

GRAND MASTER'S

NEWSLETTER

Enthusiasm with Responsibility

Brethren,

With everyone refreshed after the long weekend break, we again set our minds on which direction our lodge can take to ensure that most of us can be involved in some way.

There is no doubt that online meetings are effective, catering for both business and educative purposes, and some small actual meetings have also been used to good effect. As we are now being encouraged to support outside commercial venues, we might use this opportunity to renew acquaintances and advance our activities in yet another way.

I pass the news that the Mobile Masons Caravan Club President, W Bro Graeme Leer, has advised that the 2020 Annual Rally, due to be held in Moruya from 19 – 30 October, has been called off. Graeme notes that with this area having so devastated by recent bushfires, coupled now with the COVID-19 concerns, the health and welfare of his members must be of primary importance. It is understood that several club members and their wives are still planning to travel to the River Breeze Caravan Park for a smaller informal catch-up and to support the South Coast locals during this period.

I certainly commend this group and offer them every encouragement as they collectively bring skills and resources which are truly appreciated in these communities, and they do it all in the name of Freemasonry. Perhaps there are other like-minded groups who could bring their skills to these areas through involvement with motorbikes, four-wheel driving, go-karting, wood chopping, roofing, fence mending, and landscaping. Many rural communities would love to see a Mason.

There have been several newer photos on Facebook recently which do not promote social distancing, and we can only remind that the basic premise of social distancing will be with us for some time. Please consider the safety of each-other, your families and your community.

And finally, the Freemason Fotos competition gives us an opportunity to seriously promote the Craft, and I encourage you to become involved.

I trust that you and your family are well.

Derek Robson AM
Grand Master



Enthusiasm at Eltham

Lodge Eltham 272 in northern NSW returned in September to pass Bro Clay McFarlane to the second degree. During the seven-month interruption the opportunity was taken to refurbish the characterful timber lodge, which was consecrated in 1911.



Orchestrated by W Bro Col Myers (WM), the dias was rebuilt and new carpet laid; various other repairs were also made, and walls re-painted. Thanks to RW Bro Les Hicks

and our northern Masonic friends, superior pews were kindly donated by Tweed Masonic Centre. After much labour in resizing the seating to fit, they were hoisted by crane through the upper windows.

Many brethren assisted in the renovations and the recent preparations to create a safe environment for members and visitors alike.

“NSW and ACT seems to be way ahead of the other states with regard to a safe return to Masonic business and this didn't happen by accident. The brethren are all thrilled to be back and we thank the Grand Master and the Board of Management for the wonderful guidance and support they have offered enabling us to have a safe, structured return to our regular meetings.”

JL Parkyn, Junior Warden



Upcoming Events

“1st Tracing Board” continuation
Masonic Education Network
Wed, 7 Oct 7pm - [Reg link](#)

Every Wednesday a guest lodge takes the centre stage and conducts the presentation on a topic of their choosing.

**Masonic Education Network
Fellowcraft Freemasons Q&A**
Thu, 8 Oct 7pm - [Reg link](#)

Q&A run every Thursday alternating between EAFs and FCFs.

“TBA”

**Saturday Zoom Room
Masonic Education Network**
Sat, 10 Oct 3pm [Reg link](#)

Saturday afternoon meetings run every week with a different topic of discussion.

“TBA” continuation
Masonic Education Network
Wed, 14 Oct 7pm - [Reg link](#)

Every Wednesday a guest lodge takes the centre stage and conducts the presentation on a topic of their choosing.

**Masonic Education Network
EAFs Q&A**

Thu, 15 Oct 7pm - [Reg link](#)

Q&A run every Thursday alternating between EAFs and FCFs.

I mean Charity

Freemasons on the Central Coast are proud of their history of support for Central Coast Charity, Central Coast Kids in Need (CCKIN).

The charity provides moral and financial support to disadvantaged local families with children undergoing medical treatment away from their local area. The charity does not receive Government support and relies solely on the generosity of donors, including Freemasons on the Central Coast.

Recently, Central Coast Freemasons and the Central Coast Bulldogs, with the support of the Wyong Leagues Club group, held a charity dinner for CCKIN and Save Our Kids from Suicide (SOKS) from which each organisation received \$8,300.

A segment on Channel 9's A Current Affair hosted by W Bro Simon Bouda provided an insight into the outstanding work of CCKIN. The telecast resulted in a flood of monetary donations and offers of assistance.



Steve Sullivan representing CCKIN, presenting VW Bro Geoff Bown DGIW D21 with the Community Ambassador award.

On the evening of Thursday 24 September, CCKIN representative, Mr Steve Sullivan, surprised members of Freemasons on the Central Coast with a plaque recognising their support and proclaiming that they are now Community Ambassadors for the charity.

VW Bro Geoff Bown, DGIW for District 21 on the Central Coast, received the plaque on behalf of the members. Geoff said in reply, *“Central Coast Kids In Need has always been close in our thoughts as they truly represent charitable works.”*

Mobile Masons Caravan Club

