



District Grand Master's Message

Dear Brethren,

Greetings to you all and your families.

The months of August, September and October are particularly busy for the District with 11 of the 19 Lodges holding their Installations/Proclamations during this period. Tully Tyson Lodge, Pyramid-Highleigh Lodge and The Gulf Lodge had their Installations in August. Our congratulations to the Worshipful Masters and Officers of those Lodges and we wish those Lodge every success for the coming year.

At the Tully Tyson Lodge I had the pleasing duty to present RW Bro Alf Macdonald his 60 year Service Jewel. What a wonderful achievement and I thank RW Bro Alf's dedication to his Lodge where he has been the backbone of that Lodge and I thank him for his services to District Grand and Grand Lodge. I also congratulate the Lodge on making a donation of \$1,500 to the Joyful Foundation, which was matched by Hand Heart Pocket. The President of the Joyful Foundation, Ms Grace Vigar was present to accept the donation from the newly installed Worshipful Master, Wor Bro Ian (Jock) Reid.

At the Pyramid-Highleigh Lodge it was also my pleasing duty to present Mrs Flo Gunn a widow's Jewel as a reminder of Wor Bro Gunn's services to Pyramid-Highleigh Lodge in particular and to Freemasonry in general and our continuing connection and support to Mrs Gunn if and whenever that may be required.

During August we also welcomed two new members to our wonderful fraternity. Bro Richard Harm was initiated into Pyramid-Highleigh Lodge on 2 August and Bro Ahmed Mubeen was initiated into Barrine Lodge on 14 August. Our hearty congratulations to these two brethren and we look forward to their progress in Freemasonry.

On 11 August a meeting of Master Masons was held at the request of some of the Master Masons in the District. The meeting was facilitated by RW Bro Duncan Walker and I thank RW Bro Duncan for organizing this event. At the meeting the following points were raised:

1. There are parts of our ritual which are not fully explained and that leave gaps in the Master Masons knowledge.

2. Further explanation of floor work and perambulations would be appreciated.

3. More social gathering would be appreciated so the Master Masons can meet other Master Masons in the District.

4. The meetings should continue and the length of the meetings be planned at no more than two hours but preferably one and a half hours.

Brethren, in relation to Points 1 and 2 above, I reiterate my message since my Installation in May 2021 that we need to focus on Masonic Education at every opportunity so that new members are better informed. I have referred to the need to walk the candidates through the degree workings they have been through with additional information and short lectures on the symbolism that we regularly see within our Lodge rooms but simply take it for granted. We need to explore the many things we do but never bother to question why we do it or how, when and from where it may have originated. Our motto is to take good men and make them better and we need to do this by closely examining and taking on board the many messages that are laid down for us in the ritual, e.g. the final charge in the First Degree.

While it is absolutely paramount that we focus on gaining new members, I am reminded of what I read recently that, "An army which spent the whole of its time enrolling recruits and did not train them would fail in a crisis." So will Masonry fail if we only focus and spend time on gaining new members and do not train them as Freemasons.

In relation to point 3 above, social gatherings can take many forms such as gatherings for a morning coffee, dinner, social game of cricket, bowls or some other sport, etc. Visiting other Lodges is also a way of meeting other members within the fraternity. I have often referred to the need for Lodges to visit and support each other, particularly at such times as Installations, conferring of degrees particularly Initiation Ceremonies to assist another Lodge in welcoming a new member to our fraternity and other important occasions such as Jewel presentations to recognise the dedication, service and good work of a brother.

Missing from our visitation programmes these days are Fraternal Visits. That is when the senior members

of the Lodge take the newer members under their wings and pay another Lodge a visit. I have mentioned at an earlier time that at my Initiation in 1980, there were three Fraternal Visits, which certainly swelled the number of brethren present that evening. These days there are virtually no Fraternal Visits and for that matter, very few visitors at the special events I have mentioned above, and thus the art and importance of visitation by our newer members is being lost. I call on the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of each of the Lodges in the District to sit and plan their year and factor in that plan, some Fraternal Visits.

Coming up in September are Installations/Proclamations for Bentley Park Lodge (2nd), Johnstone River Heritage Lodge (9th) and Port Douglas-Mossman Lodge (16th). Gregory Allan Lodge will be conducting an Initiation ceremony on 18 September. Your support to these Lodges at these events would be very much appreciated. I thank the District Officers who regularly take part in attending as a District Grand Team at the various events.

I specially make mention of the Centenary of Bentley Park Lodge on Saturday 2 September. To celebrate this event, a Re-enactment of a Consecration Ceremony, conducted by the District Grand Team, will be held at the Edmonton Masonic Centre commencing at 2.00pm. This ceremony, which is open to the public, should conclude by 3.30pm and it will be followed by light refreshments. The Bentley Park Proclamation will then be held at 4.15pm with the Banquet being held at 6.30pm. I encourage the brethren to attend and I particularly make a call to those brethren who have

not witnessed this ceremony previously to make it your business to attend and witness the ceremony that every Lodge has gone through at its formation. I have already dwelt on the matter of Masonic Education in this message and what better Masonic Education can there be then to witness the ceremony that your Lodge went through at its formation.

The District Grand Quarterly Communication will be held on 23 September 2023 at the Gordonvale Masonic Centre commencing at 2.00pm. Prior to this Quarterly Communication, a meeting of all Lodges meeting at the Freshwater, Edmonton and Gordonvale Centres will be held to discuss the future of Lodge Buildings in and around the Cairns City area with a view to consolidating our position. This meeting will commence at 11.30am and conclude by 1.15pm after which there will be light refreshments before the commencement of the Quarterly Communication at 2.00pm.

On a sad note, our thoughts are with RW Bro Lyndon Brandt and his wife Madeline with the passing of Madeline's mother last Friday.

The Deputy District Grand Master, VW Bro Dave Scott and I will be attending the Grand Quarterly Communication on Wednesday 6 September.

Brethren I wish you well and look forward to meeting up at the range of events coming up in the month of September.

RW Bro Raja Chohan

District Grand Master

District Grand Lodge of Carpentaria



LODGE MEETINGS

LODGE	DATE	TIME	WHERE	WORK
Bentley Park	Sat 2nd Sep	2.00pm	Edmonton	100 Year Anniversary - Reconsecration
Bentley Park	Sat 2nd Sep	4.15pm	Edmonton	Proclamation Wor Bro Herb Valinotti
Trinity Daylight	Mon 4th Sep	9.30am	Whitfield	General Business
Temple Memorial	Mon 4th Sep	7.30pm	Freshwater	General Business
Pyramid-Highleigh	Wed 6th Sep	7.30pm	Gordonvale	General Business
Tully-Tyson	Wed 6th Sep	7.00pm	Tully	General Business
Johnstone RH	Sat 9th Sep	4.00pm	Innisfail	Proclamation VW Bro Phil McCracken
Barrine	Mon 11th Sep	7.00pm	Yungaburra	1st Degree Tracing Board
Freshwater	Fri 15th Sep	7.30pm	Freshwater	General Business
P Douglas Mossman	Sat 16th Sep	9.45am	Mossman	Installation Wor Bro Drew Watson
Gregory Allan	Mon 18th Sep	7.30pm	Freshwater	1st Degree Mr Teddy Romuga
Ravenshoe	Thur 21st Sep	6.00pm	Ravenshoe	General Business
DGL	Sat 23rd Sep	2.00pm	Gordonvale	Quarterly Communication
Granite	Mon 25th Sep	10.30am	Mareeba	General Business
Duyfken	Tue 26th Sep	5.30pm	Freshwater	General Business

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NEW EA'S AND MM



Newly made Bro Richard Harm flanked by RW Bro Raja Chohan Dist GM and Wor Bro Julian Brown Dist G Reg, WM of Pyramid-Highliegh Lodge



VW Bro John Jackson P Dist JGW the WM of Barrine Lodge and D Dist GM VW Bro Dave Scott with newly initiated Bro Ahmed Mubeen



Bro Jayson Natividad having been raised to the 3rd degree at Carpentaria Lodge

INSTALATION/PROCLAMATION



Installation of Pyramid-Highleigh WM 2023/24 - RW Bro Alan Sims OSB PJGW



Installation of Tully-Tyson WM 2023/24 - Wor Bro Ian (Jock) Reid



Proclamation of The Gulf Lodge WM 2023/24 - Wor Bro Bob Scott Dist SGD

OTHER HAPPENINGS



Wor Bro John Spray presented RW Bro Spencer Christian PJJGW with Square & Compasses on behalf of Endeavour and Bentley Park Lodges at his farewell function before he moves to Toowoomba



Wor Bro Ian (Jock) Reid presenting the President of the Joyful Foundation, Ms Grace Vigar with a donation of \$1,500.00 on behalf of Tully-Tyson Lodge



RW Bro Alf MacDonald PJJGW recieved a 60 Year Jewel from RW Bro Raja Chohan Dist GM at Tully-Tyson's Installation



RW Bro Raja Chohan presented Mrs Flo Gunn with a Widow's Jewel at Pyramid-Highleigh's Installation Banquet

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Please be advised that we now have a NEW email address for District
ALL email correspondence must now be forwarded to:

The secretary Wor Bro Harvey Lovewell at secretary@dglcapentaria.au
or Mrs Liz Johnson at info@dglcarpentaria.au

Mob: 0488 512 712

Our postal address remains PO Box 6527, Cairns 4870



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100th Anniversary Invitation

Consecrated 22nd September 1923



You are cordially invited to attend the Bentley Park Masonic Lodge No 311

RE-ENACTMENT OF A CONSECRATION CEREMONY

To be conducted by the District Grand Lodge Team

Commencing 2.00pm

Saturday 2nd September, 2023

Bentley Park Masonic Centre, 21 Hartill Street, Edmonton

Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony at 3.30pm

Bentley Park Masonic Lodge commenced meetings in September 1923.

When a Masonic Lodge (a body of men) is formed or constituted, a Consecration Ceremony is performed. In Masonic Ritual, the elements of corn, wine, oil and salt are poured in a ceremony that dates back to ancient times.

It has become customary to hold a Re-enactment of a Consecration Ceremony when a Masonic Lodge celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

This Ceremony is one of a few Masonic Ceremonies that are open to Non Freemasons. Men, Women and Children are welcome to attend.

From the desk of the Editor:

'THE CARPENTARIA NEWS' is distributed to Lodge Secretaries in the last week of each month.

We encourage you all to submit items of news and interest for inclusion. When sending photos, please ensure they are at no less than 200KB and that they don't look fuzzy or out of focus.

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