



District Grand Master's Message

Dear Brethren, I hope this message finds you and your family safe and well.

One of the more important events for the District of Carpentaria Masonic year 2023 was held on Saturday 2 September when the District Grand Team carried out a Re-enactment of Consecration Ceremony for Bentley Park Lodge to celebrate their Centenary. Our hearty congratulations to Bentley Park Lodge for reaching this important milestone. I thank the District Grand Team members who carried out the Ceremony for their dedication to their duties, attending a number of rehearsals, which on the day resulted in a well conducted ceremony. It provided a good showcase to the brethren and members of the public who were in attendance. My special thanks to the Grand Organist, RW Bro Gary Young for travelling up from Brisbane to provide the music for the Ceremony, without which the ceremony would have been a very dull affair.



Following the Re-enactment of Consecration, light refreshments were served and this was followed by the Bentley Park Proclamation. Our congratulations to the Worshipful Master and Officers and I wish the Lodge well for the coming year. At the Proclamation I also had the pleasure of presenting Bro Aaron Odell his Master Masons Certificate. Bro Odell has already been a great asset to the Lodge as he has set up a Facebook Page for Bentley Park Lodge in an endeavour to attract new members and I will look to his expertise to do the same for the District. The Banquet afterwards was held at the Asian Foodie Restaurant and certainly enjoyed by all present.

During September a Proclamation was also held at the Johnstone River Heritage Lodge and an Installation was held at the Port Douglas Mossman Lodge. Our congratulations to the Worshipful Masters and Officers of those Lodges and I wish them very success for the coming year. I thank my Deputy, VW Bro Dave Scott for officiating at those ceremonies. At the Johnstone River Heritage Proclamation, Wor Bro Ken Jones, a member of Tully-Tyson Lodge, was presented with his 50 year Jewel and we congratulate and thank him for his extended service to Freemasonry in general and his lodge in particular.

There was only the one initiation in the District during September, that being Bro Teddy Romuga, who was initiated into Gregory Allan Lodge on 18 September. Our congratulations to Bro Teddy and we welcome him into the fraternity and look forward to witnessing his progress in his Masonic career.

On 6 September, I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Quarterly Communication in Brisbane and the Deputy District Grand Master, VW Bro Dave Scott also accompanied me to that event. Whilst in Brisbane, VW Bro Dave, RW Bro John Playford, District Grand Master of the NQ District, and I took the opportunity to discuss a number of matters with the Grand Secretary. At the District Grand Quarterly Communication held on 23 September at the Gordonvale Masonic Centre, I noted these matters in detail and I ask you all read my address at the Quarterly Communication, the proceedings or minutes of which will be sent to all Lodge Secretaries in the District for distribution to all members in the next week.

At the Quarterly Communication I had the privilege of presenting RW Bro Robert (Bob) Wakely with his Certificate for Past Grand Rank elevation to Past Assistant Grand Master (PAGM). This honour has certainly been a long time coming as RW Bro Wakely served as the District Grand Master from 2011 to 2014 and I thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master, MW Bro Jeffrey Harper for conferring the honour. It was particularly pleasing for me to present the certificate to RW Bro Wakely as I often travelled with him to Installations during the time he was Deputy District Grand Master from 2008 to 2011 and I was at the time the District Grand Director of Ceremonies.



Prior to the September Quarterly Communication just held, the District Board of General Purposes held a meeting of all Lodges meeting at the Freshwater, Edmonton and Gordonvale Masonic Centres to discuss the future of Lodge Buildings with a view to the possibility of establishing a Masonic Centre for the District in the Cairns area. The meeting was open to all members of the district.

My take from the meeting is that, at this stage, there does not appear to a willingness on the part of all of the Lodge Building Owners to consolidate their resources and put those resources towards the establishment of one Masonic Centre for the District. I will submit a summary report of the discussions to the Board at its next meeting in October with my suggestions of where we might go from here.

With the end of the Masonic Year approaching, we find that the month of October will be particularly busy with six Installations being held - Milla Lodge and Ravenshoe Lodge on 7th both at the Atherton Centre, Cairns Gelling Lodge on 14th, Gregory Allan Lodge on 16th and Trinity Daylight Lodge in the morning of 21st and Endeavour Lodge in the afternoon of 21st.

I encourage Lodges to support each other through visitations, particularly for important events such as Installations, degree workings particularly Initiation Ceremonies to welcome a new member to our fraternity and on occasions such as Jewel presentations to recognize the good work, dedication and achievement by a brother. Lodges should factor in their planning, some fraternal visits, which I believe will encourage our new members to do more visitation. Please take every opportunity to focus on Masonic Education so that we are all better informed about our degree workings and the symbolism that we regularly see within our Lodge rooms but simply take for granted.

Brethren I wish you safe travels and look forward to meeting up at the range of events coming up in the month of October.

RW Bro Raja Chohan

District Grand Master

District Grand Lodge of Carpentaria



LODGE MEETINGS

LODGE	DATE	TIME	WHERE	WORK
Trinity Daylight	Mon 2nd Oct	9.30am	Whitfield	General Business
Temple Memorial	Mon 2nd Oct	7.30pm	Freshwater	General Business
Pyramid-Higgleigh	Wed 4th Oct	7.30pm	Gordonvale	1st Degree Mr Donald Stanley Page
Tully-Tyson	Wed 4th Oct	7.00pm	Tully	General Business
Carpentaria	Thur 5th Oct	7.30pm	Freshwater	3rd Degree Bro Ralph Atienza
Millaa	Sat 7th Oct	11.00am	Atherton	Proclamation Wor Bro Ian Hubner
Ravenshoe	Sat 7th Oct	1.15pm	Atherton	Installation Wor Bro Robert Poole
Johnstone RH	Sat 7th Oct	4.00pm	Innisfail	General Business
Barrine	Mon 9th Oct	7.00pm	Yungaburra	General Business
P Douglas Mossman	Thur 12th Oct	7.30pm	Mossman	General Business
Cairns-Gelling	Sat 14th Oct	1.00pm	Freshwater	Installation Wor Bro Ronald Howard Baldwin
Gregory Allan	Mon 16th Oct	7.00pm	Freshwater	Proclamation Wor Bro Graeme Boydell
Freshwater	Fri 20th Oct	7.30pm	Freshwater	General Business
Trinity Daylight	Sat 21st Oct	10.00am	Whitfield	Proclamation VW Bro David Syme PDistSGW
Bentley Park	Sat 21st Oct	2.00pm	Edmonton	General Business
Endeavour	Sat 21st Oct	3.00pm	Edmonton	Installation Wor Bro Paul Bedford
Granite	Mon 30th Oct	9.30am	Mareeba	General Business

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DATE CLAIMER

DGL Centenary Re-enactment of Consecration and DGL Installation on Saturday 25 May 2024

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BENTLEY PARK 311 CENTENARY & PROCLAMATION



RW Bro Raja Chohan DistGM together with his deputy VW Bro Dave Scott and no less than four Past District Grand Masters and a strong team of District Grand Officers



Proclamation of Wor Bro Herb Valinoti

JOHNSTONE RIVER HERITAGE 135H



Johnstone River Heritage Lodge 135H Proclamation of Wor Bro Phil McCracken and Wor Bro Ken James a member of Tully-Tyson was presented with his 50 Year Jewel by VW Bro Dave Scott DDistGM



Wor Bro Phil McCracken in the Chair of King Solomon and the wisemen in the east - Inset: the Lodge before refurbishment after 2020 fire

OTHER HAPPENINGS



Gregory Allan Lodge 50H welcome their newest member Bro Teddy Romuga



THE CHAIN GANG

RW Bro Henry Condon PAGM

RW Bro Phil Starr PAGM

RW Bro Raja Chohan DistGM

RW Bro Bob Wakely PAGM

VW Bro Dave Scott DDistGM

RW Bro Lyndon Brandt PAGM



*Port-Douglas Mossman Lodge 40H Installation of
Wor Bro Drew Watson*