



THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS ADDRESS TO THE JUNE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATIONS

Brethren I thank for your attendance at this Quarterly communication my first as District Grand Master

I thank the District Grand team and hope our aims for 2024 -2025 can be met.

On the 1st of June I attended the installation at Geraldton Lodge in Tully with my Deputy VW Bro Lex Livingstone and two Dist. Grand Officers. We were warmly welcomed and enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Tully Hotel.

My Deputy and I attended the Quarterly Communication in Brisbane on Wednesday 6th June there was not a large attendance due to it being State of Origin night. Most reports were the last from some of the Heads of Boards and committees. The two District Grand Masters also presented their reports.

The MW Grand Master confirmed RW Bro Raja Chohan's conferred rank of PAGM.

Together with my deputy and two Dist. Grand Officers on Saturday 8th June I attended the Proclamation of RW Bro John Playford in Townsville, an excellent lunch was had before the proclamation and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

I thank the Bentley Park Lodge for allowing us to use their centre for the re-enactment of the Consecration and Installation to take place, it was very well attended and a pleasure to witness.

I again congratulate the District Grand Team and as most lodges have a member in the team we can spread the work load around.

I will follow the lead of RW Bro Raja Chohan in holding our communication at the lodges around the District.

There are a few things happenings to buildings in our District and I am sure our President of the B of GP will mention these.

There are many Installations coming up and I do hope the Lodge secretaries send all details etc. to the Dist. Grand Secretary in plenty of time for the Dist. Grand Director of Ceremonies to get his team together.

I will be calling a meeting of all Lodge Secretaries to ensure that every one has their paper work in order regarding requests to ballot and assistance with new members.

I have only been DGM for a few weeks and am still catching up with paper work etc related to my new office, but we will get there.

If requiring the Grand Team for assistance please give plenty of notice to the District Grand Secretary.

Fraternal regards

RW Bro Dave Scott

District Grand Master.

District Grand Lodge of Carpentaria



LODGE MEETINGS

LODGE	DATE	TIME	WHERE	WORK
Trinity Daylight	Mon 1st July	9.30am	Whitfield	General Business
Temple Memorial	Mon 1st July	7.30pm	Freshwater	General Business
Johnstone RH	Tue 2nd July	3.00pm	Innisfail	General Business
Tully-Tyson	Wed 3rd July	7.00pm	Tully	General Business
Pyramid-Highleigh	Wed 3rd July	7.30pm	Gordonvale	General Business
Herberton-Corrie	Sat 6th July	10.30am	Atherton	1st Degree Mr Isaac Frank Henry Strickland
The Gulf Lodge	Sat 6th July	4.00pm	Georgetown	General Business
Cairns-Gelling	Tue 9th July	5.30pm	Freshwater	General Business/Election of Officers
P Douglas Mossman	Thur 11th July	7.00pm	Mossman	General Business
Freshwater	Sat 13th July	10.30am	Freshwater	Proclamation Wor Bro Paul Cleary
Barrine	Sat 13th July	3.00pm	Yungaburra	General Business
Gregory Allan	Mon 15th July	3.30pm	Freshwater	2nd Degree Bro Teddy Romuga or Sam Patungan
Duyfken	Tues 16th July	6.00pm	Mareeba	General Business
Ravenshoe	Thur 18th July	6.00pm	Ravenshoe	General Business
Bentley Park	Sat 20th July	1.00pm	Edmonton	General Business/Election of Officers
Granite	Mon 29th July	10.00am	Mareeba	General Business

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

The Order of the Eastern Star, which comes under the umbrella of the Masonic family, held its Nineteenth Biennial Session in Cairns during the first week of June 2024. It is a major event held every second year by the Grand Chapter of Australia, comprising of business meetings and on the final day the Installation of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron of Australia.

The Cairns Chapter of the OES, which meets at the Gordonvale Masonic Centre on the morning of the second Saturday of each month, was honoured for this major OES event being held in Cairns for the very first time.

The event, which was held at the Cairns Colonial Club Resort, commenced on 3 June with various committee meetings and a meeting of Grand Representatives. This was followed on 6 and 7 June with the business part of the agenda, which was open to all OES members and a banquet dinner being held on the evening of 6 June.

The main event, which was open to the public, took place on the afternoon of Saturday, 8 June with a Flag Ceremony commencing at 1.30pm with over 250 people being present with all states of Australia being represented and some 20 visitors from United States of America and Canada. The programme commenced with the entry of the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, MW Bro Jeffrey Robert Harper AFSM accompanied by his wife and heads of other Masonic Orders



Flag Ceremony with flags being placed in the East

The Flag Ceremony was a wonderful and most colorful event with the flags of Australia, United States of America, Scotland, England, Canada and New Zealand being paraded into the meeting one at a time with brief details being given for each of the flags and the Anthems of each country being sung. This was then followed by the flags for each of the States of Australia being paraded in with lyrics from “I am Australian” being sung and after each flag, the chorus: “We are one,

but we are many and from all the lands we come, we share a dream and sing with one voice: I am, you are, we are Australian”.



Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron being installed in the Chair

The Installation and Investiture of the Most Worthy Grand Matron of Australia, Sister Barbara Hartman and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ronald Aimer then followed in what was a most impressive and moving ceremony full of pomp and tradition. The investiture of



Most Worthy Grand Matron making her speech after being installed with Worthy Grand Patron seated and flanked by the Immediate Past Worthy Grand Matron and Patron

the remaining Worthy Grand Office Bearers, eighteen in total, then followed. The Installation Ceremony was exceptionally well performed by the out-going Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Robyn Reily, who was ably assisted by her Worthy Grand Team of Officers, including the out-going Most Worthy Grand Parton, Brother Jonathan Nantes. The Day ended with a most entertaining banquet dinner.

The principles, ideals and values of the Order of the Eastern Star are the same as Freemasonry. It is an order that is committed to sharing, learning and community service. Mentioned at the event on Saturday, 8 June were the many charities that the Grand Chapter of Australia has assisted over the past year.

The head or chief office bearer of a Chapter of OES is the Worthy Matron with the Worthy Patron as her supporter. The meetings and festive activities following the meetings are similar to the Masonic Lodge meetings, with this difference, however, that ladies and their husbands or partners are able to take part in the activities together.



Head table at the banquet

The principle stories and lessons of the Order of the Eastern Star center around the floral centre of the Chapter. The five points of the Star that can be seen in the accompanying photos, are endowed with beauty and instruction and symbolize the sublime virtues illustrated in the lives of the heroines of the Order. The blue ray of Adah symbolizes fidelity, the yellow ray of Ruth symbolizes constancy, the white ray of Esther symbolizes light, purity and joy, the green ray of Marth symbolizes hope and immortality and the red ray of Electa symbolizes Fervency.

As with Freemasonry and similar organisations the world over, the Order of the Eastern Star has experienced declining membership. At one stage there



Worthy Grand Matron and Parton with the Grand Master, his wife and other masonic orders. Also the carpet showing the five points of the Central Star.

were seven Chapters in the District of Carpentaria. There is currently only the one, that being the Cairns Chapter. New members are always most welcome.

On behalf of the Worthy Marton of the OES Cairns Chapter 103, Sister Dot Russell and myself I wish you and your families good health and all the best.

RW Bro Raja Chohan PAGM
Immediate Past Dist GM and
Worthy Patron of Cairns Chapter of OES



Temple Memorial Proclamation Wor Bro Earl Church



Gregory Allan Lodge Installation VW Bro Alan Searle



Gregory Allan Lodge No. 50 Banquet