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CANBERRA LODGE OF RESEARCH
AND INSTRUCTION

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 8 February 2006.

AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's report
- 5 Bylaws and election
- 6 *An Opening of the Lodge Year*
- 7 *The Candidate's Progression*
- 8 Other business
- 9 Closing

Neil Wynes Morse KL
Secretary
February 2006

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

A new year, and a fresh start. We'll be walking through 'The Ceremony of Opening the Lodge Work Year', according to the Netherlandic Constitution. This script comes to us with the kind permission of Kring Neiuw Holland Masonic Study Circle, Melbourne, to whom we are very grateful.

Ratification of by-laws; election of a second Deputy Preceptor.

Discussion of a system for the progress of candidates, as practised by lodges in the Virginia, USA, jurisdiction. Instead of memorising the answers to catechism questions, candidates can advance if they undertake a Masonic education programme based on questions and answers contained in three booklets (one for each degree) which are discussed in detail with the candidates, enabling them to learn about Freemasonry in a progressive manner. Questions from the EA booklet include "What is Masonry's purpose?", "What is the symbolism of the hoodwink?" and "Why is the Master addressed

as Worshipful?" We'll also discuss some of the questions.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Normally we would not meet in March, as GL communicate on *our* night! However, as WBro Kent Henderson, the Secretary of ANZMRC, will be in town in March, we have the opportunity to hear him interviewed by WBro Tony Pope on the background and development of the Australian Masonic Research Council [now the ANZMRC]. The date is Wednesday 22 March 2006. We propose to open at 7pm, but this is TBC. This should be a most interesting evening - we hope to tape the proceedings for later publication, probably here and in *Harashim*.

HARASHIM

The January 2006 edition has been published and, *inter alia*, has a number of reports about Bro Bob Cooper's time in Australia, etc. Electronic and paper copies are available. Contact me for either.

A DAILY ADVANCEMENT...

The *ADA* for this meeting is limited extracts and the EA section of *The Modern Craftsman* by Bro W R C Ashby, author of *Chats with an Elder Brother*. This volume was published in 1962 [so is not yet out of copyright!] by Frederick Muller Limited of London. I have endeavoured to find out who Bro Ashby was via the UK-mason email list, but have had no response. The book does not appear to have been reviewed in *AQC*. I've never seen one offered for sale in this country in my time, but a Google search brings these to light for £18 and £16 respectively:

#1

Purley UK: W R C Ashby. Written by a past Grand Deacon of the United Lodge of English Freemasons, this gives his interpretation of the meaning of Speculative Freemasonry at the time of publication. 118 pp plus blank pages for notes during study. Book is very good just very light occasional foxing spots, wrapper a little rubbed on edges. INSCRIBED BY AUTHOR opposite half title page "To W Bro. V Raggett P M with fraternal greetings from W R C Ashby P G D 9th June 1963" DETAILED IMAGES AVAILABLE ON

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The following paper was found on my old hard drive - and an extract is included for your interest. I can provide a copy of the five- page paper upon request.

**“A Freemasonry for the Twenty-first Century:
Looking Back at the Enlightenment to Move Forward”**

By Jeffery Marshall

President, Maryland Masonic Research Society

22 August 2005

Good evening and thank you all for coming to the Maryland Masonic Research Society's 2005 Festive Board. I hope that you have had a wonderful

dinner and a great evening so far. I'd like you to take a moment to look around the room at your fellow Masons here. This is the future of Freemasonry. Not necessarily the individual Masons here, but rather what you all - and we as a collective society - represent. We have Masons from several different jurisdictions here, sharing a Masonic experience. Some are black, some are white. Some are men, some are women. But most of us are Masons. We may not be able to recognize each other or sit in a tyled lodge together, but at least in this group, we recognize the shared Masonic experience.

We are a diverse group, but diversity is not our strength. Rather, our strength is that we are all Masons, called together by a common set of core values. The ritual and wording may vary somewhat from Grand Lodge to Grand Lodge, but we all share some form of the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We all share a more or less common initiatic experience that ties us together with the Mystic Tie.

No, diversity for diversity's sake is probably a meaningless quest. I don't think Masonry celebrates diversity. Rather, each candidate must knock, seek, and ask for initiation individually. The Preston-Webb ritual in the Entered Apprentice Degree tells us that we judge Masons by their internal, not their external qualities. In the ways that perhaps count most, we are not really a diverse group. We all subscribe to a common set of core values that revolve around the tenets of Freemasonry.

But the Freemasonry we often find today does not have the surface diversity that we see in this room. In spite of the move to recognize Prince Hall Freemasonry, there are significant barriers in the Masonic family.

This discussion is not, however, about a call to integrate our Grand Lodges both racially and between the sexes. That is neither the prerogative of the Maryland Masonic Research Society nor something that will happen overnight. For example, even though the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland have established relations, there are many

other traditionally black grand lodges that are not included in this agreement. Some of the grand lodges are clearly irregular in practice. Others, however, may be irregular in origin, but not irregular in practice.

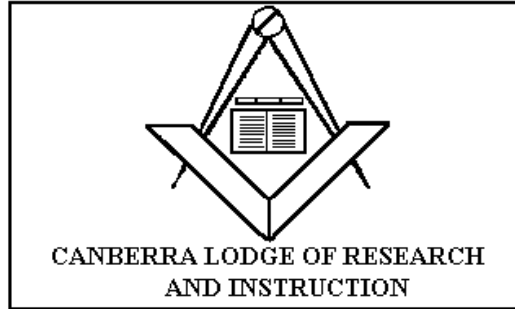
Rather, this discussion is about how perhaps we can learn something from the eighteenth century Freemasonry - both good and bad - and perhaps help twenty-first century Freemasonry become more vibrant.

HARRY CARR @ CLORAI

Going through some old papers recently donated by WBro Bill Holland, I found that on 2 April 1980 RWBro Harry Carr addressed the Lodge on 'Six Hundred Years of Craft Ritual'. RWBro Ian Angus was the Preceptor at the time and the late VWBro Fred Swann was Secretary. I didn't know that.

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INVITATION

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AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's report
- 5 Review of *Masonica* #19, the Transactions of the Swiss Alpina Research Group
- 6 Opening and closing the Lodge in the manner of the Lodge of Living Stones
- 7 Other business
- 8 Closing

Neil Wynes Morse KL
Secretary
October 2005

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WORK OF THE EVENING

The book "Masonica #19", a special issue of the transactions of the Alpina Research Group (le Groupe de Recherche Alpina) to celebrate its 20th anniversary, will be reviewed in the small South by W Bro Tony Pope. This will be followed by a meeting in the smaller Lodge Room in which the lodge will be opened and closed in all three degrees in accordance with the ritual provided by The Lodge of Living Stones, Leeds, and in which an explanation of these opening and closings, in terms of a Lodge of Living Stones paper and writings of Wilmshurst, will be presented. On this occasion, the requested dress is black tie (i.e. dinner suit).

OUR LAST MEETING

After a discussion relating to the Regional Research Seminar, the Preceptor outlined the work of the Lodge of living Stones No 4957EC.

OUR NEXT MEETING

will be on 12 July – subject TBA!

WILMSHURST ON THE NET

A Google search will find more, but the best single repository is to be found at:
http://www.bradford.ac.uk/webofhiram/?section=walter_leslie_wilmshurst

Wilmshurst's thoughts on the Holy Royal Arch have been 'hijacked' by the [irregular] Regular Grand Lodge of England, and can be found on their site.

THE PURPOSE OF FREEMASONRY

Brother Wilmshurst's words, used by him at the dedication of the Temple at Leeds used by the Lodge of Living Stones:

“So many brethren unfortunately regard our system as confined to the familiar Three Craft Degrees and to the formal making of Masons. They are unaware, or they do not reflect, that those three ceremonies are merely personal to the candidates for Masonry; they are but rites of admission to the Craft, rites defining the candidate's status in it; they are details within the much larger scheme which constitutes the Craft's real field of work and which every Mason is called to promote according to his capacity as Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master. That larger field of work, as you know, is impersonal, cosmic, wide as humanity, for it has to do with the rebuilding of the temple of the whole of humanity.”

THE OPENING – THE L.O.L.S. WAY

There is one piece of ceremonial, seldom seen, and even then by no means fixed in its form, yet which merits a few words in passing, the ceremony of lighting the candles of the Principal Officers. Those of you who have had opportunity to visit the Lodge of Living Stones know how impressive and how beautiful this ceremony can be. And it is right that more attention should be given to the preparation of these lights than is usually the case. The modern practice of substituting electric imitations for the symbolic candles disturbs the whole symbolism. For the intended symbolism to be correctly carried out and to be effective, it is necessary that the lights be naked flames of such a nature that they follow the fuel downwards as they consume it. Thus the Fuel sacrifices itself through the medium of the Wick for the benefit of the Flame, the Body sacrifices itself through the Soul for the unfolding of the Spirit. Thus, each Light is three-fold and the three taken together form the mystic 3 x 3. The

keynote of the symbolism is Sacrificial Service. So must the Physical be subjugated to the service of the Soul; so must the Soul be subjugated to the service of the Spirit; so must the Spirit be subjugated to the service of T.G.A.O.T.U., represented by the “G” at the Centre, which is sometimes, as in the case of the "Lodge of Living Stones," reinforced by a perpetually burning flame from which the fire is carried to the three Lights. This flame is, of course, the Monad, the Divine Spark around which the man, as we know him, is built. The triple nature of the three-fold sacrifice finds many different forms of expression, one of the most erudite being found in the Calvaries of Christendom.

Extract from “THE OPENING OF THE LODGE. A Discussion of some of its Finger-posts and Milestones” by WBro. J.R. CLELAND, M.A., D.D., P.P.A.G.Chap, (Kent). [Dormer #31]

A DAILY ADVANCEMENT...

The chapter entitled ‘Opening and Closing the Lodge’ from Wilmshurst's *The Meaning of Masonry* is the ADA. It is attached to the email version of this summons, or is available in hard copy from the Secretary.

WILMSHURST THE POET

From his ‘The Mystery of Light’ included in *The Oxford Book of English Mystical Verse*:

Let not me, who have no mission
Yet to see the shining Vision,
E'er forget that night and day
Are His strange vicarious way;
He by one prepares the other,
Glooming me to light my brother.
May I ever blinded be
If my disability
Help my fellow-man to see.

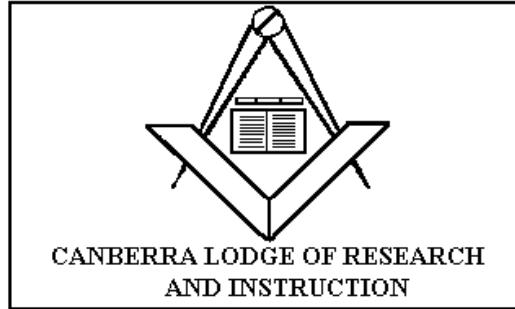
PRESS RELEASE ON WILMSHURST, AND LOMAS! [1 August 2005]

Huddersfield Mason's resource uncovered in Headingley

One of the greatest thinkers about Freemasonry in the last century was a Yorkshire solicitor called Walter Leslie Wilmshurst. He was born in Chichester in 1867 and died on a visit to London in 1929. From the age of 21 until his death he practiced law from an office in Kirkgate, Huddersfield. In 1922, 33 years after being made a Mason in the Huddersfield Lodge (No. 290), he wrote a book entitled *The Meaning of Masonry*, expressing his thoughts and reflections on the Craft as he understood it. Dr. Lomas discovered that Walter Wilmshurst's working notes and his private Masonic library, including his proof copy of *The Meaning of Masonry*, printed by Percy Lund, Humphries and Company of Bradford, was stored in a closed collection in Headingley, Leeds, where it had been lost to public view for over 70 years. Dr. Lomas has since been transferring a lot of this material into electronic form and making it available on the Web of Hiram. Dr Lomas said: “Adding to this online collection has become a ritual for me now and whilst researching all the published writings of W. L. Wilmshurst, I have been transferring my research material into electronic form. The result is a new archive of many of W. L. Wilmshurst's books and articles. I'm particularly excited about the papers he wrote for the *Occult Review*, which are little known but give great insight into his thinking. To coincide with the publication of Dr Lomas' new book, *Turning the Hiram Key*, he has opened a new section of the Web of Hiram, called The Works of Walter Leslie Wilmshurst. Dr. Lomas added: “It has three of his most important Masonic books in full as well as the complete text for articles he published in various magazines with titles such as *The Fundamental Philosophic Secrets with Masonry*, *The Mystical Basis of Freemasonry*, *The Working Tools of an Old York Master* and thoughts on Spurious Ecstasy and Ceremonial Magic. “It also shows Wilmshurst's own Tracing Board of the Centre - a Masonic diagram lost for over 70 years, but now available on the web.”

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AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's report
- 5 Review of Regional Masonic Research Seminar and future involvement
- 6 Recent books
- 7 "Mysticism, Masculinity and Masonry"
- 8 Other business
- 9 Closing

Neil Wynes Morse KL
Secretary
July 2006

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WORK OF THE EVENING

This meeting will comprise book reviews by WBro Neil Morse; a discussion on future directions for the regional research seminars; and a presentation by the Preceptor of his Kellerman Lecture entitled "Mysticism, Masculinity and Masonry".

OUR NEXT MEETING

For the August meeting, it is the Preceptor's intention to hold a discussion on how best R&I can serve local Masons, particularly newer Masons, be it by continuing to have lectures, by instituting mentoring type instruction, or any other suggestions. All Masons are welcome to attend and contribute. See also the Region 9 Mentoring Course announcement later on in this notice paper.

REGIONAL RESEARCH SEMINAR

From the CDMA minutes:

“Those at the CDMA meeting who also attended the seminar were unanimous that the meeting was a success in terms of the quality of the presentations and its hosting by District 102. The meeting was a failure in terms of attendance with a total of seventeen Masons attending. There will be an opportunity to review this and other aspects - as foreshadowed by David Slater - at the R&I meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 12 July.”

For those who were not able to attend, most of the papers, together with papers from previous seminars, are available from the Secretary.

The proposed 2007 Albury Research Seminar will also be discussed as part of item 5 of the agenda.

MENTORS TRAINING COURSE

The Regional Education Officer of Region 9 [Bro Col Glasson] has advised:

“The next important event I recommend you give your support to is the upcoming **Mentors Training Course** set down for **Saturday 30 September** at the Orange Masonic Centre. This is an important training day for all Lodges, as Lodges from now on are required to have trained mentors to assist new members through the progression of the Degrees, by his friendship and to encourage the candidate to learn more about the Philosophy and Symbolism of the Craft.

The Mentor system will also be directed at the progressive officers of Lodges to better prepare them for the office of Master of their Lodge. The other benefit will be that it will give Brethren the skills to talk to prospective members on the benefits of joining a Lodge and how to go about convincing the prospective member of the goodness of the craft.”

Given the gist of the discussion at Goulburn, referring to Bro Andy Walker’s paper, and the topic for discussion at our next meeting, do you think that we should become involved in this project, or at least have a

watching brief? Would you like to attend?

ADA - IT'S ABOUT TIME!

The ADA for this meeting is entitled “It's About Time!”. It is the report completing a study undertaken by a special task force of the Masonic Information Center Steering Committee. This report marks the beginning of a Masonic Public Awareness Program started at the request of the 2004 Conference of Grand Masters in North America.

ANZMRC CONFERENCE DETAILS

The final programme for the 2006 ANZMRC Conference has been finalised. It is:

Friday, 6 October

4.00pm - 5.30pm - ANZMRC

Committee meets - Creswick Masonic Temple

6.00 pm Conference Registration - Creswick Masonic Temple.

7.00 pm Special Meeting of The Victorian Lodge of Research #218

Official Conference Opening: MWBro. Bruce Bartop, Grand Master, VC.

Kellerman Lecture for Victoria: WBro. Robert Barnes, PM, Victorian Lodge of Research #218

Paper: *Science, Freemasonry and the Third Millennium.*

Followed by the Festive Board at the American Hotel, Creswick.

Saturday, 7 October

9.00 am Conference Registration - Masonic Centre, Peel Street, Ballarat

9.30am - 10.00am Opening Address and Welcome

RWBro. Graham Stead, PAGM (Qld), ANZMRC President

Domestic Matters - the Conference Convenor.

10.00am - 11.30pm Kellerman Lecture for Western Australia: VWBro. Peter Verrall, PDGDC, WA Lodge of Research #277

Paper: *Doors in Freemasonry.*

11.30pm - 11.45pm Morning Tea.

11.45pm - 1.15pm Kellerman Lecture for New Zealand: Bro. Kerry A. Nichols, Hawkes Bay Lodge of Research #305

Paper: *A Conceptual Overview of Maoridom and Freemasonry in New Zealand Society.*

1.15pm - 2.15pm Luncheon.

2.15pm - 3.45pm Kellerman Lecture for Tasmania: WBro. Greg Parkinson, PM, Launceston Lodge of Research #69

Paper: *The Christian Objection to Freemasonry.*

3.45pm - 4.00pm Afternoon Tea.

4.00pm - 5.30pm Kellerman Lecture for New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory: RWBro. Bob Nairn, PJGW, Research Lodge of NSW #971

Paper: *Catherine the Great and Freemasonry in Russia.*

7.00pm: Conference DINNER

Sunday, 8 October

9.30am - 11.00am: Kellerman Lecture for Queensland: RWBro. Ken Wells, PDGM, Barron Barnett Lodge #146

Paper: *The Triangle.*

11.00am - 11.15am: Morning Tea.

11.15am - 12.45pm: Kellerman Lecture for South Australia: WBro. Jim Naqvi, PM, South Australian Lodge of Research #216

Paper: *Freemasonry and Islam.*

12.45pm - 1.45pm: Luncheon

1.45pm - 3.15pm: ANZMRC Biennial General Meeting.

I am advised that it is possible that a meeting of *Lodge Breakfast Creek* may be convened during the Conference. The [unwritten] bylaws of *Lodge Breakfast Creek* seem to imply that when members of three or more ANZMRC affiliates or associates meet for a 'Q.L.D.', this constitutes a meeting of LBC.

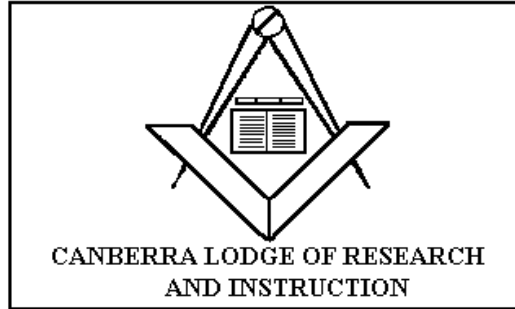
It is also customary, but not obligatory, that those not departing on the Sunday afternoon/evening will conduct a 'debrief' over dinner.

As we will be hosts in 2008, we need to be aware of the protocols!

Registration forms are available from the Secretary.

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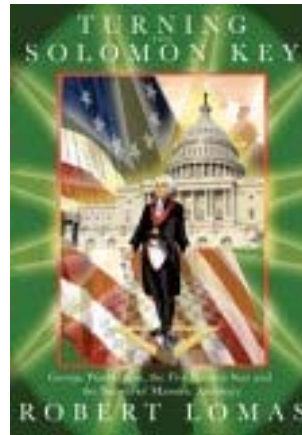
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THE *ADA*

A TIMELY DOCUMENT: RESTORING THE CENTER

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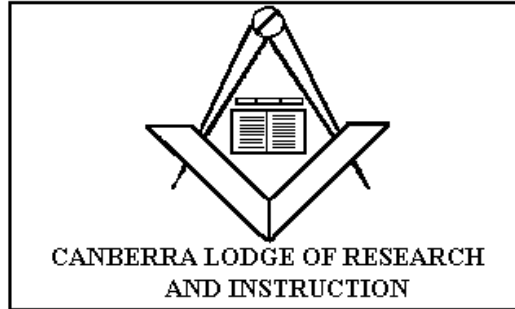
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AND TALKING OF BOOKS...

Clousten and Hall [Academic
Remainders] have Hamill and Gilbert's
A Celebration of the Craft, Angel
Millar's *Freemasonry: A History* and
Jeremy Harwood's *The Freemasons*

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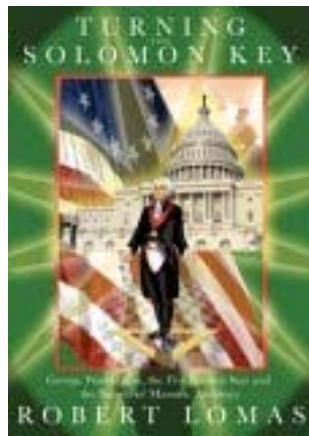
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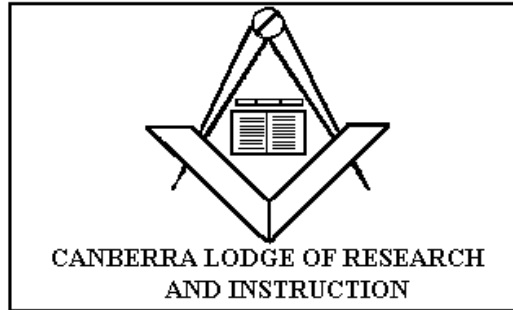
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INVITATION

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 8 November 2006, commencing at 7pm.

AGENDA

Opening
Apologies
Preceptor's comments
Secretary's report
Vacancy for Deputy Preceptor
Recent books
Other business
Closing

Neil Wynes Morse KL
Secretary
November 2006

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

OUR NEXT MEETING
