



## District Grand Master's Message

Brethren, Greetings to you and your families.

October has been a particularly busy month for the District Grand Team with six Installations/Proclamations and one Initiation Ceremony being held in the District. My sincere thanks to the District Grand Officers who took part in either accompanying the Deputy District Grand Master, VW Bro Dave Scott or myself to those ceremonies. While I do not mention any names, there are District Grand Officers, and I am sure they know who I mean, who have gone beyond the call of duty in taking part in the District Grand Teams. I do, however, make mention of the District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wor Bro Bob Rudell, for his tireless work in putting the District Grand Teams together.

The month of October commenced with Milla and Ravenshoe Lodges holding their Proclamation and Installation respectively on 7 October at the Atherton Masonic Centre. In the past few years, these have been held at the Ravenshoe Centre and I congratulate both Lodges in their decision to hold them at the Atherton Centre this year as a direct result and a very positive outcome of the meeting that was held for all Tableland Lodges in relation to the possible consolidation of Lodge building and possibly Lodges on the Tableland. Some 30 brethren were present with representatives from all Tableland Lodges and a great BBQ lunch was held in the middle of the two ceremonies. Our congratulations to the Masters and Officers of both Lodges and I wish both Lodges all the best for the coming year.

Cairns Gelling Lodge held their Installation on 16 October, which was deferred from earlier in the year, and Endeavour Lodge held their Installation on 21 October. I thank VW Scott for officiating at both those Ceremonies. At the Endeavour Lodge Installation, Wor Bro Mick Payne was presented with his Past Masters Jewel, having served as Master of that Lodge for three consecutive years and Bro Steve Stafford was presented with a Life Governors Jewel. Our congratulations to the Masters and Officers of the two lodges and the recipients of the Jewels.

Gregory Allan Lodge held their Proclamation on 18 October, which was deferred from earlier in the year, and Trinity Daylight Lodge held their Proclamation on 21 October. Congratulations also to the Masters

and Officers of these lodges and we wish them all the best for the coming year. All too often, we have a tendency to say, "it's just a Proclamation". However, let us not forget and recognise that the duties and responsibilities that the Worshipful Master and his Officers take on are exactly the same as when an Installation is held.

On 4 October, Pyramid Highleigh Lodge conducted an Initiation Ceremony for Bro Donald Page. We congratulate Bro Page on his initiation and welcome him to our wonderful fraternity and look forward to his progress in Freemasonry.

In the October edition of the Carpentaria News, I mentioned the meeting held on 23 September at the Gordonvale Masonic Centre in relation to the possible consolidation of buildings in the Cairns area. I submitted a report to the District Board of General Purposes in relation to the outcomes of that meeting with a couple of options as to where to from here. Following the Boards deliberations on the matter at the Board meeting on 11 October, a letter has been written to Bentley Park Lodge for that Lodge to consider a couple of different options. I am hopeful that by the time of the December Carpentaria News, we will have a way forward.

Following an initial meeting of the Tableland Lodges in relation to the possible consolidation of Lodge building and possibly consolidation of Lodges in July 2023, a follow up meeting was held just prior to the Milla and Ravenshoe Lodge Installations on 7 October. While two Lodges appeared committed to holding their future meetings in the Atherton Masonic Centre, the other three Lodges were not fully committed but may hold a few meetings per year at the Atherton Centre. The Board has also considered the outcomes from this meeting and is communicating with two Lodges and I hope to be in a position to notify you of the final outcomes in the December issue of the Carpentaria News.

In the District, the final two Installations will be held in November – Barrine Lodge Proclamation on 11 November and Duyfken Lodge Installation on 18 November. The Duyfken Lodge Installation, which incidentally is not on the District Grand Calendar, will be held at the Edmonton Masonic Centre, following the Bentley Park and Endeavour Lodge meeting

earlier that afternoon. I encourage you all to visit and support these lodges for these important events. I also ask for your attendance at the next District Grand Quarterly Communication, which will be held on Saturday 2 December 2023 at the Atherton Masonic Centre.

Brethren, enjoy your Freemasonry and at every opportunity promote our grand design of being happy and communicate happiness.

RW Bro Raja Chohan

District Grand Master

District Grand Lodge of Carpentaria



## ODE TO THE LODGE SECRETARY

In a lodge, so grand and neat,  
Sat a secretary, none could beat.  
With quill in hand and specs on nose,  
Through minutes and mails, his patience goes.

“Dear Brother John, did you get my mail?”  
But silence from the inbox did prevail.  
“Brother Sam, was that comma quite amiss?”  
For grammar critiques, never he’d miss.

Paperwork mountain, oh so tall,  
Admin tasks, they never fall.  
Emails sent, to east and west,  
Yet replies come from very few, at best.

Members nitpick, here and there,  
“Was that spelling right? Oh dear, do take care!”

Yet every year, when elections came near,  
“Who’ll be the next secretary?” was the lodge’s big fear.

For none could imagine, oh no, not one,  
The stress, the chaos, the admin fun.  
Yet through it all, with a grin and a jest,  
The secretary declared, “I’m simply the best!”

“Find my successor?” he’d often quip,  
But members would just give their collars a slip.  
For they knew deep down, without any pretence,  
A job so tough, required immense defence!

So hats off to the secretary, the lodge’s true hero,  
Battling grammar critics and an inbox of zero.

May your coffee be strong, and your minutes be short,  
For in the Masonic world, you’re the best sport!

## LODGE MEETINGS

LODGE	DATE	TIME	WHERE	WORK
Pyramid-Highleigh	Wed 1st Nov	7.30pm	Gordonvale	1st Degree Tracing Board + Lecture
Tully-Tyson	Wed 1st Nov	7.00pm	Tully	General Business
Herberton-Corrie	Sat 4th Nov	1.30pm	Herberton	General Business
Trinity Daylight	Mon 6th Nov	9.30am	Whitfield	General Business
Temple Memorial	Mon 6th Nov	7.30pm	Freshwater	General Business
Johnstone RH	Tue 7th Nov	7.30pm	Innisfail	General Business
Ravenshoe	Thur 9th Nov	6.00pm	Ravenshoe	General Business
P Douglas Mossman	Thur 9th Nov	7.00pm	Mossman	General Business
Barrine	Sat 11th Nov	3.00pm	Yungaburra	Proclamation VW Bro John Jackson PDistJGW
Freshwater	Fri 17th Nov	7.30pm	Freshwater	General Business
Bentley Park	Sat 18th Nov	1.00pm	Edmonton	General Business
Endeavour	Sat 18th Nov	2.00pm	Edmonton	General Business
Duyfken	Sat 18th Nov	3.00pm	Edmonton	Installation VW Bro Jim Sanders PDistSGW
Gregory Allan	Mon 20th Nov	7.30pm	Freshwater	1st Degree Tracing Board + Lecture
The Gulf Lodge	Sat 25th Nov	4.00pm	Georgetown	General Business
Granite	Mon 27th Nov	9.30am	Mareeba	General Business

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

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# ENDEAVOUR LODGE No. 26H INSTALLATION



Installation of Wor Bro Paul Bedford as Worshipful Master



VW Bro Dave Scott  
DDistGM presenting  
IPM Wor Bro Michael  
Payne with his PM  
Jewel, he served 3  
years in the Chair of  
King Solomon



VW Bro David Hayward  
on his affiliation with  
Endeavour Lodge  
being presented  
with his Membership  
Certificate by VW Bro  
Dave Scott DDistGM



VW Bro Dave Scott  
DDistGM presented  
Bro Steve Stafford  
with a Life Governor  
Jewel on behalf of the  
Lodge



Our recently raised  
Brother Aaron Savo  
receiving his Master  
Mason certificate from  
VW Bro Dave Scott  
DDistGM



WM Wor Bro Paul Bedford on his Installation presented our MMs Bros Steve Stafford, Sebastian Cecchi, Philemon Amoa and Aaron Savo with Masonic caps



## OTHER INSTALLATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS



*Proclamation of Wor Bro Ian Hubner as Worshipfull Master of Millaa Lodge No. 351*



*Proclamation of Wor Bro Graeme Boydell as Worshipfull Master of Gregory Allan Lodge No. 50H*



*Installation of Wor Bro Ron Baldwin as Worshipfull Master of Cairns-Gelling Lodge No. 176H*



## OTHER HAPPENINGS



*RW Bro Winston Jennings PJGW on the presentation of his 50 Year Service Jewel by Wor Bro Herb Valinotti worshipfull master of Bentley Park Lodge No. 311*



*The raising of Bro Ralph Atienza to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Carpentaria Lodge 202H*



*Installation of Wor Bro Bruce Kingsley as Worshipfull Master of Ravenshoe Lodge No. 297H*