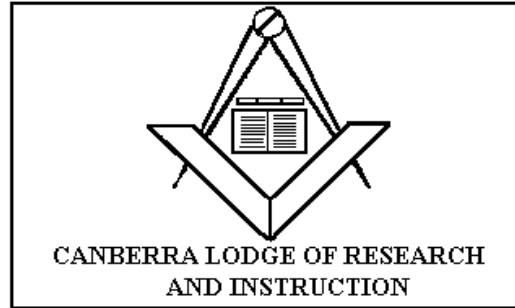


IF we adopt this course of action, we need no new Licence from the Grand Master, or any other Constitutional change, as we would retain the old name and trade under the new one. We should, perhaps, amend our bylaws to reflect the new 'trading name', and a new logo would be nice.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT.

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### INVITATION

On behalf of the Preceptor, I invite you to attend the next meeting of the Canberra Lodge of Research and Instruction to be held at 17 Thompson Street, Chifley on Wednesday 9 February 2011, commencing at 7.30pm.

### AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's report
- 5 *Masonic Certificates*
- 6 Other business
- 7 Closing

David Slater KL  
Secretary  
January 2011

The Lodge meets on the **second Wednesday** of February, April, May, July, August, October and November. All Masons are welcome; dress: neat casual, no regalia.

### WORK OF THE EVENING

We all know of the standard phrases used when a new MM is presented with his certificate. But besides being a commemorative piece, and couldn't it be replaced by a dues card?

The Preceptor will talk about the early history of the Craft certificate.

### OUR LAST MEETING

We elected brethren to the various positions in the Lodge [see back panel] and undertook the annual 'auspicious solemnity' of Christmas cake and fortified [and fortifying] wines.

### UPCOMING INSTALLATIONS

On 25 February WBro Fred Shade KL will be installed as the Centenary Master of the Victorian Lodge of Research 218VC. The Preceptor hopes to attend this special event and would welcome 'fellow travellers'. Probably a 'hit and run' exercise. 218 is the first Australia LoR to reach this milestone. Will it be the only one?

On 3 March WBro Ewart Stronach will be reinstalled as WM of the Discovery Lodge of Research 971 at Castlereagh Street. Discovery is hoping to strengthen ties with this Lodge and hold a joint function later in the year, probably in Goulburn. Can a Canberra contingent be assembled to attend and show 971 our support? Our Preceptor is to be invested as Secretary. Whom did he upset?

## ***A DAILY ADVANCEMENT...***

Bro John Wade was the Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge 2076 for 2009-10. His inaugural address to that Lodge was particular to the operations of that Lodge, but also had much in it that is of relevance to all LoR, and, indeed, all lodges. It is the *ADA* for this month.

<http://quatuorcoronati.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/JS-Wade-QC-AQC-The-Challenges-We-Face.pdf>

### **TALKING OF QC ...**

QC's 'main objects were set out in Circular No. 7 dated January 1887.

1. To provide a centre and bond of union for Masonic Students.
2. To attract intelligent Masons to its meetings, in order to imbue them with a love for Masonic research.
3. To submit the discoveries or conclusions of students to the judgment and criticism of their fellows by means of papers read in Lodge.
4. To submit these communications and the discussions arising thereon to the general body of the Craft by publishing, at proper intervals, the Transactions of the Lodge in the entirety & to tabulate concisely, in the printed Transactions of the Lodge, the progress of the Craft throughout the World.
5. To make the English-speaking Craft acquainted with the progress of Masonic study abroad, by translations {in whole or part} of foreign works.
6. To reprint scarce and valuable works on Freemasonry, and to publish Manuscripts, etc.
7. To form a Masonic Library and Museum.
8. To acquire permanent London premises, and open a reading-room for the members.

*Source: AQC vol I, p 34.*

## **TEN YEARS AGO**

We cannot boast a lifespan as long as QC, or even 218VC in Melbourne, but is interesting to read what we were doing ten years ago.

### **WORK OF THE EVENING**

As foreshadowed in November, a paper on the beginnings of the Craft in Bendigo will be followed by instruction and a discussion of the plan for the year, using inputs received from Lodges (if any).

### **OUR LAST MEETING**

It seems so long ago! We had a very useful time, discussing what we see as the educational needs of the local brethren, and were helped by the presence, and contributions, of numerous 'first-timers'. The Secretary gave a 'sermon' on the role of ritual and we finished the evening with Dawn French's amusing 'Murder Most Horrid' episode regarding 'Masonic corruption'. It was a shame the TV was on the blink - but I have a copy of the tape for loan.

### ***A DAILY ADVANCEMENT...***

Bro. David Beagley, a member of Golden and Corinthian No. 7 VC, will deliver a research paper to the Victorian Lodge of Research in July 2001 on a Bendigo pioneer, WBro. Vahland. The ADA for this meeting is an edited version of a paper he has written and posted on the Web. We thank Bro. David for giving his approval. The URL is: <http://freemasonsloddon.net.au/History/WCVahland.aspx>

In 2001 Gerry Cole was Preceptor, Tom Long and Frank Hull were the Deputies and the Assistant Preceptors [ie DGIsW] were Derek Robson and Bob Nairn. NWM was the Secretary/Treasurer.

## **REBADGING THE LODGE**

Even since its establishment our group has been hampered by its name.

Bob Linford, together with Sir Edwin Hicks [the then DGIW], wanted to start a 'standard' Lodge of Research, but GL wouldn't have a bar of a new Research Lodge in the jurisdiction. It was still recovering from having to withdraw, and later cancel, the warrant of the Sydney Lodge of Research in 1956-58.

A licence to conduct a Lodge of Instruction was the way that Bob saw as the way around this 'bottleneck'. The application for a licence, which included the words 'Research and' was approved by GM Beer and has been utilised ever since.

Bob was increasingly frustrated by the inclusion of 'Instruction' in both the name and the activities of CLORAI. From the 1980s on, he steered the Lodge away from a 'split' format, to a purely research/education focus. I believe that local attitudes to an outside imposed regime of 'masonic instruction' have hardened even further since that time.

Those that have supported CLORAI over the past ten years have not seen the Lodge as having a role in instructional work. Neither have local Lodges.

Late last year I 'opened a dialogue' with RWBro Richard Dawes, the Chair of the Masonic Studies Committee of Grand Lodge. He has advised that we can 'rebrand' CLORAI as 'The Linford Lodge of Research'. Pat Linford has given her approval to the use of the name.

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