



The N.Q. Compass



The District Grand Lodge of North Queensland

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News Letter

August 2025

Brethren,

As the RW Dist Grand Master is away visiting family on a well deserved holiday in the USA, the publication of this month's edition falls to me and Wor Bro Likta-Fry.

District Office and Boards. The District Office has been manned intermittently since the departure of the RW Dist Grand Master on his holiday however, the District continues as a very busy arm of Freemasonry in Queensland; general visits, Installations and Initiations remain the bread and butter of the ceremonial team, while the District's Boards and Committees continue quietly operating in the background to ensure the lights stay on and the District is administered for all our benefits. Importantly, possible Candidates continue to be met and introduced to the Craft.

Visitations and highlights:

Kennedy Lodge - Installation of Bro Kieron Smith. The Installation was made extra special by virtue of the attendance of RWBro Townsend, PJGW and Wor Bro Jerry Byrne, the representative of the District Grand Lodge of the North Island of New Zealand. The lodge performed an excellent ritual, then retired to the Festive Board for the usual Kennedy Lodge ceremony of donating thousands of dollars to worthy causes. This year the lodge donated \$5000 to each of each of Meals on Wheels (Mackay) CQ Rescue and Royal Flying Doctor Service (Townsville), as well as \$4000 to Aroona Gardens Residential Care facility. \$19,000 equates to 1900 cans and bottles collected and delivered by the lodge to recycling centres. A job well done and deserving of praise.

Ashlar Magnetic Lodge - Another 1st Degree at Ashlar Magnetic. The lodge continues its steady growth. Welcome to Freemasonry Bro Rial. For those wanting a tropical getaway, go and visit this lodge; watch Bro Nathan Costales deliver ritual; enjoy a ferry ride there and back and a Festive Board to be jealous of. An opportunity arises for all to visit as the lodge is hosting its Installation on 06 Sep 25.

Millican Lodge - VW Bro Timmy Pavri was installed as WM for the first time in Qld. With an initiation at his first meeting, his wealth of knowledge and experience in the Irish Constitution will be a great asset for the lodge and its younger brethren, supported as he is by Master Masons in all Principal and Assistant Officers positions. The future looks very bright.

Star of the West. Wor Bro Dallas Stoneman was installed as WM for the first time in that lodge, following in his father's well worn foot steps out west. The lodge is working very well with Muttaborra Lodge brethren to continue Freemasonry in the west of the State and, with the added bonus of a Fellow Craft with two sons and some additional advertising, the lodge will certainly be around for another hundred years. This year a small team from Townville travelled on the DGLNQ bus to Hughenden. Their exploits are covered below.

Townsville AIF Memorial Lodge. Welcome Bro Steven Clarkson, not to be confused with his namesake Jeremy....it happened. Another new Freemason and several more to come. At the commencement of his Mastership of the lodge I challenged Wor Bro Ballard to harvest worthy men from the military in Townsville. That challenge is paying off; the lodge is growing and there are yet more candidates in the pipeline.

IMPORTANT DATE CLAIMER:

Ballot for Office of District Grand Master. A second ballot for the office of District Grand Master will occur at the September Quarterly Communication of DGLNQ (on 13 Sep 25). It is important for each of you to cast your ballot, to take your part in the future of the District. All WMs and Wardens should be there to ensure their lodges are properly represented, and all members of the District are welcome to attend and participate. I personally encourage all to attend and vote for your candidate. Lets fill 50 Ingham Road to capacity.

Finally, the year is far from over and many more important events will yet occur. I trust you will join me in lodge to celebrate Installations at St Andrew of Townsville and Ashlar Magnetic, and Initiations at Proserpine Whitsunday, Townsville AIF Memorial and The St Andrew of Townsville. Through your efforts alone the Craft will grow in our District. Search your workplaces, your golf clubs and your families; new Freemasons are everywhere; waiting to be asked the important question. May your children's children walk through the doors of your lodges for generations to come just like the Stonemans, Playfords, Andersons, Anchens and Whytes of Star of the West Lodge.

On behalf of the RW District Grand Master, I thank you for your continued support for DGLNQ.

Kind fraternal regards,
Joel Coleman
Deputy District Grand Master

UGLQ Grand Installation

Hundreds of Freemasons from across Queensland and beyond gathered at the Ann Street Masonic Memorial Centre in Brisbane for the United Grand Lodge of Queensland's Grand Installation, held on 5 July 2025.

The Grand Hall was filled to capacity as brethren came together to commemorate and celebrate the official installation of the new Grand Master, MW Bro David Gray.

Grand Master RW Bro John Playford was in attendance, representing the District Grand Lodge of North Queensland (DGLNQ).

It was a proud moment for the District as two local members were invested into Grand Lodge positions. VW Bro Iain Carnegie of St John Davenport Lodge No. 33 and St Andrews of Townsville No. 94 was appointed Grand Sword Bearer, while Wor Bro Clem Plath of Townsville AIF Memorial Lodge No. 377 was invested as Grand Herald.

It was also heartening to see strong representation from other Grand Lodges, along with the presence of spouses and families, who added to the warmth and spirit of the occasion.

We look forward to practicing our Freemasonry under the leadership of MW Bro Gray and to welcoming him to our District during his upcoming visits.



August LODGE MEETINGS and Events

Lodge/Event	Time	Date	Where	Work
Ashlar Magnetic 509	3:00pm	2/8/25	Magnetic Is	
Millican 137	7:30pm	7/8/25	50 Ingham Rd	
Proserpine Whitsunday 251	7:30pm	7/8/25	Proserpine	1st Degree
St Andrew of Townsville 94	3:00pm	9/8/25	50 Ingham Rd	Installation of Bro Jeff Martin
Townsville AIF Memorial 377	7:30pm	11/8/25	50 Ingham Rd	1st Degree
BoGP Meeting	5:00pm	12/8/25	50 Ingham Rd	
Kennedy Lodge #11	7:30pm	13/8/25	Bowen	
Harmony Daylight 530	10:00am	15/8/25	50 Ingham Rd	
Northern Travellers 384	7:00pm	18/8/25	50 Ingham Rd	Ballot for Joining Member
Hinchinbrook Cordelia 69	7:30pm	21/8/25	Ingham	
Unity 300	7:00pm	21/8/25	50 Ingham Rd	

LODGE HAPPENINGS: Ashlar Magnetic 1st Degree

On Saturday 5th July, the Dep Dist GM, VW Bro Joel Coleman and a small team from DGLNQ travelled overseas to Magnetic Island to attend a 1st Degree Meeting.

Bro Rial was initiated into the Craft. The lodge ceremonial work was at an excellent standard, especially the WM and JD. All ritual was performed without ritual books. Brethren travelled from hundreds of kilometers away to attend and, as always was very welcoming.

The lodge was attended by two brethren from Victoria, one of whom has submitted an application to join the lodge as he is now living locally. It was great to see Bro Nathan Costales deliver the Reasons for Preparation, word perfect, demonstrating how ritual is best learned when a mason is a young man. He is a credit to his father, another perfectionist at delivering ritual.



A Milestone Meeting at Townsville AIF Memorial Lodge No. 377

On Monday, 14th July, Townsville AIF Memorial Lodge No. 377 had the pleasure of initiating Bro Steven Clarkson into Freemasonry. The evening was well attended, with the Deputy District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge Officers present to witness the ceremony.

Townsville AIF Memorial Lodge continues to go from strength to strength, with a growing membership and ongoing enthusiasm. The Lodge is already preparing for its next First Degree in August, when Mr Mitchell Wade will be initiated. This upcoming ceremony presents a great opportunity for other Lodges to bring their own Entered Apprentices to observe an initiation from a fresh perspective.

The evening also marked a significant milestone in the Masonic journey of RW Bro Andy Grant PAGM, who was presented with his 60-Year Jewel. RW Bro Grant was initiated into Springsure Lodge No. 41 on 17th July 1965 and has since been a member of ten Craft Lodges across Queensland. His dedication to the Craft extends even further, with over 50 years of membership in various other Masonic Orders.

As a District, we congratulate RW Bro Grant on this remarkable achievement and deeply value his enduring contribution to Freemasonry.



VWor Bro Noel Le Roy honored at Harmony Daylight Lodge



On Friday, 18th July 2025, the Deputy District Grand Master attended the regular meeting of Harmony Daylight Lodge No. 377. During the meeting, VW Bro Coleman had the distinct pleasure of presenting VW Bro Noel Le Roy with his 40-Year Jewel.

VW Bro Le Roy has been a dedicated and active member across several Lodges within the District, and has also served with distinction as a committed member of the District Grand Lodge. His contributions extend beyond the Lodge room, having played key roles in the Masonic Fundraising Committee (formerly the Masonic Fete Committee), where his efforts have greatly benefited the wider Masonic community.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to VWor Bro Le Roy on reaching this significant milestone and thank him for his decades of faithful service to the Craft.

A warm welcome at Northern Travellers No. 384

On Monday, 21st July, Northern Travellers Lodge No. 384 had the pleasure of welcoming Bro Mitch Duhig back into Freemasonry after several years "in the quarry." A former member of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, Bro Duhig has recently relocated to Townsville for work and was warmly received by the Brethren.

The evening was further enriched by a fraternal visit from Wor Bro Richard Parkin, a member of United Ararat Lodge No. 935 in Victoria. Wor Bro Parkin is in the process of relocating to North Queensland and is keen to continue his 48 years of Freemasonry in Townsville. It was a true pleasure to enjoy his company and share in the spirit of Masonic fellowship.



Star of the West Lodge Installation and a Trip to Hughenden

This year's trip to Hughenden for the Installation Ceremony of Star of the West Lodge No. 49 turned into a memorable country adventure!

The District Bus transported Brethren from Townsville out west to support this iconic Lodge. With the local Show in full swing and accommodation in short supply, several Brethren embraced the spirit of the occasion by camping overnight in the Lodge Hall. Their willingness to "rough it" was a clear demonstration of the strong support for Wor Bro Dallas Stoneman on the occasion of his installation as Master.

The following morning saw an early return to Townsville—though not without a few entertaining moments along the way, including a forgotten set of keys and one Brother nearly departing without his clothes! All returned safely, with a few good stories to share and great memories made.

Discussion is already underway for the 2026 Installation and potentially a working bee to assist in a refresh of this iconic Masonic Building.



All smiles at the start of the drive to Hughenden



Wor Bro Bridson returning to collect his clothing!



Installation at Millican Lodge—A Night of Celebration and Fellowship

On Saturday, 26th July 2025, Millican Lodge proudly installed VW Bro Timmy Pavri as Worshipful Master. The ceremony was well attended by visiting Brethren and a strong contingent from the District Grand Lodge, highlighting the significance of the occasion.

During the meeting, the Deputy District Grand Master had the honour of presenting Past Master Jewels to RW Bro Les Keane and Wor Bro Mohamed Malabu in recognition of their service and leadership.

The evening continued with a lively and enjoyable Installation Banquet, where Brethren, partners, and children gathered to share in fellowship and celebration. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the bonds of the Masonic family.



A special thank you goes to the Brethren of St Andrews of Townsville No. 94 for their valued support of the event.



Other Order's Happenings

Order of the Secret Monitor—JS Popham Conclave No. 7

On Saturday the 28th five members of JS Popham travelled by bus to Cairns, with Worthy Bro Clem Plath, Worthy Supreme Ruler Travelling from Rockhampton and R Worthy Bro Vic Clarendon from Sarina to help Irukandji Conclave No 4 of Cairns with the Installation of Worthy Bro Ken Sagacio as Worthy Supreme Ruler. Members of Grand Conclave led by the Most Worthy Bro Wayne Smith entered in Ample form and the Most Worthy Bro performed a Commissioning ceremony on Worthy Bro Ken Sagacio. Afterwards the Refectory was held at Roo's Leagues Club where a generous meal and good company was enjoyed by all.

Four members returned back to Townsville arriving about 2.30am. Worthy Bro Clem Plath was dropped at the Cairns airport where he was to catch a flight to Brisbane the next morning, then a flight back to Rockhampton to pick up his car, and then a drive to Brisbane arriving Sunday evening, all so he could attend the Grand Installation practice.



Special mention to Clem as one hour after he was dropped off at Cairns, the airport was closed and he spent the night cold and wet outside. Those Brethren who travel for this order are especially dedicated and of the highest caliber.

Recognition of Achievement at Cleveland RAC No 18.

At Cleveland RAC meeting on 15th July, several members received well deserved recognition of their advancement in the order. Right Excellent Companion Souter-Smith presented certificates to Excellent Companions Bridson, Malabu and Blackwood of Cleveland Royal Arch Chapter, while Very Excellent Companion Sankey was elevated to rank of Right Excellent Third Grand Principal. Congratulations to all four, and especially to now Right Excellent Companion Sankey



AMD Berseker Council No. 15

On Wednesday, 30 July, Brethren from as far afield as Cairns and Brisbane gathered to witness the Installation of Timmy Pavri as Worshipful Master of Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD) Berseker Council No. 17.

Following the formal proceedings, the Brethren were joined by their spouses for a delightful luncheon in the South, rounding out a memorable and well-attended occasion of fellowship and celebration.



A Celebration of 50 Years of St James Shrine and Joyful Foundation Fundraiser

This year marks an extraordinary milestone for St James Shrine: our 50th Birthday. For half a century, we have quietly achieved much, supporting each other, working in the community, and making a meaningful difference where it matters most.

At St James Shrine, the ethos of helping and uplifting others is woven into the fabric of who we are. Over the last three years we have raised an impressive \$9,000.00 for the Joyful Foundation, a cause close to our hearts. This achievement, made possible with the commitment of the Hand Heart Pocket, reflects our collective dedication to supporting those in need.

The Joyful Foundation, founded by VW Bro Ronald Frank Donnellan embodies the spirit of community by supporting disadvantaged school children in North Queensland. The Joyful Foundation provides hope and practical help to young people who need it most. St James Shrine is deeply proud to continue supporting this vital work, especially as we celebrate our golden jubilee.

Our fundraising events have brought together laughter, friendship, and charity. From classic Devonshire teas to whimsical Hatters Tea Parties, our afternoon gatherings have been not only fun and affordable but also meaningful opportunities to come together in support of a common cause.

In honour of our 50th birthday, we have envisioned something truly special: the 'Tiaras and Black Ties' celebration fundraiser. In a world often coloured by uncertainty, we are bringing a little bling, a touch of sunshine, and a hearty measure of laughter to this event. It promises to be an evening filled with sparkle, joy, and generosity—an occasion to remember and a perfect way to celebrate five decades of giving.

The success of St James Shrine has always been made possible by the support of the community. We invite you to join us for this remarkable event: gather your friends, book a table of eight, and proudly display your banner on the night. This is more than a fundraiser it is a showcase of the unity and compassion that define our community, and a celebration of the difference we make together.

We look forward to sharing this golden occasion with you, as we honour our past, celebrate our present, and look forward to a bright and hopeful future for St James Shrine and all those we serve. RSVP by 13th August, please contact Jose 0427141521 or Dianne 0457 879 076.

Aims of The N.Q. Compass.

- **To promote those values and virtues we as Freemasons profess.**
- **To provide articles of interest to Members.**
- **To promote discussion and debate amongst Brethren.**
- **To highlight the activities of the Lodges in this district.**
- **To recognise individual achievements.**
- **To inform**



Please stay safe and well. We know there are a number of brethren/wives who are not feeling 100%. Please know our thoughts are with you and we hope you have a speedy recovery .

Editor's Note: Please continue to take photos of your Masonic activities and send them via text message to Wor Bro Mick Litka-Fry on 0450 529 426. This newsletter enables you to promote your Masonic Lodge and Order!



Tiaras and Black Ties

**An After 5 Celebration of St James Shrine's 50 years
of service to the community**

Enjoy a delightful evening with

A variety of delicious finger foods

A selection of coffee and teas

Alcohol available for purchase at the bar

Music and dancing

Exciting raffles and door prizes

7pm for 7.30pm start

Saturday 30th August 2025

Townsville RSL Club

139 Charters Towers Road, Hyde Park

\$50.00 per ticket

\$40.00 per ticket concession card holders

<https://www.trybooking.com/DCOFM>

By 13th August 2025

All proceeds to the **Joyful Foundation**

Registered Charity CH2241

*(Helping disadvantaged children throughout North Queensland forge a
brighter future)*

For further information

Please contact diannemrogers@bigpond.com or 0457 879 076

Calling All Brethren Who Ride (or Want to Ride!)

informal

MASONIC SOCIAL RIDING CLUB

Breakfast Ride



Date

10 August 2025



Time

7:00am



Meeting Place

50 Ingham Road



JOIN US!

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the first-ever informal Masonic Social Riding Club meet-up! Open to all Brethren who ride – any bike, any style.

We'll go for a relaxed ride followed by a good breakfast and great fellowship. A day away from the working tools.

Don't ride yet? Brethren with a bike that's not road-ready or planning to get one are warmly invited to join us for breakfast after the ride!

ROUTE

Townsville Masonic Centre — Herveys Range Heritage Tea Rooms

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