1936.

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The Canberra Masonic Centre (below), in a break with tradition, was a cubic variant of *Moderne* that at once celebrated the machine age yet retained some stylistic references to antiquity (Source: ACT Heritage Library).



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The Queanbeyan Masonic Centre (above) with its Federation architectural detailing (Photo: Philip Purcell).

## DISTRICT SERVICE AWARDS

### District 103

On 7th October 2007 at the Young Bowling Club, VW Bro David Horton DGIW 103, presented the District Service Award to Mrs Beverly Moloney (pictured below).



Mrs Moloney was nominated by Lodge Young Burrangong 20, for her contribution to the local community and for organising events and functions for the Masonic Widows.

### District 104

VW Bro Geoff Ludowyk DGIW 104 presented Bro Norm Barty of Lodge Capitol 612 with the Award for D104. Aside from his efforts in supporting his siblings as a youth, Norm has served his community well. It is a well deserved award – for his work in

the Masonic fraternity; in St Columba's Church community and for the Malkara Special School.

Norm's efforts for the school attracted a masoniCare InterACTION grant and the combined result topped \$10,000. That's over 10% of the cost of the new school bus. As Norm said in his acceptance, he couldn't have done it without the help of Capitol's brethren. A fine effort all around.

## FLASHBACK

Lodge of Truth 26 duo W Bro Peter Camiller (left) proffering 'tarbooy' advice to ryebuck shearer RW Bro Pring Reynolds at CDMA's 2005 Christmas party for kids with cancer.



## MAKING THE NEWS

### Defensive Driving

The Lodge of Truth 26 – in company with other service groups in Braidwood, sponsored fourteen young drivers from the Braidwood Central School in a defensive driving course at the driver training centre in the ACT.

The event was reported in the 'Braidwood Times' on two occasions – on 17 October and again on 28 November.

The course was held on 17 November and it promoted awareness of the real risks associated with driving, as well as increasing the participants' knowledge and skills essential to safe driving.

Congratulations to VW Bro Geoff Bunn PDGDC, Bro Steve Hockey and the Lodge for a fine effort.

### Christmas Hampers

The 'Bega District News' ran an article on 7 December extolling the efforts of Lodge Bega Remembrance 220 in providing hampers to the needy.

For the past four years the Lodge has donated funds to the Women's Resource Centre in Bega – which have been used to prepare the hampers.

This year was no exception and the members of the Lodge are to be congratulated on their initiative and for their work in helping the less fortunate in their community.

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*Freemasonry—The Way Forward*

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## CDMA NEWS

The Canberra Districts Masonic Association (CDMA) is a body representing the Lodges in Districts 103 and 104. It meets at 6pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Canberra Masonic Centre.

### \* Grand Master's Christmas Appeal

CDMA raised funds for the 2007 Appeal on behalf of the Canberra-based Lodges. The Appeal supported families in need through Barnardos Australia. The Appeal raised \$3,910 which yielded over 80 hampers.

### \* Sausage Sizzle Fund Raiser

CDMA ran a sausage sizzle at the Bunnings Fyshwick store. The event raised over \$1,000 for CDMA projects. Thanks to Bunnings for the opportunity and to all those who helped organise this, especially Bro Iain Crawford of Lodge Caledonia. CDMA plans to make this a recurring event.

### \* Combined ANZAC Ceremony

This will be hosted by the Yass Lodge of Concord 27 at its meeting on Wednesday 24 April. Non masons are welcome to attend.



*Sausages a'sizzling*

### \* Swing Back 2 Swing Bash

The second swing bash—another CDMA fund raiser—is being planned for Saturday 5 July at the Burns Club Kambah with the Blamey Street Conexion Swing Orchestra as the featured act.

### \* CIT Prize

CDMA will once again sponsor a \$250 award for the student who graduates top in English as a Second Language at the Canberra Institute of Technology.

## AROUND THE TRAPS

### Lodge Jerrabomberra Daylight 1001

The Lodge has moved back to its former home at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre, meeting at 10am on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Gone are the hassles of parking which beset the Lodge when it operated out of the Canberra Masonic Centre.

Your support for this Lodge would be most appreciated and visitors are always welcome—there's a job usually waiting for you.



**RW Bro Michael Dalton PJGW  
Regional Grand Counsellor**

*Your editor thought it remiss if he did not include a shot in his first regional newsletter of your RGCHaving a shot as 'shot' by your editor*

### Installation—Lodge Federal Burrowa 193

*W Bro Alan Sargent WM of Lodge Federal Burrowa responding to the toast to the WM and his Officers, at his Reinstallation on 13th October 2007.*

*Seated alongside is RW Bro Terry Hall PSGW, representing the MW Grand Master. This Reinstallation banquet was held at the Harden Country Club*



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## PROPOSAL FOR AN ESOTERIC LODGE

*Geoff Ludowyk*

In company with the RGC, W Bro David Slater (Commonwealth 633) and Bro Edwin Power (Truth 26), I attended the kick off meeting at the Sydney Masonic Centre on Tuesday 22 July, which was held to canvass the degree of interest in forming an esoteric lodge. About 60 Masons were present, including a sprinkling of Fellowcrafts.

The meeting kicked off with introductions from RW Bro Kevin Danyon, Chairman of the Board of Management and from RW Bro Paul Fletcher AGM (and DGM Designate). The floor was then with W Bro Foty Loupos who gave us his understanding of Esoteric Freemasonry.

Underpinning Foty's theme was the premise that Freemasonry is, by definition, esoteric. It's just that we have lost that perspective and we need now to recapture it. Broadly, Foty's proposal is to form an Esoteric Lodge with a travelling warrant which will meet twice each month. Its initial focus will have

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## REGIONAL RAMBLINGS

*with Michael Dalton, RGC 10*

At the June Grand Lodge Communication our Grand Master Designate, RW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston, announced that the incoming Deputy Grand Master is RW Bro Paul Fletcher and that the incoming Assistant Grand Master is RW Bro Barry Wild. No doubt they will be very busy men, as our Grand Master Designate has much that he wants to do during his term.

**New District Grand Inspectors of Workings**

For those who haven't caught up with the news, the incoming DGIsW are:

- District 102—W Bro John Presbury
- District 103—W Bro Peter Bindon
- District 104—W Bro Ronald Jemesen
- District 105—W Bro Malcolm Privett

We had a two day conference immediately following the Grand Communication where the incoming DGIsW were told in detail of the nature of their duties etc. and a dinner was held for them and their partners on the Thursday night, which was a great success.

**Regional Conferences**

Each Region is to nominate a day/night or weekend for a scheduled Regional Conference, chaired by the Regional Grand Counsellor, to include workshops, discussion groups for brethren and ladies, training seminars, a Masonic meeting and/or social event, civic and community interaction and be a general get together for all the Masons and ladies in the Region who can come. The Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master or the Assistant Grand Master, and a number of the Grand Secretariat, Boards and Committees of our Grand Lodge will also be in attendance, to listen to and assist enquiries on any issues. These events are to facilitate communications, address the "us and them" syndrome, and allow frank and robust discussion in all areas, with or without notice.

A number of the activities can be run concurrently, and you can choose which you would like to be part of. We may have for example, a meeting of under 40 (age, that is) Masons to discuss predetermined issues such as strategies for gaining new members, different types of social activities that appeal to them, what they would like to happen on non degree nights. At another meeting, the fledging esoteric group might introduce a range of subjects for future discussion and explain the workings of the group to interested

Masons. The ladies might have a range of issues that they may wish to bring to our attention regarding a more meaningful involvement with the Craft – they can certainly be empowered to have a stronger voice. In fact, the Ladies Advisory Group, will be up and running post August to do exactly this. We could run an overview of the training that is available and perhaps schedule some courses for the rural centres. Please give some thought to what type of activity you think would be pertinent to our Regional Conference and please let me know by email (see Page 4 for details). A date has not been set for the Conference but I am thinking first quarter 2009 on a weekend fairly free of other activity.

Of course, with the closure of the Canberra Masonic Centre we will need to look for a venue if we decide to hold it in Canberra. The venue needs to be of a reasonable size to accommodate the concurrent sessions, and the town or city needs to be big enough to handle the accommodation for the visitors. Goulburn might prove to be a good venue. Again, if you have any suggestions, please email them to me.

**Esoteric Discussion Group**

A few meetings of our group have already been held and the standard of input has been very high. We have Masons from all sorts of backgrounds, disciplines and interests who put forward many diverging points of view which augurs well for our growth. The meetings are listed on the worksheets compiled by W Bro David Slater (who has been the driving force behind the formation of this group) and a warm invitation is extended to all who would like an interesting evening. The food and beverages is a combined effort and helps make for a relaxed start to the evening before the discussions commence.

At our last meeting the topic "What Distinguishes Freemasonry Today" was discussed. This was in accordance with the request from the Membership Board that at lodge or district meetings, we re-examine what we believe

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*Regional Ramblings (from Page 1)..*

Freemasons are and should be doing in today's world; and how relevant we are to today's society. Are we more concerned with the processes of Freemasonry rather than the practice? Much discussion was generated, some of it quite radical. If you would like to read the comments made at that meeting, please email your request to me, and I will forward them on to you. Any further comment would be appreciated.

There is to be a meeting at the Sydney Masonic Centre on July, 22<sup>nd</sup> to consider the formation of an esoteric lodge. Members of our group will be in attendance to see what eventuates and what involvement we might have with the lodge if it comes to fruition.

**The Square and Compass**

I found an early reference to the square and compass in Karen Armstrong's book, *"The Great Transformation"*. She talks about a Chinese philosopher Mozi, or Master Mo (c480-390BCE). Mozi headed a strictly disciplined brotherhood of 180 men. Unlike Confucius's loosely organized band of disciples, Mozi's school resembled a sect. It had strict rules, followed a rigorously egalitarian ethic, and its members dressed as peasants or craftsmen. Mohists intervened to stop wars and defend cities in the smaller and more vulnerable states. Nine chapters of the Mozi deal with the techniques of defensive warfare and the construction of equipment to protect city walls.

It seems that Master Mo could originally have been an artisan or craftsman. He used the imagery of a working man, comparing Heaven's organisation of the world to the compasses and L square of the wheelwright and the carpenter, who employed these instruments "to measure the round and the square throughout the world."

Until next time.

*Esoteric Freemasonry (from Page 1)..*

two streams. The first is to foster a core group of Masons in order to develop their understanding of the symbolism and inner meanings of the three degrees. There will be a similar objective for the Ceremony of Installation – naturally one for the installed Masters within the membership. A second focus will be to develop a blueprint for esoteric Freemasonry for the jurisdiction.

Initially, membership will be restricted to Master Masons by

affiliation only. When the educative (or should that be 'inductive' as it is a 'leading in') aspect for its affiliates is completed, the Lodge would then be in a position to initiate candidates and thus ensure the continuance of the insights. Its members will be able to take these insights not only to their own Lodges but also to form new Lodges with similar foci.

RW Bro Richard Dawes, Chairman of the Masonic Studies Group, wound up the evening's proceedings. A show of hands indicated an unanimous agreement to proceed with the formation of the Lodge. Richard will also be the conduit for the dissemination of material to participants.

Naturally, with two meetings a month – essential to maintaining the learning momentum – it will need an unbending commitment from those wanting to get in on the ground floor of the movement. The logistics for Masons in Region 10 will be even more challenging.

A video record of the meeting was made and should be available for distribution soon. It covers a lot more ground than what I have provided here. For those readers who would like to be considered for membership, please contact me and I'll pass it on. I will need your full name, Masonic rank and title, phone numbers and your email address (or postal address if you are not on email). See Page 4 for my contact details.

**THE CANBERRA MASONIC CENTRE RELOCATIONS**

With preparations in progress for the demolition and rebuilding of the Centre, most of the Craft Lodges meeting there have relocated to the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre. All except two – Lodge Ethos 963 and Lodge Caledonia of Canberra 938 have relocated to a temporary Lodge Room established in the recreation hall of the Holt Masonic Village.

The movers and shakers behind it all were VW Bro Arthur Riley PDGIW and W Bro Bill McVie, the Master of Lodge Ethos – to name but two. Your editor was present at the inaugural meeting in his guise as DGIW. I expected that the venue would hold no surprises but was pleasantly surprised with the outcome of their efforts. The setting was intimate and delightful and it was fitting that the first meeting there should be a First Degree.

The 'South' lent itself to cosy informality as the area was too small for formal table settings. There were sufficient seats around the perimeter

for those who preferred to take the weight off their legs. I enjoyed the opportunity this gave me to circulate and mix with the Brethren. I encourage you to visit and enjoy the experience yourself.

The relocations to Queanbeyan have also gone fairly smoothly and it is a pleasure to meet in such a beautiful and intimate venue with loads of ambience. Some may find it a wrench to move back to Canberra when the new building is completed.

**SERVICE MEDAL AWARDS**

The following Service Medal Awards were announced at the June Grand Communication:

- *Region 10:* RW Bro Robert Davey PJGW, Director of Ceremonies of the Goulburn Lodge of Australia No. 58
- *District 102:* RW Bro Gordon Wade PJGW, Secretary of Lodge William Ross No. 550
- *District 104:* W Bro David Cargill, Chaplain, Lodge of Truth Braidwood No. 26 (below)



- *District 105:* W Bro Kevin Mulcahy, Master of Lodge Pambula Daylight No. 1000 (below).



There was no award made in District 103. Our congratulations to all the recipients on their achievements.

## YOUR NEW DISTRICT GRAND INSPECTORS ... as told to your editor

JOHN PRESBURY DI02

From my perspective it's a case of many things for everyone to do but so little time, so we all need to get our skates on. I have written to all the members in my district and mapped out an action plan.

I plan to meet with all the Masters of the District by end August along with their respective wives/partners and, if possible, their wardens' wives/partners to get a feel for where they want to go and how that's going to fit in with my action plan.

PETER BINDON DI03



Outgoing DGIW for District 103 VW Bro David Horton receives his Past DGIW Collar Jewel from me at Yass Lodge of Concord's Meeting on Wednesday 23 July. My aim is to have the charitable and fraternal aspects of Freemasonry better recognised in the community during my time as DGIW.

RON JEMESSEN DI04

*Ron Jemesen, aged 61 – is a member of Lodge Woden Valley 974 and Lodge Ethos 963.*

I've been asked to provide a short article for this issue of "Columns", but am, naturally, reluctant to discuss in any detail what a fine fellow I am! The short version of my life is that I served for 33 years as a Naval Officer. My wife Lesley, an ex teacher, is fully supportive of my Masonic career and I have three children, a son of 42, and two daughters aged 25 and 22. The highlights of my career are serving in Vietnam during the 60's, receiving my engineering training in the UK during 1972-73 and three years at the Pentagon during the 80's.

About a year or so ago, I "volunteered" to take on the job of

Secretary to the Canberra Districts Masonic Association (CDMA), little realising what extra duties this entailed. These included (with Bro Iain Crawford) organising the area sausage sizzles and the Swing Bash Dance.

It soon transpired that taking over as DGIW from either VW Bro David Horton or Geoff Ludowyk was also part of the "hidden agenda". Without going into the details of the selection process, WBro Peter Bindon and I were elected to the office of DGIW for Districts 103 and 104 respectively.

I must admit that I am looking forward to my next two years as DGIW. Apart from the many ritual occasions



such as regular meetings and installations, there is much work to be done with regard to the other issues of district management.

There can be no doubt that the question of what is going on with our new Masonic Building is foremost in the mind of most Masons in the region. We all have differing views, both supportive or anti, about moving into temporary digs until we get a new home. What we must all agree on, however, is that some thing had to be done, sooner or later, and better sooner rather than later. It is very easy to comment from the sidelines, but I fully support those who were entrusted by us to manage the move, and I wonder how many of us would have been as willing to commit the time and personal effort to achieve an agreeable result. Enough of the negatives – lets get behind the good-hearted volunteers who want us to achieve a great result for all Regional Masons.

On the subject of temporary digs, let me congratulate Lodges Ethos and Caledonia on their imaginative and very successful move into the common room at the Holt Masonic Homes. The Lodge arrangements were very well

planned, the South was very comfortable, and I look forward to visiting often – I recommend other Masons also visit to see what can be accomplished when the sprit is willing.

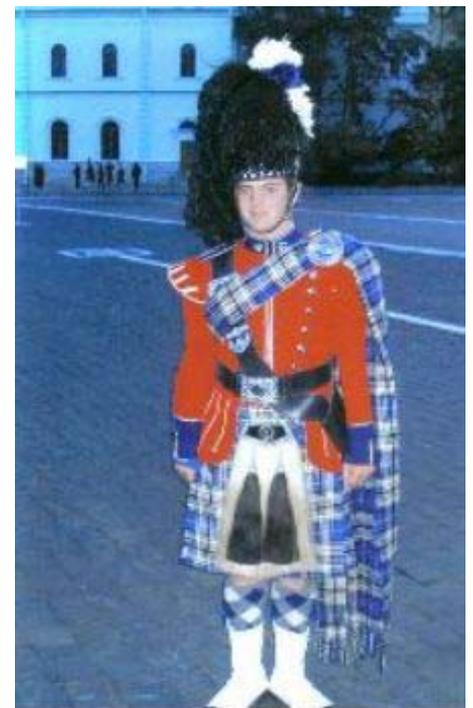
On closing, let me say that one of the main problems one faces when taking over a job, is trying to match or do better than your predecessors. Given the acknowledged efforts of Geoff and David, it is clear that Peter and I have a lot of work to do.

MALCOLM PRIVETT DI05

Building on the firm foundation laid by my predecessor, there have already been moves by some District 105 Lodges to debate the "What distinguishes Freemasonry today?" question. This district has, in the past, held its quarterly meeting at the Candelo Bowling Club. It is my intention to continue this practice and all Masons are cordially invited to come along. The next meeting is on August 5th at 6:30 for 7pm. Charles DeRochefort and I will be exchanging the Patent of Office on the 8th August at the regular meeting of Lodge Baddeley at the Pambula Masonic Centre. Brethren are also invited to speculate on the old saw that "the only constant in life is change".

CALLING THE TUNE...

Bro Jamie Rae Forsyth was passed to the 2° at Lodge Taralga 648 – his Mother Lodge – before returning to work with the WA Police. Here he is pictured as a member of the Force's Pipes & Drums during a recent trip to Moscow.



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*Freemasonry—The Way Forward*

**YOUR NEW REGION 10 TEAM**

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## AROUND THE TRAPS...



*A flaming Fleming family reunion at the Lodge Taralga 648 Installation. All are from Lodge Taralga unless otherwise indicated. L-R: W Bro Leon Fleming, W Bro Ken Fleming, W Bro Tom Fleming, VW Bro Viv Fleming (Bombala 190), W Bro Percy Fleming, W Bro Gordon Fleming and W Bro R W Lang.*



*An historic photo of present and past DGIWs of District 105. From L to R—VW Bro Terry Twyford (2000-2002); VW Charles de Rochefort (2006-2008); RW Bro Mike Dalton PJGW, RGC Region 10; VW Bro Kim Taylor, 1st DGIW of the current District 105, RW Bro Bob Perriman PAGM, 1st RGC of Region 10; VW Bro Russell Yelds (2004-2006); VW Bro Warren Bruce (2002-2004); and VW Bro Viv Fleming, who preceded Kim Taylor and was the last DGIW of the then District 104*

## MEDIA MENTIONS...

### Bega District News

- 26 Feb 2008: Article on a call for nominations for a Lorna Milgate Scholarship Trust Award by Lodge Bega Remembrance 220
- 8 Jul 2008: Article marking the retirement from his position as a journalist on the Bega District News of W Bro Ray Spencer, The Master of Lodge Bega Remembrance 220

### Harden Murrumburra Express

- 13 Mar 2008: Article on a new aged care facility for harden Murrumburrah after an understanding was reached between the RFBI and Southern Cross Care on the sale of the Harden-Murrumburrah Masonic Village and adjoining lands to Southern Cross Care, operators of the St Lawrence Home at Galong. Southern Cross Care will construct a new aged care facility at harden and the whole complex will be known as the Southern Cross Freemasons Village.
- 15 May 2008: Further snippet on the Southern Cross Freemasons Village.

- 19 Jun 2008: Article noting the 'historic' joint management committee formed by Lodge Federal Burrowa 193 and St Lawrence Home. The committee will oversee the Southern Cross Freemasons Village self care units and the St Lawrence Home hostel. Work on the new complex in Harden is expected to begin early in 2009 and complete around July 2010.

*Editor's Note:* Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT) Inc is a Christian, charitable community service organisation founded by the Knights of the Southern Cross – an order of Catholic laymen.

### Young Witness

11 Jun 2008: Article and photo noting that Masonic wives, widows and friends recently celebrated five years of monthly morning tea meetings. The group meets at JDs Jam Factory in Young at 10am on the 4th Monday of each month and invites all ladies to join them for morning tea and fellowship.

### STOP PRESS

*A new website for Region 10 is imminent. More details soon from your RGC...*

# COLUMNS

Freemasonry, at the heart of life

## REGIONAL RAMBLINGS

with Michael Dalton, RGC 10

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Regional Website

Have you seen the new Region 10 Website?

Go to: <http://www.masonicregions.org.au> and click on the REGION 10 tab

### WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

*Please make sure the ladies see this*

The Grand Master has said, "This initiative is aimed at marshalling the wide range of skills and talents amongst our wives/partners and to acknowledge them as fundamental elements and equal partners in showing that Freemasonry allows us to act conjointly as role models for society."

Guidelines are being developed on how the Council will operate, and will look towards establishing Regional and District Councils. Responses to my email have been slow; I'm sure you must be thinking about it, but perhaps the daily demands have taken precedence. Would you please get those thoughts to me, however rough at this stage, as we can refine them later.

Look forward to hearing from you...

*Susan Dalton*

### 20/20 MASONS

I have submitted sixteen names to the Assistant Grand Master of the 20/20 masons from Region 10. These are, in no particular order, Ciaran Bird, John Morris, Ross Penglase, Ned Robinson, Alex Slater, Joel Spurr and Steve Wild from Lodge Commonwealth of Australia; Richard Barrington-Knight, Edwin Power and Simon Hruza from Lodge Capitol; Gary Thompson and David Bruce from The Mountain Lodge; Craig Revell and Daniel White from Lodge Ethos; Stuart Brennan from Pambula Daylight; and Neil Dawson from Lodge Baddeley.

The 20/20 masons will change from time to time as career moves and other life events take effect, and a new list will be compiled each year to take account of such movements. DGIWs and Lodge Masters will be on the lookout for future 20/20 masons from initiates and affiliates coming into our lodges.

We will also need to determine from the

20/20 masons the areas in which they would like to involve themselves, some may choose areas where their career skills can be brought into play, and others might well want to avoid these areas, and be involved in areas divorced from their workaday world.

The Assistant Grand Master and his team are developing the Pathways program for 20/20 masons and we will be hearing more about this shortly.

### TRAINING SESSION FOR GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES

I had been thinking that it was time to have a look at the role of the Grand Director of Ceremonies at our installations in Region 10. In most Districts we have competent men who have done the job frequently and who contribute so unobtrusively but effectively to the well running of our ceremony, but, nevertheless, in some places we are starting to get a little thin on the ground.

At the Installation Ceremony of Lodge Commonwealth of Australia on 6th December at Queanbeyan Masonic Centre, all who are interested in the role of GDC can witness the DGDC go through his paces, and take notes if they wish of why and what he does. The next morning at 9.00 am, again at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre, he, and one of the AGDCs will answer these and other questions, and demonstrate the way the Ceremonial Team perform their work.

This is an ideal time for all who act as GDC in the Region to refresh their skills, contribute to the session from their own experiences, and for interested brethren who may wish to act as GDC to see what is involved.

The session is, of course open to any mason, and may well open up much discussion on our ceremonial in general. I hope all who currently act as GDC can attend to make the session

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**Regional Ramblings (from Page 1)...**

as informative and interesting as possible. Having seen some of the things that can go wrong, this should be most instructive. I will submit the names of all who attend to the Grand Director as either those who currently act, and those who are interested, so that we can achieve a fair distribution of acting duties within the Region, and start to increase our base of qualified GDCs.

**THE MOUNTAIN LODGE – 1500TH MEETING**

A lunch was held on Sunday, 12th October at the RSL Club at Bombala for the ladies of District 105 as a joint celebration of The Mountain Lodge's 1500th meeting which will take place at their installation to be held on Saturday, 8th November. The guest speaker was MW Bro Tony Lauer, Past Grand Master, who gave a wonderful talk on his life and times as a police officer and as a Freemason, which was received with great acclaim.



*MW Bro Tony Lauer PGM at the Bombala Luncheon*

After his talk Tony was besieged by people wishing to congratulate him and to share some insights into his experiences. This was a most enjoyable Masonic experience with close to 90 brethren and ladies present.

**LODGE PAMBULA DAYLIGHT – 20TH ANNIVERSARY**

Another most important occasion. WM Kevin Mulcahy has tried to emulate as far as possible the events of 20 years ago when the lodge was consecrated by MW Bro Ron Johnson. Where possible given age and ill health, Kevin has tried to fill the positions as they were 20 years ago, and Ron Johnson will be representing the Grand Master. This should be a great morning, tyling at 10.00 am Friday, 7th November. This is a great opportunity to have a long weekend with two important installations a day apart.

**BRAIDWOOD – A PLACE TO VISIT**

Many Canberra people make a stop in Braidwood on their way to the coast to have a look around this great heritage town. There is much to see in the way of colonial architecture, arts and crafts, cafes and restaurants. For those of our ladies interested in quilting, (and there are a number of quilting groups around the Region), then a visit Braidwood on Saturday, 22nd November is a must to see the Annual Hanging of the Quilts which will be held at the Lodge of Truth's Masonic Hall in Elrington Street. The lodge will be open for guided tours, so for any Masonic couple from the Region considering a short break away, and who hasn't had a good look at Braidwood, then note the 22nd November as the day to be there.

**HISTORICAL ITEM**

The Baal's Bridge Masonic Square, discovered in the foundations of a small bridge in Limerick, Ireland, in 1830, is inscribed with the words:

*I will strive to live with love and care  
Upon the Level, by the Square  
Dated 1507*

Until next time...

*Michael Dalton*

**MILESTONE FOR MOUNTAIN LODGE...**

... So read the headline on Page 4 of the 'Bombala Times' on Wednesday 15 October 2008. It was an extensive article on the Annual Ladies Luncheon at the Bombala RSL Club, held to celebrate the impending 1500th meeting of the Lodge, which our RGC has already mentioned in his columns. The luncheon not only celebrated this remarkable milestone of 147 years of freemasonry in the Bombala district, but also was an occasion for the presentation of a \$5,000 Regional masoniCare grant to the Currawarna Aged Hostel. The funds will be used to acquire a motorised wheelchair. The photo of the presentation below was also used in the article.

**masoniCare Presentation**

*W Bro Gary Thompson, WM of The Mountain Lodge 190 (left), presenting the \$5,000 Regional Grant to Mr John Feilen (Board Member of Currawarna), with RW Bro Michael Dalton (right)*

The guest of honour was MW Bro Tony Lauer PGM. Other guests included the Mayor, Bob Stewart and his wife Anne, the DGIW of District 105 – WV Bro Malcolm Privett; and the Mountain Lodge's official historian, W Bro Tony Garnock.

W Bro Gary Thompson said in his welcoming address that this was a day for reflection, a day for celebration and a day for sharing with families and friends. Freemasonry remains robust and dynamic in Bombala.

The luncheon's Master of Ceremonies was none other than the ebullient VW Bro Russell Yelds PDGIW, who also proposed the toast to the visitors. The response was given by Mr Lou Joseph, whose great-grandfather, Hyam Joseph, was one of the founding fathers of the Lodge. It was a memorable occasion – one which I enjoyed considerably – so much so that I snoozed for most of the journey back to Canberra.

*Geoff Ludowyk*

# ANZMRC Conference—Queanbeyan 2008

The Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council (ANZMRC) held its biennial conference over the recent October long weekend at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre. The event featured the presentation of the 2008 Kellerman lectures and was hosted by this masonic jurisdiction and organised by the Canberra Lodge of Research and Instruction (CLORAI). It hosted participants from all bar one of the Australian masonic jurisdictions; from New Zealand; and from the Republic of South Africa. The conference was opened by our Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston MD, JP and he was accompanied by his partner Ms Judith Morrice and by the Grand Librarian, RW Bro Joe Haffner.

In his opening address, the Grand Master observed that the jurisdiction came very close to losing its research lodge in Sydney, a hole which has now been filled by the Discovery Lodge of Research. He said that masonic education, studies and research were very dear to him, attributable to his early mentor – RW Bro Harry Kellerman – in his mother lodge, Harold Herman Unity 428. Bro Harry managed... “to get not only into my ear, but also into my heart, and into my soul.” The Grand Master went on to say that research is a part of the system of education and through it masons need to discover knowledge past; prove the legitimacy of the same; prove the truth; and prove and justify the theoretical basis of the topics. It must deal with establishing and proving facts, not ideals, by comparing and contrasting substantiating sources; challenge and expand original thought; be useful and useable, and extend its influence to the ordinary Mason.



**The Grand Master with the 2008 Kellerman Lecturers**

*L to R: Colin Heyward (NZ North Is.), Ian Green (Tas), Gordon Fraser (NZ South Is.), Rodney Grosskopf (Sth Africa), Harvey Lovewell (Qld), Grand Master, David Beagley (Vic), David Ganon (WA), Geoff Ludowyk (NSW & ACT)*

The Grand Master reminded us that we are accepted into the Craft because we affirm a general desire for knowledge; and that we are admonished to make daily progress in the acquisition of Masonic knowledge, and we are rewarded for making progress in the science. He went on to say that two kinds of knowledge are described, that of the Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the hidden mysteries of Nature and Science. He said that we must be prepared to make the effort and discover the vast unknown of Masonic knowledge. He concluded by saying:

“Research requires dedication. Research requires time. We need more Brethren to undertake research. We need to make research ‘sexy’, the place to be. We need to promote ourselves to the very early grass roots of this organisation, to the very first steps. We need to mentor and tutor these Masons, and say strongly ‘we want you, we need you’, and put out a hand of scholarly friendship: no closed shop, no closed minds, no ‘wait for your turn’.

We must identify and engage talent, promote, present, and be seen. Research is a career path in Freemasonry that should have specific attractive signposts. Active participation is the way to learn, and original thought and work is within all of us.

Research is necessary to define ‘What is Freemasonry’. Freemasonry as a living organisation with a distinguished history is in need of a contemporary, flexible image. We must enjoy our Freemasonry, and learn to ‘talk the talk’ across the generations.

And I call for the creation of an ANZ Resource Centre, with all our Masonic

libraries distributing and sharing their data bases, and spreading the words of this ‘talking’.

The discipline of training, study and analysis is crucial to the process, and creates the differential between ‘a member’ and ‘a Mason’.

And Brethren and friends, if we need time to take up research, there is no better time than right now, to attract the hearts and minds of all our Brethren. Right now! I challenge you to make this conference the starting point to reinvigorate research and study across this jurisdiction, and across Australia and New Zealand, to reach out to the X’s and Y’s and Younger Boomers, personally and electronically—and in 25 years time let it be said that it was this group, you Brethren here today, that made the difference!”

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Those who attended the conference would like to express their thanks to the MW Grand Master and Judith Morrice for their participation; to W Bro Neil Morse KL for his efforts in organising the conference; to Nea Morse and her assistants for the catering and the ladies outings; to W Bros Phillip O’Rourke and Graeme Moller for their invaluable help and assistance over the weekend; and finally to the Trustees of the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre for graciously making the premises available to CLORAI and ANZMRC.

*Geoff Ludowyk KL  
for CLORAI*



**The Ladies at ANZMRC**

*In front: Bev Smith (WA).  
Main row, left to right: Barbara Pope, Nea Morse, Helen Stead (Qld), Jan Heyward (NZ), Eileen Grosskopff (S Africa), Patricia Cooper (Vic)*



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REGIONAL RE-INSTALLATIONS



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THE ESOTERIC DISCUSSION GROUP

On 10 December 2007, the inaugural meeting of the Canberra Esoteric Masonry Discussion Group took place. Each person present had an opportunity to communicate what he hoped to give and gain from the group. There was talk of eventually starting a new lodge, but this would be a lodge of affiliates. If this occurs, it will be some time in the future as thirty are needed to form a new lodge. It was decided to meet every two months and the fourth Friday of the odd months was chosen as a suitable day.

The next few meeting involved more discussion of what we wanted and where we wished to go, accompanied by some great insights expressed by those attending and some talk about W L Wilmshurst's mystical interpretation of Freemasonry. Some of us attended the talk in Sydney about the formation of Lodge Esoterica and this was discussed at our July meeting.

Our most recent meeting was particularly informative. Bro Edwin Power gave a talk on Jacob's Ladder and talked us through a meditation session. This was supplemented by Philip Purcell's short paper on Classical Greek Mathematics and Freemasonry. At our next meeting, scheduled for Friday, 28 November, we will be looking at and interpreting Walter Leslie Wilmshurst's Tracing Board. This will probably be held at the home of Bro Geoff Driscoll, starting at 7.30 pm, but if you are not already on my list, please contact me to ensure that there have been no changes of detail.

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# COLUMNS

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## REGIONAL RAMBLINGS

*with Michael Dalton, RGC 10  
were conservative!*

I was very fortunate to meet the relatively new CEO of the Masonic Youth Welfare Fund, Susan Williams at a meeting to discuss the planning for the major fund raising activity for the MYWF in Region 10 in 2009. This will take the form of a concert to be held at Llewellyn Hall on Tuesday 7 April 2009 featuring the runners up of "The Battle of the Choirs", Vox Synergy, and a number of local choirs interspersed with offerings from a concert pianist and a concert violinist.

Susan had just returned from Melbourne where Vox Synergy had made a DVD and CD. She described the performances as really exciting with great energy generated by the 21 students who don't just sing beautifully, but also produce choreographed movements as well. Their performances are great spectacles.

The MC for the night will be well known television personality Pru McSween who will also be handling promotion of the event. The MYWF has reached high to put all this together—*who said Freemasons*

### Grand Director Training

A number of masons attended a session conducted by Bruce Balmond, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre on 7 December. This proved to be a most informative interactive talk on the role of the Grand Director at installations. Many incidents encountered by Grand Directors were raised and discussed and hopefully resolved. The traffic was not all one way, as Bruce took away some points for further clarification. There is training material being prepared together with a DVD, so that we can run our own training for those interested in this important role.

### Mentor Training

On the same day, our Regional Education Officer, VW Bro David Horton conducted a Mentoring course at the Bombala Masonic Centre. There were ten attendees, (one from Region 11) and David tells me the course went very well (pictured below).



David will be attending a conference of Regional Training Officers on the day of the Grand Communication on Wednesday 10 December, so we can expect further developments on our training front.

### Accommodation Review

The Review of Accommodation for Lodges is underway, as many of you would know. The first step in this process is to establish the "health" of every Masonic meeting place by obtaining comprehensive information on the state of each building. Secondly, key components of building fitness are financial administration and financial performance and building owners are being asked to provide a Five Year Financial Plan. Our Regional Buildings Officer, Geoff Driscoll has been very busy in undertaking these inspections and in assisting building owners with the paperwork. If you see a red Lotus around your town, then it is probably Geoff.



I don't know any other architect who has one.

### Vacancies

Applications for the position of Regional Grand Counsellor have been invited. Applicants need to have served as a District Grand Inspector of Workings to be eligible. If you fit this bill and are thinking of lodging an application, please feel free to give me a call to discuss the duties. If there is no interest, you will have to put up with me for another two years, after which I know there will be at least a couple of masons ready to take it on.

### Unvarnished

This is a true story: I was at the local IGA and a young girl was just ahead of me. The check out operator complimented her on her long nails, to which the young girl replied, "I really have to cut them back, otherwise they grow out of hand." And I didn't say a thing...

### Until next time...

Season's greetings to all from Susan and myself—this is a time for family, friendship, togetherness and to reflect on our life's tasks, and our continuing work on ourselves to become better men. I hope the day to day duties did not impact too much on the time available to contemplate.

### Stop Press:

The MW Grand Master conferred Grand Rank on six Masons in Region 10. Our congratulations to:

RW Bro Derek Robson of Lodge Gowrie of Canberra 715 on receiving the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master

RW Bros Don Geddes (Lodge Federal Burrowa 193); Terry Twyford (Lodge Bega Remembrance 220); and Warren Bruce (The Mountain Lodge 190) – on receiving the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden

VW Bros David Slater (Lodge Commonwealth of Australia 633) and Kevin Mulcahy (Lodge Pambula Daylight 1000) – on receiving the rank of Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

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## KING SOLOMON AND HIS TEMPLE

by Philip Purcell, JW Lodge Capitol 612

(First published in 'Capitol Capers'—the monthly newsletter of Lodge Capitol 612—over two editions in September and October 2006)

What do we know about King Solomon's temple? There is much fact and fiction about. One of my favourite movies is *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (1989), starring Harrison Ford and Sean Connery, with direction by George Lucas and film score by John Williams, who also collaborated on *Star Wars*. Although some internet blog sites claim Lucas to be a Mason he describes himself as Buddhist Methodist, having been introduced to Eastern philosophy by his Producer friend Gary Kutz (a Mormon), who imbued *Star Wars* with credible universal religious underpinnings. *Last Crusade* is a ripping good yarn about a quest for the Holy Grail, which should resonate with Masons.

What of the Temple? The (US) Public Broadcasting Service reported in its Newshour program of 25 December 1997 that: "The discovery of an ancient artefact [a piece of Iron Age pottery that's inscribed with an archaic form of Hebrew writing] has given scholars reason to believe that... King Solomon's temple actually existed." The inscription related to the collection of specific high grades of silver, for repairs to the temple, sometime in the 9th Century BC. Unfortunately the fragment came from a private collector acquired on the 'antiquities market', rather than from a controlled archaeological excavation site.

On the significance of the artefact a senior Professor of John Hopkins University commented that: "It is unusual to have something that is this dramatically close to a specific historical situation that's described as this one in II Kings 12 is. That's unusual."

Solomon reputedly built the temple in the 10th Century BC with financial and moral support from his father King David. The Phoenicians of Tyre (in modern-day Lebanon) supplied materials, craftsmen and architectural support. Solomon mandated that only those in possession of Masonic secrets would provide the design, project management and the finer work, thus ensuring the creation of an outstanding edifice to God.



Illustration of King Solomon's Temple (Editor's inclusion)

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Solomon's rule lasted 40 years till his death aged 52 in about 930 BC. After Solomon's death the temple and his legacy waned and the temple was plundered on numerous occasions. It was finally destroyed by the Babylonians who attacked Jerusalem in 587 BC.

Solomon was the last of the three kings in antiquity who ruled over a unified Jewish people, his principal predecessors being his father David and prior to that Saul. David expanded Israel into an empire and, on the capture of Jerusalem, moved his capital to there from Hebron. On the death of Solomon the nation again separated into Israel in the north and Judah in the South, the latter remaining loyal to the lineage of King Solomon.

There was one attempt to rebuild the temple, but it never regained the splendour or significance of the original. Today the

site of the temple is likely to be in Jerusalem which the Crusaders also thought was the spiritual home of Christianity.

Solomon had an active policy of constructing fine buildings wherever his influence spread. Thus, even prior to Solomon's death, Masons involved in building the temple were travelling, and in this way laid the foundations of an enduring legacy.

### Who was King Solomon?

(The foregoing) dipped into the provenance of King Solomon's Temple. (In this) I discuss what the application of modern social theory and psychology has to offer in our understanding of distant events and personalities such as King Solomon.

Recently the BBC HardTalk program interviewed William Strauss on the book '*Generations, the History of America's Future*'. He argues that history cycles through a finite number of generational types, which helps to explain the history of human societies. We have all heard about the sociology of the Silent Generation, Baby Boomers, Generations X and Y etc. If inter-generational theory is valid (debatable?) then might this eventually assist with the reading of Masonic antiquity?

Analogy with popular tools of behavioural analysis such as the psychology of Jung offers a clue. Jung spoke of extroversion versus introspection, and how the latter often strengthens with age. One spin off is the 16 personality types developed by Myer-Briggs and how these interact in social and team building settings.

Such tools, though widely applied, are contested by contemporary academics working in the fields of cognitive and dynamic psychology. They reject introspective and personality type casting, in favour of inquiry into computational style brain processing and the study of actions arising from the core of the individual.

Anyway, there is little in the way of refereed analysis that applies any of these tools to biblical characters. Perhaps the raw material is too sparse. Yet the need to appreciate the personalities of the time is highlighted by the issue with the authorship of Christian Gospels, as most were edited in antiquity to suit the politics of the time. And personalities certainly affect history as they prove a good fit or not for the times.

An example is Saul, appointed by Samuel when the Israelis wanted unification as a bulwark against aggressors. Samuel's reservation about the integrity of monarchist institutions was borne out by Saul's headstrong behaviour. Saul was eased aside in favour of David whose pedigree included his great grandparents Boaz and Ruth.

David's successor, Solomon, clearly had outstanding cognitive abilities – able to assimilate and process complex amounts of information. In Myer-Briggs terminology Solomon comes across as a thinking/feeling type whose primary concerns are truth, principles and justice, supported by introspection in the search for creative solutions that can be implemented through sound organisational practices and decision making.

As such, multi-disciplinary frameworks can add to the picture of history. Thus they assist the general community and Freemasons in their search to recover more and deeper meaning from that special time and place in antiquity inhabited by Solomon.

### Calling all Lodge Secretaries in Region 10

Please print and distribute copies of this newsletter with your next Notice Paper to members of your Lodge who are not on email

## HIPPOTHERAPY GRANT

The year for the Canberra Districts Masonic Association (CDMA) closed with a donation of \$4,600 to the ACT Spastic Centre as funding for the Hippotherapy program, being run by the Pegasus Riding School for the Disabled.

The funds came from four sources—\$1,800 was raised by CDMA from its sausage sizzles and the *Swing back to Swing* dance. This fund raising was boosted by the *Burns Club of Canberra* waiving its room hire charges for the swing dance and providing the publicity posters and ticketing for the dance. CDMA's efforts attracted a matching **masoniCare** interAction grant. The balance came from two generous \$500 donations from *ACTNow Inspect Pty Ltd* and from *Lodge Caledonia of Canberra 938*. Our thanks to all donors and a special thank you to Iain Crawford and his family, not only for organising the sausage sizzles but also for bringing the Hippotherapy program to CDMA's attention.

VW Bro Ron Jemesen DGIW 104 made the presentation at Pegasus on 4 December. He was accompanied by **masoniCare** representatives VW Bro John Arthur (Region 10) and by VW Bro Geoff Ludowyk (CDMA). They met with Geraldine Walters and Christine Le Ruez of the Spastic Centre and with Becky Layton of Pegasus. The three masons were privileged to witness a Hippotherapy session for a three year old girl.



The term Hippotherapy literally means "treatment with the horse". Hippo comes from the Greek word "hippos" meaning "horse". Specially trained physical and occupational therapists use this medical treatment for clients with movement dysfunctions.

In Hippotherapy, the horse influences the rider rather than the rider influencing the horse. The rider is positioned on, and actively responds to, the movement of the therapy horse. The therapist directs the movement of the horse, analyses the rider's responses and adjusts the treatment accordingly.

With a trained Riding Develops Ability horse handler, physiotherapist, occupational therapist and two volunteers in attendance, Hippotherapy is an expensive program to put on and is estimated to cost \$250 per session. It is gratifying to realise that donations to the program make it possible for Pegasus to provide the service at little or no cost to the parents of disabled children.

The afternoon closed with Pegasus' presentation of a 'Certificate of Adoption' to CDMA.



*Clockwise from top:* Hippotherapy session in progress; Becky Layton presents Ron Jemesen with the 'Certificate of Adoption' of Jack; and Ron presents Becky with the cheques, with John Arthur, Geraldine Walters and adoptee Jack looking on.

## THREE GENERATIONS OF SLATERS

The occasion was the Raising of Bro Alex Slater to the Third Degree at Lodge Commonwealth of Australia 633. Taking the chair for the Past Master's night was Alex's father, W Bro David Slater KL. He was assisted in the ceremony by his father, VW Bro Bob Slater PDGIW of The King's School Lodge 390.

Alex is well known to Canberra's Masons, having helped with the 'feeding the needy' program for many years, and over 60 were present at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre for his Raising. Alex is a past recipient of a **masoniCare** Young Achiever Award and is currently studying architecture at the University of Canberra. He is fast gaining a reputation as a fine organist and Alex has volunteered to take on the position of Organist for Lodge Capitol 612.

*Pictured left to right:* RW Bro Warren Turton OAM, PSGW—the Master of Lodge Commonwealth—with Bob, Alex and David Slater.





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AROUND THE TRAPS...



Smiling faces at the District 105 meeting at Candelo—Tuesday 28 October 2008

Take a trip down Elrington Street...

So went the article in the *Braidwood Times* on Wednesday 19 November 2008... The occasion was the annual Quilt Event weekend from 21 to 22 November. Local craftswomen displayed their quilts, cushions, embroidery, wall hangings, dolls and more at St Andrews Anglican Church.

Next door, the Lodge of Truth opened its doors on the 22nd to display quilts made by a group of quilters from Canberra and a very interesting collection of masonic regalia. Members of the Lodge were on hand to provide information to visitors and, by all accounts, it was once again a very successful event.



Pambula Daylight 1000—20 years on

The 20th anniversary of the Lodge was celebrated at the installation meeting on 7 November. MW Bro Ron Johnson AM, PGM—who consecrated the Lodge—represented the Grand Master on this occasion. 20 Grand Lodge officers (above) joined the delegation with 40 brethren from the Region and from Bairnsdale (Vic) Daylight also in attendance. VW Bro Charles de Rochefort receives his reinstatement certificate (right) while Installing Master—W Bro Kevin Mulcahy—looks on.



*Clockwise from top left:* VW Bro John Presbury DGIW 102 presents W Bro Sid Mawbey with his reinstatement certificate (Duke of Edinburgh 76); VW Bro Eddie Snowie PDGDC (left) was Grand Director, while brother in law RW Bro Ernie Lewis PJGW was the installing Master at Queanbeyan St Andrew 56 where newly reinstated Master W Bro Don Ray (centre) cuts the cake with W Bro Mike Kennedy SW (left) and W Bro Gary Sweeney JW; RW Bro Derek Robson PAGM with newly reinstated W Bro Jeff Le Faucheur (Gowrie of Canberra 715).