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**CANBERRA LODGE OF RESEARCH  
AND INSTRUCTION**

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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 the Canberra Masonic Centre on Wednesday 14 February 2001, commencing at 7.00pm.

**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Secretary's report
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 "Golden Freemasonry" - the early days of the Craft in Bendigo
- 5 Instruction and discussion
- 6 Plan for the year
- 7 Other business

Neil Wynes Morse KL  
Secretary  
January 2001

The Lodge meets on the **second Wednesday** of February, April, May, July,

August, October and November. All Masons are welcome; dress: coat and tie.

## 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://users.impulse.net.au/bendigofreemasonry/Index.htm>

## DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM & LIBRARY

We are grateful that Brothers Bob Stanley and Rex French have made generous donations to aid Masonic education. Bro. French has made a substantial donation of books to the Library and Bro. Stanley presented numerous Masonic printing plates to the Museum. We record our appreciation for these donations and heartily thank the donors.

## CENTENARY OF FEDERATION

On September 11, 2000, rare relics of George Washington were brought together for the first time in history the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., the

headquarters of the Scottish Rite, S.J., U.S.A..

Joan Sansbury, Librarian of the House of the Temple displayed two handwritten letters by Washington which are in the collections of the Supreme Council.

The Architect of the Capital's office brought a piece of the what is believed to be the actual cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol building dedicated, in a formal Masonic ceremony, by George Washington in September 18, 1793. This office also brought a pastel portrait of George Washington made in 1783.

Potomac Lodge No. 5 of Washington, D.C., brought the gavel held by George Washington at the 1793 U.S. Capitol cornerstone ceremony.

In addition, Federal Lodge No. 1 brought several relics of George Washington, including the Masonic jewel and mantle worn by Alexander McCormack, P.G.M. of D.C. and P.M. of Federal Lodge No. 1, at the funeral of Washington.

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, A.F.&A.M., of Virginia, brought the actual Bible, printed in 1666 and 1668, on which George Washington took his Masonic obligations in 1752 and 1753, plus their record book describing Washington's initiation, passing,

and raising. They also literally brought a piece of George Washington - a lock of his hair taken after he was elected President of the United States in 1789.

This extract from the *Scottish Rite Journal* illustrates what can be done. Where's the Masonic content in the Centenary of Federation celebrations? Who did the planning and when did it start? Did we apply for a grant? Was this another missed opportunity?

Heritage Week is coming to the ACT - should we get involved? Do we care?

### ***WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?***

Why do you go to Lodge? A PGM once said: "The object of meeting in a Lodge is of a two-fold nature: moral instruction and social intercourse."

In considering our future activities, should we not first consider what we are doing here? Do we attend out of habit, is it ego, or to escape from home, or is it a commitment to making 'a daily advancement in the acquisition of Masonic knowledge'?

### **"PARROT" and "BRIGHT" MASONS**

A hundred years ago it was popular to divide Masons into two classes: (1) the "parrot" Mason who knew the words of the ritual and didn't understand its meaning, and (2) the "bright" Mason who was not only familiar with the words of the ritual but also interested in Masonry's symbolism, philosophy, and history.

### **MASONIC SWAP MEET**

On Sunday 29 April CREMA proposes to hold a Masonic Regalia & Memorabilia Swap Meet at the CMC. Along with local Lodges and Orders, we have been invited to participate, to enable members to shed their excess regalia, books, clothing and anything else Masonic.

### **LITHOLATRY??**

Bro. Graeme Love is giving a paper on this subject in April at the Victorian Lodge of Research No. 218. I had to look it up in the OED! For those who

get to visit Victoria, I have the 218 schedule for this year.

### **NEW BOOK (WHAT I GOT FOR CHRISTMAS!)**

Extracts from Bro. David Greason's review in the Vic Freemason of *The Freemasons* by Jasper Ridley, published by Robinson, 2000, \$28.50 Dymocks and Collins had copies. ISBN 1 84119 238 4

*The Freemasons* seeks to paint an overall portrait of the Craft from the stonemasons of medieval times through to the present day travails of Freemasonry in England. Jasper Ridley is not a Freemason, and does not explain why he has chosen this particular topic, but a close reading of his text offers some suggestions. Ridley appears to write from the perspective of the conservative Englishman who sees Freemasonry as a harmless whimsy that does a fair bit for charity and which ought to be preserved along with fox hunting, public schools and the Book of Common Prayer. *The Freemasons* is a peculiar book. It is not especially bad, but nor is it

especially good. It tells us a few things about Freemasonry, but it doesn't always explain what they might mean."

### **APRIL (ANZAC) MEETING**

The Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial has three great windows of five lights each. There is much to consider in the symbolism of these windows. Did you know that the square and compasses are shown in the 'Control' light (second from the left in the East window)? Can someone volunteer to give a short rundown on these symbols and meanings for our April meeting?

Talking about the Hall of Memory a guide to Canberra states: "Note the geometry of the plan; a circle, formed by the dome, within a square and a Greek cross formed by the walls." The same guide states that the Memorial is "the spiritual centre of the National Capital". What do you think?

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**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Secretary's report
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Symbolism in the Hall of Memory
- 5 The *Davies* scarf - a workshop on its symbols
- 6 Other business

Neil Wynes Morse KL  
Secretary  
March 2001

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## WORK OF THE EVENING

Bro. Micky Michaelis has taken up the gauntlet and will present a paper on the symbols depicted in the windows of the Hall of Memory in the Australian War Memorial. This will be a most thought provoking and interesting presentation.

I have enclosed a copy of a scarf owned by Bro. Bruce Davies of Cooma. We will identify and discuss the various symbols on it and collate a list. Please study the illustration carefully and come prepared to contribute to the discussion.

Our Preceptor wants to discuss the ramifications of the Strategic Plan on our Lodge. Think about this please.

## OUR LAST MEETING

Our numbers continue to increase and the quality of the discussion is very high. The Secretary's short talk on the Craft in Bendigo was well received and the *ad hoc* discussion with Bro. Roldan on the columns on the Master Mason's

certificate will be continued at a later meeting.

## *A DAILY ADVANCEMENT...*

In line with the symbolism theme, the *ADA* is a presentation given by Bro. Wallace McLeod on 'Masonic Symbols - Their Use and Abuse.'. As a bonus, I have included a paper by Bro. Don Falconer entitled 'The Symbols of freemasonry - Symbols of Antiquity'. This is taken from Don's most illuminating book *The Square and Compasses - In Search of Freemasonry* which he self-published last year, and which is sadly now out of print.

Brethren attending to April meeting can request a copy of Dormer Masonic Study Circle paper No. 48, entitled *Some Preliminary Notes on Craft Symbolism*. Membership inquiries for Dormer should be addressed to Bro. Stephen Plowright, PO Box 103, Petersham, NSW 2049. Dues work out to \$40 per annum. Some past papers are available and I can provide a list of currently available papers.

## FOOT & MOUTH STOPS FREEMASONRY!

The Grand Lodge of Ireland removed its restrictions on Lodge Meetings and all other Masonic activities effective from Monday 2 April 2001. A ban on Masonic meetings in Ireland had been imposed to impede the spread of Foot and Mouth disease around the country.

One correspondent said "Restrictions still apply to all meetings of the higher Degrees, so it may well be true that they are more susceptible to Foot and Mouth than the rest of us."

## *MASONIC MUSINGS*

As winter approaches, and we may have more time to spend indoors reading, it is timely to have received the latest transactions from the Victorian Lodge of Research with the above title. As always it is a most interesting collection of papers and maintains the high standards we have come to expect under the editorship of Bro. Graeme Love. The highlights, for me, were the paper by the Master of the Lodge in 2000/2001, Bro. the Rev.

Neville Anderson, entitled *Transformation in the Lodge* and the contribution by Bro. Albert Weins entitled *Search for Light*. A copy has been placed in the CMC Library. Membership inquiries should be addressed to Br. Love at PO Box 2380, Ringwood North, Vic 3134.

### THOUGHT FOR THE MEETING

We are given two eyes, two ears, and one mouth. Maybe the message is, "Be mindful of the ratio; look and listen twice as much as you talk - if you want to learn!"

### CODIFICATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE RITUAL COMMITTEE - NEW EDITION

The March 2001 revision of the above is now available from the Grand Secretary's office (\$5.50). This is a most useful document and I believe all members should have a copy. We will ensure that a copy is present at all R&I meetings; for the ritual is correct when it says 'as there is scarcely a difficulty that may occur in your Lodge that these books will not set right'. I

would like to see all MMs presented with a copy after their raising, in addition to the 3<sup>o</sup> ritual and the VSL.

### THE TYLER

From a paper on the officers of a Lodge  
by RWBro. R. C. Clarke

The Tyler should never be apologetic about "just being the Tyler." Actually the Tyler is one of the most important

Officers in the Lodge. Here is why.

He is, or should be, the first to greet our visitors and our Candidates. And, on the impression he makes on these Brethren, often rests the reputation of the Lodge. This is why, in many big Masonic Centres, a permanent Tyler is used to tye all meetings held therein. A Tyler is the only officer who need not be an officer of the particular Lodge which he is tyeing. He must, of course, be a Master Mason at least. The Tyler should be in attendance at least half an hour before the Lodge opens to put out the regalia, and to be ready to greet visitors. This should be done with friendliness and sincerity. It is his duty to make the visitors feel welcome, to introduce them around to the brethren already there. To inquire if they know any member of the Lodge who will vouch for them, or whether they need an examination. If this is required, he should inform the DC, or buttonhole a PM of the Lodge to carry out the examination. When the Candidate arrives he should make himself known to him, inform him that he will be looking after him, and do all in his power to make him feel at ease.

As already stated, the friendliness of a Tyler can make or break a Lodge. The Tyler must make himself acquainted with the various knocks, one for a report, and the knocks of a particular Degree being worked, constituting an alarm.

When admitting visitors - and this applies to the Inner Guard also - all Worshipful Masters should be admitted first, and individually. Sometimes a Worshipful Master may ask is he could be admitted with other members of his Lodge. This courtesy can be extended to him. Past Masters and brethren can be admitted up to seven in a group. Fraternalists are admitted last, with those with the highest Lodge number being admitted first.

At an Installation, or on a big night, it is a good idea to have a PM outside the door to assist the Tyler to get the visitors in quickly.

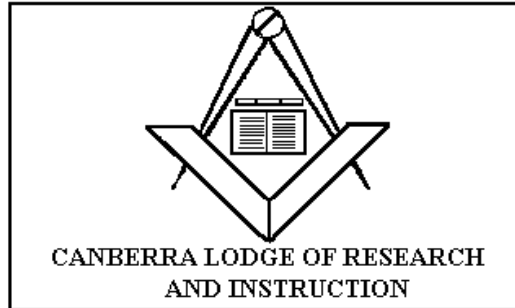
At the conclusion of the ceremony it is the Tyler who collects the regalia and stacks it neatly away, not forgetting the Attendance Book.

The Tyler's Jewel is a Sword.



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### AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Secretary's report
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 *The Craft in South America* – Part 1
- 5 Strategic Plan – effect on R&I
- 6 Other business

Neil Wynes Morse KL  
Secretary  
April 2001

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August, October and November. All Masons are welcome; dress: coat and tie.

## WORK OF THE EVENING

The Lodge will open in the 1° but, in addition, we will go from Labour to Refreshment and, later, from Refreshment to Labour.

Bro. Alex Gutierrez will be giving the first part of a paper on Freemasonry in South America.

Our Preceptor wants to discuss the effects of the implementation of the Strategic Plan on our Lodge.

## OUR LAST MEETING

For the first time in several years we opened a Lodge in the 1°. All who occupied 'their usual stations' (and for some they were not 'their usual') did a fine job.

Bro. Mickie Michaelis led us through a philosophical tour of the Hall of Memory at the Australian War

Memorial. A thought provoking paper which I hope to have available soon.

We then discussed the symbols on the Davies scarf and have come up with an explanation or meaning for most of them. Only two elude us, the fan (?) and the crossed H. Further inputs are welcomed. A list of our ideas will be circulated at this meeting.

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

To provide some background to Bro. Alex's paper I have included an older paper on the Craft in Chile (Alex's country of origin) written in 1985 by Bro. Juan Alvarez (a PM of the NSW Lodge of Research and currently RGC of Region 11). I hope that this doesn't pre-empt Bro. Alex's presentation too much. We thank Bro. Juan for giving permission to reprint his paper.

### **INTER-LODGE MASONIC KNOWLEDGE COMPETITION?**

I have a list of questions and a trophy - does anyone else want to assist in organising an inter-Lodge Masonic knowledge competition between Lodges in the two Districts? The RGC,

REO, DEOs and DGIsW would be ineligible to compete, and would act as judges!

### **THE CENTENARY OF FEDERATION.** by Bro. Murray Yaxley, President of the ANZMRC

After the hype that surrounded both the Bicentennial Celebrations of 1988 and the Olympics of 2000, the Centenary of Federation and the formation of the Commonwealth of Australia is likely to come a distant third. Nevertheless 2001 would present a good opportunity for freemasons to show that members of the craft have contributed significantly to the development of our countries. I use the plural because New Zealand was well and truly involved in the discussions that took place prior to 1901.

One Tasmanian brother has commenced a review of the life and times of Sir Edward Braddon who was prominent in the lead up to Federation. There must have been many freemasons who were active in the political sphere at this time and who were recognised as leaders and statesmen. This would be

a good time to bring attention to their activities and the role of the craft in their lives.

Unrelated to the above, but related to the organisational structure of our craft in this part of the world, with autonomous State Grand Lodges, there is a topic that has been drawn to my attention by our good friend and brother Yasha Beresiner, He observed that the relationships between the Research Lodges and their respective Grand Lodges vary a great deal. In some instances relations are strained, in others they are cordial, but rarely are they on a footing that maximises the opportunities that exist for fraternity wide masonic education. It would surely be to the advantage of the craft if we took stock in each of our jurisdictions and made efforts to bring about greater co-operation.

It is pleasing to report that the Grand Lodge of Tasmania has published "*A Strategic Plan for Freemasonry Tasmania 2000 - 2001*" and in it we find the following statement: "Investigate using the Lodges of Research to provide suitable speakers to provide

information to lodges on issues of significance.”

That is a good start.

### **LATE NEWS FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF PERU**

(Does this mean which I'm dictator of Australia, I can take over the Grand Lodges?)

“1. Today, April 24 2001, the Peruvian judicial system has returned control of the Grand Lodge of Peru to regular Masonry and Masons. RWB:Juan Mendoza (DGM during period of MWB: Ricardo Noriega) will receive the assets and properties of the Grand Lodge of Peru. Today is a day of celebration for Universal Masonry.

2. The Grand Lodge of Peru was controlled by the government of Fujimori and Montesinos (worldwide known today) and their judicial system appointed a trustee to govern the Grand Lodge of Peru for several years.

3. The moral support received by regular Peruvian masonry was minimal and even some individuals enjoyed with

complacency the relationship with this new breed of irregular Masonry that spent Masons' money, destroyed Masonic property, usurped Masonic values and names.

4. I propose to my Brothers to present in your own Grand Lodge Jurisdiction under the proper Chapter/article/clause using the due Masonic procedures the following amendment to your Constitution:

“The recognition by our jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge, or Masonic Body, or Masonic Power will be retired and cancelled on all its effects as soon as one or any of the officers for such a Grand Lodge, Masonic Body or Masonic Power is not a regular Mason after our request for an official certification of regularity; or is not elected according to their jurisdiction Constitution, Bylaws, and jurisprudence; or is appointed or elected by unmasonic procedures. Our Grand Officer in charge of Foreign Relations will provide an Immediate written certification approved by our Grand Master and will forward a copy to the Grand Lodge, Masonic Body or

Masonic Power and copies to any other appropriate to our jurisdiction.”

### **THE USUAL CAVEAT**

Whilst it has been implicit since the establishment of the Lodge, it is important to remember that the opinions expressed in this document are solely those of the Secretary, or of those whose contributions he is reprinting, and should not be considered a reflection of the views of the Preceptor, other officers and brethren of the Lodge or of the United Grand Lodge.

### **THE OFFICERS OF A LODGE**

Several brethren drew my attention to errors regarding procedures in the piece on the Tyler in the last number. I have undertaken not to include any more from this source until it has been checked.

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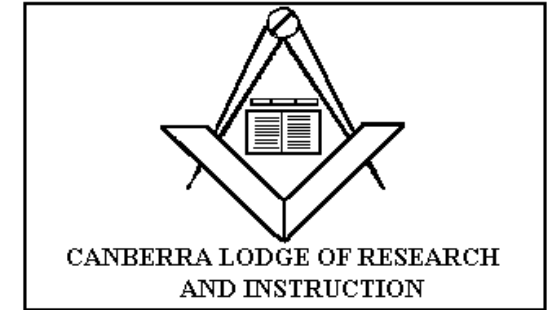
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- 4 *Freemasonry and Scouting*
- 5 The Tyler and the Inner Guard
- 6 Other business

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May 2001

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## WORK OF THE EVENING

The Lodge will open in the 1° but, in addition, we will go from Labour to Refreshment prior to the address and, later, from Refreshment to Labour.

Bro. Roy Bloomfield will present a paper on Freemasonry and Scouting. The question of whether Baden Powell was a Mason is regularly asked on email lists and always brings out some worthwhile comments. I am sure that, as an Official Lecturer, Bro. Roy will give a polished and interesting presentation.

## OUR LAST MEETING

We had a packed programme to get through and were able to make it on time only because the Secretary brought in the wrong disk! So we will have a double lot of minutes to consider at this meeting. But, from the ridiculous to the sublime.

Bro. Alex gave a wonderful introduction to Freemasonry in Latin America, the first of a series which will cover Mexico, Chile and Peru. We intend to publish all the papers in this series at its conclusion.

## *A DAILY ADVANCEMENT...*

The Pietre-Stones website has a piece about Baden-Powell and Freemasonry which I have adapted to be this month's *ADA*. In order not to gazzump Bro. Roy's presentation, this will be circulated at the meeting, together with another paper on the topic.

## INTER-LODGE MASONIC KNOWLEDGE COMPETITION?

There was a nil response to this proposal, so it's off!

## ELECTIONS LOOMING!

Please be aware of the need to elect the officers of the Lodge at our August meeting. The Assistant Preceptors are always the local DGIsW, so they stay, but all other offices are up for grabs. Would you like to

contribute more to R&I? Become an officer of the Lodge! Want to annoy someone? Nominate him for Secretary!! Want to REALLY annoy someone? Nominate him for Assistant Secretary!!!

The future of the Lodge rests with  
YOU.

## NOMENCLATURE

In the US a woggle is known as a neckchief slide!  
Is there such a thing as a Masonic woggle - if there is, our Museum needs an example! Our only Scouting piece in the collection is a patch from the 2001 Jamboree Scouting/Masonic meeting. How many Scouts are there in the Craft in the ACT?

## THE MANY NAMES OF BADEN- POWELL

(Lord Baden-Powell didn't found the  
Scouts - another myth exploded!)

B-P was born Robert Stephenson Smyth Powell. When he was three years old, his mother changed the family name to Baden-Powell after the father, Reverend Baden Powell, died.

Hence B-P became Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell.

In 1907, as Lieutenant-General Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, he conducted the experiment on Brown Sea Island which is thought of as the birth of the Scouting movement. In 1908, when he published *Scouting for Boys*, he used the name B-P, Lieut. General Baden-Powell C.B. He was a well known war hero and loved as B-P.

In 1909, B-P was knighted by King Edward VII, hence he was Sir Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell. In 1919, Mr. W. de Bois Maclaren purchased an estate in Epping Forest called Gilwell Park and presented it to the Scouting movement. In 1921 King George V made B-P a baronet. Hence he became Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

#### SUMMARY:

He was born Robert Stephenson Smyth Powell.

From 1907 to 1908 Lieut. General Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell founded Scouting.

When he died in 1941, he was Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

Hence, Lord Baden-Powell couldn't have founded Scouting since he wasn't a baron or even a knight when he founded Scouting.

### THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

The above is the logo of the American Order of the Arrow. It is not unusual in Masonic circles to see a 'triad' of objects used for purposes of teaching a moral lesson. I believe that the Boy Scouts of America have a trigradal body called The Order of the Arrow which is an independent, but superior, body to the Scouts. A bit like the Order of the Secret Monitor is to the Craft! It is interesting that the arrow is a symbol in both Orders. By the way, an old and uncommon history of the OSM has fallen into my hands - please ask me for a copy. It lists the Canberra Conclave as 'yet to formed'!

### THE 'TABUTEAU' COLLECTION

The Lodge has successfully negotiated the acquisition of this major collection of Masonic and fraternal artefacts and records and has taken delivery of the first van load. Cataloguing and display arrangements will take a little longer. Many thanks to Bro. Ron Cate (a member of the Oregon Lodge of Research and newly arrived resident of Canberra) for his assistance and his van.

### MORE ON THE SCARF

The scarf which we looked at in April may be a copy of a mid-19<sup>th</sup> century French *foulard en soie* (evening scarf) which has been either revised or copied incorrectly. In an auction catalogue of a major Masonic collection sold in France in 1984 I noted an illustration of such an item and it has a tassel in each corner. Perhaps the 'comet' is a redrawing of such a tassel. I will bring the illustration to the July meeting for comparison.

### THE MASONIC EDITOR'S VOW

From the pages of "The Cabletow,"  
from the GL of  
The Philippines, and reprinted in 1959  
by "The Philalethes" magazine:

"I am firmly resolved: To write only  
that which is clean and true and for  
the best interest of the Craft; to  
endeavor to instruct and enlighten the  
readers of my paper; to let brotherly  
love, tolerance and charity guide me in  
my judgment of persons, things and  
events; to be temperate in expression,  
show fortitude under attack, display  
prudence in dealing with questions of  
moment, and endeavor to do justice to  
all, whether friend or foe. I will not  
mock or belittle that which others firmly  
believe to be right, just and holy, nor  
will I hurt the feelings of any person,  
great or small, if I can help it.

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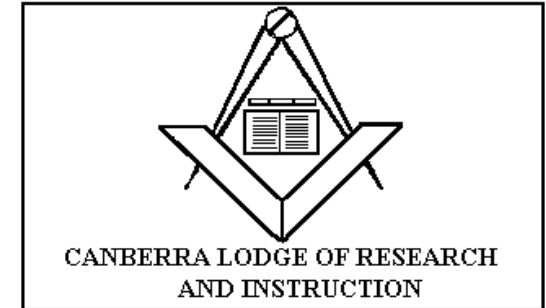
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## INVITATION

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 the Canberra Masonic Centre on Wednesday 29 August 2001, commencing at 7.00pm.

### AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Preceptor's comments
- 3 Secretary's report
- 4 Election of officers for 2001-2002
- 5 *The Tabuteau Collection – An overview*
- 6 Other business

Neil Wynes Morse KL  
Secretary  
July 2001

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**Wednesday** of February, April, May, July,



August, October and November. All Master Masons are welcome; dress: coat and tie.

## WORK OF THE EVENING

The Lodge will open in the 1° but, in addition, we will go from Labour to Refreshment prior to the address and, later, from Refreshment to Labour.

Bro. Secretary will present an overview of the newly-acquired Tabuteau Collection, with a display of selected items from it.

## OUR LAST MEETING

Bro. Roy Bloomfield gave a most interesting paper on Freemasonry and Scouting which was appreciated by the brethren - indeed the question time lasted an equivalent time as the paper. It is possible that our involvement with the Scouting movement may be increased, at least locally.

After a short break, the Preceptor then introduced the topic of the duties of the Inner and Outer Guards. This led to a spirited discussion about preparing

brethren for office and the need for additional education. Although there had been extensive information about the meeting, only one holder of the subject position was present.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRECEPTOR

Brethren

I am sure that all of us would with the heartiest of good wishes congratulate MWBro. George Curry on his re-installation as the MWGM of the UGL of NSW and the ACT. To him and his officers we send our loyalty and continued support for the coming term.

I would remind brethren that the election of officers for the year 2001-2002AD will take place as per item 4 of the agenda. Think about it.

I draw your attention to the GM's Strategic Plan 2001-2002 under the title "Bridges to Success", and specifically to page 2 Key result; Area 1: Lodges and I quote the GM:

"The individual's experience of Freemasonry, in our Lodges and in the

broader community, will decide our future, Freemasonry can only be a success if we enjoy our Lodge meetings and derive satisfaction from the ritual and ceremonial...

Our four Key Lodge Strategies will be:

- 1.1 In conjunction with each Lodge, to identify actions necessary to secure the Lodge's future.
- 1.2 Assess the suitability of Masonic meeting places and provide strategic direction for their viability.
- 1.3 Provide appropriate Masonic training for Lodge Officers.
- 1.4 Provide appropriate Masonic education for members.

This last(1.4) we see as extremely important in retaining new members. In each of the recent round of Regional meetings it was clear that our members seek more instruction and exploration in the tenets of the Craft."

## *A DAILY ADVANCEMENT...*

UGL of Victoria is currently 'field-testing' a set of papers regarding Lodge Review in Melbourne. The Implementation Guidelines included in these papers are the *ADA* for this

month. Discussion and any comments would be welcome at our meeting.

## MLMA

The Masonic Library and Museum Association is an international organisation of librarians, archivists, and curators, which aids individuals who have an interest in such things, such as this Lodge. The schedule of fees for institutional members reads:

Amount spent by the institution each year for its

Masonic library/museum

	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Votes</u>
up to \$2,000	\$30	1
from \$2,000 to \$75,000	\$75	2
\$75,000 or more	\$125	3

[Is there **any** Masonic body in Australia which spends US\$75k annually on its library/museum?]

## CENTRAL COAST FREEMASONRY

In addition to the collection of regalia, books and memorabilia, Bro. Tabuteau also gave this Lodge the remaining stocks of his history of Freemasonry on the Central Coast and

accompanying medallions. We also have the original masters of this publication. This history is one of the most completely documented I have seen. Bro. Tabuteau spent many years compiling the source material and this is reflected in the publication. Copies of this 700+ page two volume set are available for \$50, the price includes a limited edition bronze commemorative medal of Lodge Rising Sun (1892 - 1900), the first Lodge in the area. Not only is Freemasonry as we recognise it recorded, but the many other fraternal bodies which have their origin in Freemasonry are documented, for example the Loyal Orange Institution, Amaranth, Rainbow Girls, and Druids. This is an important resource for Masonic research.

## DO YOU READ FRENCH?

The books which form part of the Tabuteau Collection include more than three linear metres of French volumes, both Masonic and anti-Masonic. In response to the anti-clerical attitude of the Grand Orient of France, the Roman Catholic Church took a firm stand against Freemasonry, publishing

an *International Revue of Secret Societies* from at least 1914 until 1939, when anti-Masonry became effectively a government responsibility. We have acquired an incomplete run of this journal as part of the Collection. There is also an impressive group of Vichy government anti-Masonic material which would repay close study. I doubt if there is another collection of such size and range in Australia.

## JETONS DE PRESENCE

In the late eighteenth century it was common to receive a token (*jeton*) when you visited another Lodge. Once a year these tokens were 'traded in' and your dues were reduced by 1 franc for every token you had collected in the previous twelve months. These tokens are about the size of a penny and are very interesting in their design, containing many symbols not usually seen these days. They are individual to each Lodge, bearing the name of the Lodge and, in some instances, a date. The Tabuteau Collection has more than twenty of these tokens, some dating back to before the French Revolution.

## THANKS

Bro. Ron Cate, a member of the Oregon Lodge of Research now resident in Canberra, again greatly assisted this Lodge by donating his time and his vehicle to transport further portions of the Tabuteau Collection from Gosford to Canberra. Our thanks are extended to Ron for this generous gesture. We also thank his wife Sally for curtailing her leave to allow Ron to assist us in this regard. Many thanks to both of you for your efforts.

Bro. Denis Turner continues to supply the Library with books and regularly passes on his subscription copy of *Freemasonry Today* to us for circulation. These actions are much appreciated. Thanks, Denis.

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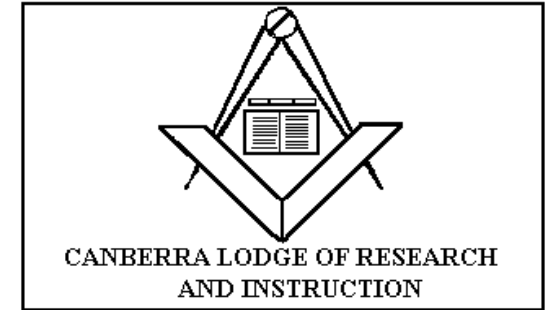
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## INVITATION

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### AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Preceptor's comments
- 3 Secretary's report
- 4 "Freemasonry in Mexico"
- 5 Other business

Neil Wynes Morse KL  
Secretary  
August 2001

The Lodge meets on the **second Wednesday** of February, April, May, July, August, October and November. All Master Masons are welcome; dress: coat and tie.

## WORK OF THE EVENING

The Lodge will open in the 1° but, in addition, we will go from Labour to Refreshment prior to the address and, later, from Refreshment to Labour.

Bro.

## OUR LAST MEETING

Bro. Secretary gave a 'guided tour' of some of the Tabuteau Collection. Some previous discussion had taken place, as a result of approaches from Gosford Lodges ,as to the future of material inadvertently passed to us. A motion was passed relating to this matter and action is in hand.

The election of officers was as smooth as usual,

*A DAILY ADVANCEMENT...*

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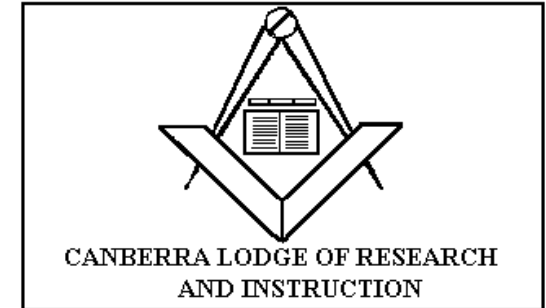
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## INVITATION

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### AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Preceptor's comments
- 3 Secretary's report
- 4 "Freemasonry in Mexico"
- 5 Other business

Neil Wynes Morse KL  
Secretary  
September 2001

The Lodge meets on the **second Wednesday** of February, April, May, July, August, October and November. All Master Masons are welcome; dress: coat and tie.

## WORK OF THE EVENING

The Lodge will open in the 1° and we will go from Labour to Refreshment prior to the address and, later, from Refreshment to Labour.

Bro. Fernando will present his paper on Masonry in Mexico, postponed from last month.

## OUR LAST MEETING

Bro. Secretary gave a paper based on an 1846 pamphlet regarding the Illawarra Lodge of Unanimity and Concord, which was a misnomer as far as the author was concerned. I believe that this paper would be better as a 'double hander', with some one like Bro. Hec McMillan reading the verses.

## *A DAILY ADVANCEMENT...*

A paper dealing with some aspects of Mexican masonry is this month's *ADA*.

I doubt that this will impinge too much on Bro. Fernando's presentation. I couldn't find much that was not in Spanish, and that's another language I don't speak!

## IDEAS FOR 2002

It has been traditional at the October meeting to give some thought to the activities for the next year. You will recall that in 2000 we sought the views of local Lodges. We need input so that we are giving the brethren what they want. Please consider what you want to gain from your involvement with R&I.

## POINTS TO PONDER

### **Masonry Is Dead!**

An extract from an oration given at the 75th Anniversary & Cornerstone Ceremony at Atwater Larchmont Tila Pass Lodge, April 8, 2000 by Bro. Ron Cooper, Grand Orator (of a US Grand Lodge).

And yes, it's true that the number of Masons has declined in recent years. This can be traced primarily, not to the flaws in Masonry, but to the flaws in society itself. In the past few decades, there has been a shifting tide that has turned away from basic goodness - away from the value system that places duty and devotion above decadence and degradation.

Does that mean that we, as Masons, should lower our own standards just to increase our numbers? Is it more important to ensure that Masonry simply survives and be damned with the consequences? Should we, like so many politicians in recent years, take a quick poll to find out just what people want in an organization? Should we listen to 'spin doctors' and then change our beliefs, like a chameleon - simply desperate to blend in with the scenery around us?

Is it simply the number of Masons who have made this fraternity so important? No. It is the measure of the individuals who live by their principles, and their dreams of making the world a better place, that continues

to make me proud that I am a Mason.

## CALIFORNIAN EDUCATION

The following is the table of contents of the Californian masonic education manual. Is there anything mentioned here that we could use as the basis for a presentation by this Lodge - or develop for use by local Lodges?

Purpose of these Manuals  
Freemasonry Defined  
The Purpose of Freemasonry  
Origin of Freemasonry  
Transition from Operative to Speculative  
King Solomon's Temple  
The Origin of our Ritual  
Origin of the First Grand Lodge  
Grand Lodge Titles  
The Title "Free and Accepted"  
Is Freemasonry a Secret Society?  
Is Freemasonry a Religion?  
The Use of Symbolism and Allegory  
**THE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE**  
Qualifications of a Petitioner  
The Secret Ballot  
Preparation for Initiation  
Duly and Truly Prepared  
The Hoodwink.  
The Cable-Tow  
Entering the Lodge

The Method of Reception  
Prayer in Lodge  
The Practice of Circumambulation  
Kneeling at the Altar.  
The Obligation  
The Three Great Lights of Masonry  
Presentation of the Lambskin Apron  
Working Tools of an Entered Apprentice  
The Northeast Corner  
The Lecture of this Degree  
The Charge  
**MASONIC DECORUM AND ADVANCEMENT**  
The Proficiency  
The Language of Freemasonry  
When to Rise and When to be Seated  
Subjects Not Proper for Discussion in Lodge  
The Worshipful Master  
The Tiler  
No Horseplay or Hazing  
The Heart of the Masonic Family  
The Rights of an Entered Apprentice Mason  
The Responsibilities of an Entered Apprentice Mason  
Famous Freemasons  
Masonic Glossary: Entered Apprentice  
Frequent Phrases  
**THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE**  
Basic Teachings of the Second Degree  
Symbolism of the Degree  
Duly and Truly Prepared  
Rights and Responsibilities of a Fellowcraft  
**THE WORKING TOOLS**  
The Square

The Level  
The Plumb  
**OTHER IMPORTANT SYMBOLS**  
The Pillars on the Porch  
The Winding Staircase  
Admission to the Middle Chamber  
Wages of a Fellowcraft  
The Masonic Letter "G"  
Number, Order, Symmetry and Proportion  
Masonic Glossary: Fellowcraft  
**THE MASTER MASON DEGREE**  
Significance of the Degree  
Symbolism of the Degree  
The Working Tools  
The Legend of Hiram  
The Three Grand Masters  
Traveling in Foreign Countries  
The Three Ruffians  
Low Twelve  
The Lion of the Tribe of Judah  
The Lost Word  
The Setting Maul  
The Sprig of Acacia  
Raising of a Candidate  
Qabalistic Allusions of the Third Degree  
Hieroglyphical Emblems  
**PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF FREEMASONRY**  
The Rights of a Master Mason  
The Responsibilities of a Master Mason  
Lodge Attendance  
Balloting  
Definitions of Non-age, Dotage and Fool  
Women and Freemasonry  
Examining Visitors  
Vouchers on Petitioners



Investigating Petitioners  
Financial Responsibilities  
Lodge Membership  
Entering or Retiring From a Lodge  
Department While in a Lodge  
The Officers of a Lodge  
Appendant and Concordant Bodies

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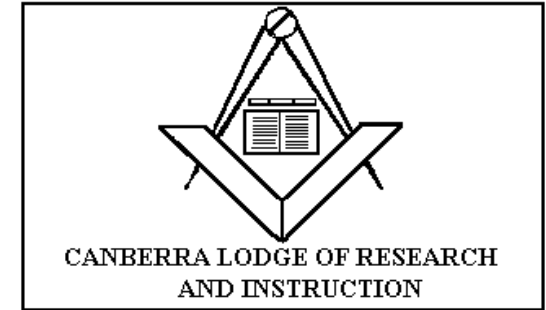
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### AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's report
- 5 'The Signs of the Tribes'
- 6 Other business
- 7 Closing

Neil Wynes Morse KL  
Secretary  
October 2001

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### WORK OF THE EVENING

Bro. Alan Thomson will deliver his 'maiden' paper on the twelve tribes of Israel. We will round off the evening, and the year, with the traditional festive season fruit cake and port.

### OUR LAST MEETING

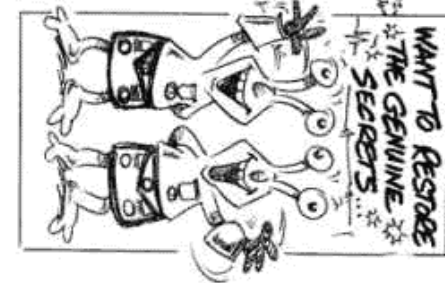
A report has been prepared by Bro. Assistant Secretary and is circulated with this paper.

### *A DAILY ADVANCEMENT...*

As an introduction to the Royal Arch banners, I have included a piece by Albert Mackey, written in the 1873 from a US standpoint. The illustration is of 'English system' banners, but it does fill up the space!

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Preceptor extends to all readers his fraternal greetings, the compliments of the festive season and the hope for a peaceful and productive 2002. Let us all meet in the Grand Design, of being happy and communicating happiness.



## EMPIRE SENTINELS

Further to the session by Bro. Bloomfield on Freemasonry and Scouting, I have been in touch with a NZ mason now resident in England and have received more information about the Empire Sentinels (mentioned in the ADA.) I hope to have this available as a presentation by R&I at a meeting in 2002. This is a trigadal system with many affinities with the Craft.

## A COMMON ATTITUDE...

The former Fraser Government Minister, the Hon. Neil Brown, released an autobiography in 1993 entitled *On the other hand*. Writing on his early life in Moonee Ponds, he made this Masonic reference:

*Three shrines defined the outer limits of our world and each determined an aspect of our lives. ... The Presbyterian Church ... the Essendon Football Ground was our second church ... then there was the Masonic Temple which we were allowed to visit only for Christmas parties, but to which my*

*father disappeared every Thursday night, Brylcreemed and spruced up in his dinner suit. What did they do there in that mysterious place? I had no idea and still don't, but it was part of the adult world and best not to talk about it. His lodge night was the only night my father went out.*

## MONEY ON MASONRY

“Newtonian in metaphysic and fraternal in aspiration, speculative Freemasonry was derived from a combination of medieval operative traditions and Renaissance hermeticism first explicitly articulated in seventeenth-century Scotland and introduced piecemeal into England between the Civil War and the Hanoverian Succession. The process was tortuous, and much remains obscure, despite its recent partial recovery. Nevertheless, Hanoverian Freemasonry expressed and ritualized the processes of middle-class cultural formation and self-replication at several critical points. In the plausible syncretism of sacred and civil history by which it fabricated its own past, it ministered to the common desire for a believable universal meaning behind the

diversity of the past. More particularly, its lodges not only acted in a direct sense as vehicles for the dissemination of the new natural philosophy and its applications. As dedicated spaces where masons were “made” and the “work” of turning the uncut stone of natural into the “smooth ashlar” of civil man was conducted and witnessed, they also served as the social equivalents of the Boylean laboratory: “memory theatres,” private yet with a public purpose, in which models were ritually copied and a shared cultural knowledge was created.”

**Source:** Money, John: “The Masonic Moment.” *Journal of British Studies*, Volume 32 (October 1993): pages 358-395.

## BENEFACTORS OF 2001

We thank those who have supported the Library and Museum during 2001: Bros. Ron Cate, John Church, Rex French, Phillippe Tabuteau, and Dennis Turner.

Our grateful thanks are also extended to Mrs J M Trotter for her generous donation of Masonic regalia and

memorabilia from the estate of her late husband, Bro. Bob Trotter.

Your contributions are much appreciated.

It is proposed that a board honouring those who have contributed to Masonic education by way of significant donations, including books, memorabilia and regalia, but not excluding time, effort and money, will be displayed in the CMC in the near future.