



THE CARPENTARIA NEWS

The official bulletin of the District Grand Lodge of Carpentaria

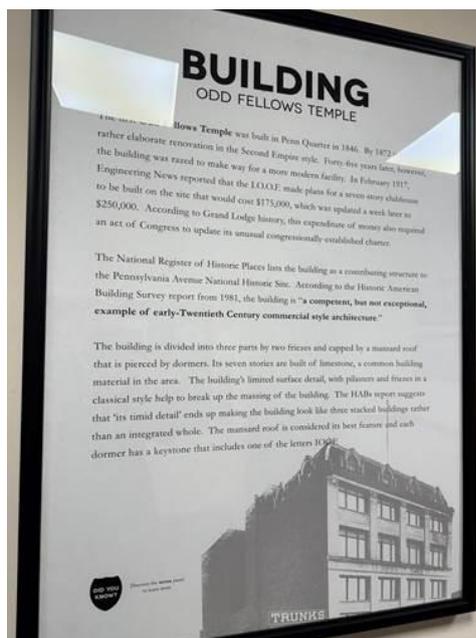
Issue 76 October 2025



“Bro James Palmer of Freshwater Lodge had the privilege to attend recently the Founders Day Festive Board hosted by Federal Lodge No 1, Washington DC.



The lodge was built and is still owned by the Odd Fellows and is the first Freemasons Lodge to be formed in Washington, DC. The Festive board was honouring the 232nd Anniversary of the Founding in 1793. George Washington was also one of the founding Masons for this lodge. The Lodge is full of American Freemason history. Bro Palmer has reported that it was a fascinating evening. Following are some photos”





Above. At Freshwater Lodge No. 406 on Friday, 19th Sept the First Degree Tracing Board was delivered by RW R Chohan to two of their EAs as well as Gregory Allan Lodge's newest member Pictured in the South: From left to right EAs Bro Tim Lyon and Bro Nick Zipichev, visitor Bro Gartano Citro from Mazzini Lodge of Naples, Bro Andrew Carter visitor from Solway Lodge UK, Wor Bro Paul Cleary of Freshwater, Bro Edward Anderson also from Solway and VW Bro Alan Searle of Gregory Allan.

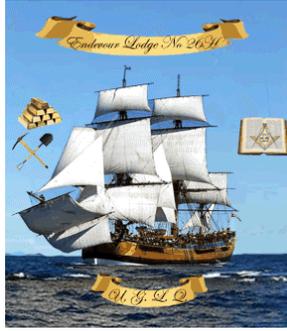
Below. The Installation of WB Doug Rasmussen at Mossman on 20th September



Worshipful Master

Wor Bro John A Spray
Bayview Heights
Cairns
Ph. 0492 210 214

jspray7@bigpond .com



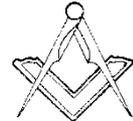
Secretary

Wor Bro Mick Payne
Trembath Dr
Gordonvale
0467816933

endeavourlodge@gmail.com



Endeavour Lodge No. 26H



Founded in Cooktown in 1875

12/09/2025

Dear Brother,

Endeavour Lodge No. 26H is this year (2025) Celebrating the Lodge's 150th anniversary **on Saturday, the 8th of November.**

The Lodge is planning on celebrating this occasion with the Installation of Brother Stephen John Stafford APM, as Worshipful Master and the investiture of officers. The Installation to Tyle at 11.00 am, after which light refreshments will be available. The Reconsecration will commence at 3.00 pm. Non-Freemasons are most welcome to attend this auspicious ceremony.

The Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of Queensland, Most Worshipful Brother David Gray, assisted by UGLQ Grand officers and DGLC Officers will be conducting the ceremonies.

The ceremonies are to be held at the Edmonton Masonic Centre in Hartill St

The Lodge room will be located downstairs to allow easy access for Brethren and guests. Off-street parking is available.

The Festive Board is to be held at Dreams, Brothers Leagues Club, Anderson Road, Manunda, commencing at 6.00 pm. Brethren and their wives or partners and guests are most welcome and encouraged to attend. The Cost of the Festive Board is \$60.00 per person.

Fraternally

Mick Payne. Secretary Endeavour Lodge 26H.



Bentley Park Proclamation of WB M Payne on Saturday, 6th September. Wor Bro Payne. He is from Tasmania, where he was initiated and advanced to PM. He served as WM for Endeavour Lodge from 2020 to 23 (3 Terms). And WM Bentley Park 24/25 and is now serving a second term 25/26 (devil for Punishment)

District Grand Master's address

D.G.M. Report 27/9/25. ¼ Communication at Innisfail

Good morning, brethren, and thank you for your attendance.

I will commence my report with an update of our Community Fundraiser and our Art Union.

The fundraiser is up around \$ 50,000, so our target over 2 years is around \$ 160,000; therefore, lodge donations are welcome. Couch board has made the Freemasons an' category charity donor to Couch.

The Art Union is progressing at this stage, where we have the prizes locked in, First Prize is a (Best of Kimberley Cruise and Tiwi Islands) from Coral Expeditions over 10 days, valued at \$32.800. Second Prize is a Bounty Hunter Charter Valued at \$4000, Third Prize is a Beef Eater BBQ. Donated by Harvey Norman. Valued at \$1000.

Ticket design has been done and tickets are \$5.00 each, the licence application is completed and has been signed.

A specific Bank account in D.G.L. is yet to be set up for the Art Union, and Liz will be in charge and looking after it.

Endeavour Lodge is having their 150 yr reconstruction on 8th Nov., carried by UGLQ with assistance from DGL.

Practice will be required, and the Endeavour Lodge Installation will be carried out first.

Calendar for 2026, the Sect and Liz require your dates for meetings and Installations A.S.A.P., as we don't want the mess the calendar was in this year.

Lodges have been helping one another, which is good to see. I will remind lodges to get their M.M. to learn charges and investitures, as the Ritual tells us that an M.M. is able to do work.

Please, when an officer is selected on the flimsy for work to be done, advise the D.C if you are unavailable. It has been requested a flimsy be sent to the secretary of all lodges; the D.G.L. secretary is already doing this.

Coming up soon.

Oct. 4th Ravenshoe Installation.

Milla Milla installation is postponed

Oct 11th clean-up of Atherton Lodge

Nov 8th, Endeavour Installation and Reconsecration

Nov 15th Barrine Installation.

Nov 20th, The Gulf Lodge Installation.

Dec 6th ¼ Com. At Mossman.

RWBro Dave Scott. District Grand Master of Carpentaria

As we are at that time when new people take office, I thought that some revision of the officers' duties may be of help. Here are the duties of the Senior Warden and Director of Ceremonies.ED

Responsibilities of the Senior Warden

The Senior Warden sits in the West and represents the column of strength, which is representative of Jachin, the right-hand pillar that stood at the door to King Solomon's Temple.

Jewel of Office: His jewel of office is a Level, a symbol of the equality that exists among the Craft while at labour in the Lodge.

The term "Warden" is derived from the Middle English word "Wardein" and the Anglo-French word "Gardein", circa the 13th Century, meaning "Gardein" or "guardian".

In lock technology, a ward is described as a part within a lock that enables locking and is also moved by a key to unlock.

The definition of the word Warden has many different meanings in today's world; however, its basic meaning is one having care of or being in charge of something with supervisory duties or with the enforcement of specified laws or regulations, like the warden in charge of a Gaol.

In Masonic terminology, he is the second Officer within the Masonic Blue Lodge. He presides over the Craft during the hours of labour.

The Senior Warden's primary duty is to assist the Worshipful Master in opening and closing the Lodge. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden presides over the Lodge.

Senior Warden's Duties: These assume that this is a Master Elect in preparation, and one must take into consideration that not all Lodges work the same way. the list below is general.

1. Assist the Worshipful Master in the performance of his duties.
2. To discharge all those duties which ancient usage has assigned to his position.
3. During the absence of the Master, succeed to and be in charge with all the powers of the Master.
4. To be responsible for the mentoring of all new candidates by selecting competent Masonic education mentors.
5. To ensure that all candidates are progressing at a reasonable rate.
6. To serve as Committee Chairman or a member of the Lodge's principal committees.

7. To prepare the calendar for his year as Master and set goals, create a well-thought-out list of members to head up each of the Masonic lodge committees. during his tenure as Master.
8. To consider Officer appointments for his year as Master and ask members to serve in these positions.
9. To consider membership goals for the next year.
10. To attend the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.
11. To attend all Lodge functions and communications.
12. To attend the quarterly Communications
13. After receiving the Lodge's Audit, which is prepared by the Audit Committee, it is its duty to request that the Budget Committee prepare an estimated budget for his year as Master.

As in all positions, many unwritten duties will occur depending upon the Lodge and the Master.

However, the early efforts that you put into your position as Senior Warden will make your tenure in the East much easier and go much more smoothly if that is what you want.

Traditional and Symbolic Role. Not all Lodges or Jurisdictions work the same. Freemasonry is full of symbolism, and every officer has symbolic duties based on ancient traditions. The Senior Warden represents the **pillar of strength**, one of the two pillars that stood at the entrance of King Solomon's Temple. He symbolises **duty, discipline, and the authority to enforce order**.

The document below provides guidelines and recommendations for the role and responsibilities of a Lodge Director of Ceremonies. This position is of major importance to a Lodge's work.

Below is a summary of a document available on the UGLQ Website address below.

<https://uglq.org.au/member-resource-centre/applications-forms-and-guides/>

Responsibilities of the Lodge Director of Ceremonies

The Director of Ceremonies (D.C.) is tasked with ensuring that Lodge ceremonies are conducted properly and decorously.

- The D.C. is responsible for the proper execution of Lodge ceremonies.
- Visitors and Brethren must be seated according to their rank.
- Officers should occupy their designated stations during ceremonies.
- The D.C. is invested with a collar and baton symbolizing their authority.

Preparation for the Role of D.C.

A successful D.C. must be well-prepared and set a positive example for others.

- Genuine commitment to the role and its responsibilities is essential.
- The D.C. should be neat, tidy, and punctual for meetings and practices.
- Familiarity with the Rituals of Degree and Installation Ceremonies is crucial.
- The D.C. should ensure all Brethren understand their roles in ceremonies.

Acquiring Knowledge and Training

The D.C. should seek guidance and training to enhance their skills and knowledge.

- Previous D.C. can provide valuable assistance and mentorship.
- Training courses are available through the G.S.Wks. for D.C.s and their Deputies.
- Visiting other Lodges can offer insights into effective practices.
- The A.G.S.Wks. is a resource for guidance and support.

Conducting Practice Meetings Effectively

Practice meetings are vital for rehearsing and refining the ceremony.

- Special attention should be paid to the Rubric for proper perambulations.
- The D.C. must ensure all Brethren are well-prepared for their roles.
- Excessive prompting should be avoided to maintain decorum.
- The D.C. should identify and respect the limits of each Officer's performance.

Utilizing Practice Meetings for Personal Development

The D.C. should use practice meetings to improve their own skills and knowledge.

- Correct posture and baton handling are essential for the D.C.
- Practice perambulations and ceremonial actions to build confidence.
- Engage with Brethren to foster camaraderie and understanding.
- Allow the D.D.C. to participate actively in the ceremony for hands-on experience.

Meeting Preparation and Execution

Thorough preparation is key to a successful Lodge meeting.

- General preparation includes ensuring all necessary items are ready.
- Specific requirements vary by Degree and must be checked in advance.
- The D.C. should ensure all members are correctly attired and vouched for.
- Organize stand-ins for any late Officers to maintain continuity.

Managing the Festive Board

The D.C. plays a crucial role in overseeing the Festive Board to promote harmony.

- Ensure the W.M. and Chaplain lead the proceedings promptly.
- Toasts should follow a recognized order to maintain tradition.
- The D.C. must prevent unseemly conduct and ensure decorum.
- Festive Boards should conclude by 11:00 PM to maintain a schedule.

Responsibilities During the Installation Ceremony

The D.C. must exemplify professionalism during the Installation Ceremony.

- Ensure appropriate music is played if an Organist is present.
- Regalia handling must follow specific protocols to maintain order.
- Allocate tasks to Past Masters to streamline the ceremony.
- Manage the admission of Brethren after the Board of Installed Masters.

Planning Installation Banquets

Installation Banquets should extend the spirit of the Festive Board.

- Thoughtful seating arrangements are essential, especially with Grand Lodge present.
- Toasts should follow a specific order, omitting the Candidate's Toast.
- The Installation cake should be cut promptly after the W.M.'s response.
- Banquets should conclude by 11:30 PM to ensure timely closure.

Conclusion and Ongoing Development

Continuous learning and teamwork are vital for the D.C.'s success.

- Attend Ritual Demonstrations and training nights to enhance skills.
- Collaborate with the W.M. and Secretary to address any issues.
- Maintain an updated list of Brethren who have given Charges.
- A successful ceremony reflects the D.C.'s leadership and teamwork.

Next month we will look at the Masters duties.

The table below is correct as far as I know, If there is a discrepancy please advise me ED

LODGE	DATE	TIME	WHERE	WORK
Carpentaria District	6 th Dec	TBA	TBA	Quarterly Communication
B of GP	8 th Oct	4:30 pm	Freshwater	
Bentley Park	18 th Oct	2 pm	Edmonton	
Endeavour	18 th Oct	4 pm	Edmonton	
Freshwater	17 th Oct	7:00 pm	Freshwater	Initiation of Mr Shadrach Okolie.
Gregory Allan	20 th Oct	7.30 pm	Freshwater	
Cairns Gelling	14 th Oct	5.30 pm	Freshwater	
Temple Memorial	6 th Oct	7.30 pm	Freshwater	
Carpentaria	2 nd Oct	7,30 pm	Freshwater	
Pyramid Highleigh	1 st Oct	7.30 pm	Gordonvale	
Johnstone R. H.	11 th Oct	3.0 pm	Innisfail	
Granite	4 th Oct	10.30 am	Atherton	
Pt Douglas Mossman	9 th Oct	7.0 pm	Mossman	
Ravenshoe	4 th Oct	10.30 am	Atherton	Installation
Milla	4 th Oct	10.30	Atherton	Postponed
Tully---Tyson	1 st Oct	7,00 pm	Tully	Reg meeting
Trinity Daylight	11 th Oct	10.30 am	Whitfield	Installation
Barrine	11 th Oct	3.00 pm	Yungaburra	Election of officers.

