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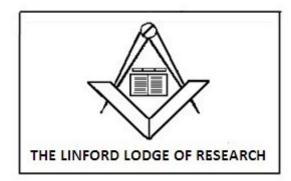
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#### INVITATION

On behalf of the Preceptor, I invite you to attend the next meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research, to be held at the **Canberra Masonic Centre, Heard Street, Mawson, ACT**, on **Wednesday, 10 February, 2016**, commencing at **7.30 pm**.

Yours fraternally,

David B. Aletr.

David B. Slater Secretary

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Opening of regular meeting for February 2016
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Preceptor's comments
- 4. Secretary's comments
- 5. Treasurer's report
- 6. Talk by VW Bro Neil Mores on papers that he acquired on a recent visit to he USA, mainly concerned with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction
- 7. Progress report by VW Bro Neil Morse on obtaining details of Australian and New Zealand Freemasons who lost their lives in World War I
- 8. Any other business
- 9. Closing of meeting

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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting held in November 2015, all position holders were re-elected. The usual end of year celebration took place and a good time was had by all.

## **OUR FEBRUARY MEETING**

At this meeting, VW Bro Neil Morse will give a presentation on some of the items that he acquired while visiting the United States of America recently. These are mainly concerned with the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.



### FREEMASONS AND THE GREAT WAR

VW Bro Neil Morse will also present an update on research into those Freemasons of Australia and New Zealand who lost their lives in the Great War, also known as World War I. It may be of interest that a similar project is being undertaken in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The *Uniform Resource Locator* (URL or web address) of that project is: <a href="http://www.masonicgreatwarproject.org.uk/">http://www.masonicgreatwarproject.org.uk/</a>



Freemasonry, its Nature, Objects and Principles: Retrospective, Explanatory, Critical and Practical

Time permitting, we may have a look at a paper by RW Bro Thomas Nesbitt, presented in Sydney in 1908. A copy of this paper has been sent out attached to an earlier email. If you did not receive a copy, contact the Secretary of the Linford Lodge of Research to send you a copy. If time does not permit, we may discuss this paper at a subsequent meeting.



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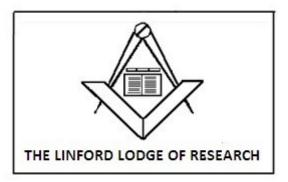
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David B. Alete.

David B. Slater Secretary

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Opening of regular meeting for April 2016
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Preceptor's comments
- 4. Secretary's comments
- 5. Treasurer's report
- 6. Discussion on two papers, one from Ireland and the other from India; looking at the place of Freemasonry in modern society, This will be led by VW Bro David Slater
- 7. Any other business
- 8. Closing of meeting

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### **OUR FEBRUARY MEETING**

At this meeting, VW Bro Neil Morse gave a presentation on some of the items that he acquired while visiting the United States of America recently, mainly concerned with the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. As usual, with his vast masonic knowledge, Neil was able to add much background to the items that he covered. Neil also updated us on the status of the ANZMRC project of listing and researching Freemasons who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Great War, later known as World War I. Neil has been active in this project in our own jurisdiction and was also able to give us some feedback on how matters were going in other jurisdictions. The details, descriptions and information available differ among jurisdictions.

### DISTRIBUTION OF NOTICE PAPERS

Your Secretary apologises for transposing the last two letters of Neil's surname in the agenda for our February meeting. If it is any consolation to Neil, the Secretary was also able to misspell his own surname in an email sent out asking who wished to continue to receive Linford Lodge of Research's notice papers sent to their individual email addresses. He thanks those who answered this email. Some wish to continue to receive these notice papers, others are happy to receive them via the ACT Freemasons Forum, and yet others are happy not to receive them at all. It is assumed that those who did not answer are happy to not receive them. It was particularly satisfying to receive an email from RW Bro Rodney Grosskopff of South Africa who was the 2011 ANZMRC's travelling lecturer, and very pleasing to know that he enjoys reading about the Linford Lodge of Research through its notice papers.

#### **OUR APRIL MEETING**

There is some interesting research being undertaken by members of the Linford lodge of Research at present and we look forward to their presentations later this year. This month's meeting will be a discussion lead by VW Bro David Slater, inspired by a couple of papers that he unearthed while researching for the Grand Master's Literary Contest for 2016, where papers on the question *Does Freemasonry have a place in modern society?* are being received. For those who wish to enter this contest, please note that entries close on Friday, 15 April and, unlike previous years, there is no email address given, only the postal address of the United Grand Lodge of NSW and the ACT.

The two papers that are proposed for discussion on Wednesday, 13 April, are available on the internet. I know that the lead time is short but, if you are able to read these over the next couple of days, that would be helpful. I guarantee that they are easier to read than the paper written by RW Bro Thomas Nesbitt, suggested for discussion at our February meeting. In his article entitled *Freemasonry in* society—today and tomorrow, RW Bro Michael W. Walker, who at the time of writing was the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, looks at what Freemasonry provides, its purpose and how it relates to today's society. This paper was written near the end of the 20th Century and looks forward, as Michael puts it, into the next millennuium. The other paper is by W Bro Chakravarthy Sampath Madhavan, and was the winning entry in the Grandmaster of India's Essay Contest. It is entitled *Relevance of Symbolism* of Freemasonry to the Modern Society. The URLs for these articles are:

http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/texts/walker.html and http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/
MADHAVAN\_Symbolism.html

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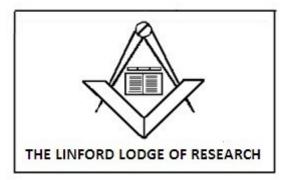
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Yours fraternally,

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David B. Slater Secretary

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Opening of regular meeting for May 2016
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Preceptor's comments
- 4. Secretary's comments
- 5. Treasurer's report
- 6. Talk by W Bro Tony Pope on Prince Hall ritual
- 7. Discussion on Lodge Linford's website led by W Bro Don Ray
- 8. Talk by W Bro Tony Pope on Prince Hall regalia (time permitting)
- 9. Any other business
- 10. Closing of meeting

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## A TALK COVERING PRINCE HALL RITUAL AND REGALIA

At the meeting to be held on Wednesday, 11 May, W Bro Tony Pope will give a talk on Prince Hall Masonry. This talk will be in two parts, viz. Prince Hall ritual and Prince Hall regalia. Tony will definitely be talking on the first topic, Prince Hall ritual but, if we need plenty of time to discuss our new website, Tony has kindly offered to give the second part of his talk on another occasion. That is, if you attend Wednesday's meeting, you are sure to hear a great talk by a Prince Hall Freemasonry expert on Prince Hall ritual. You may also be fortunate to hear a talk on Prince Hall regalia, although this depends on available time.

For some background in Prince Hall Freemasonry, I recommend a couple of articles by Tony that are able to be read on the internet. These are *Prince Hall Revisited* originally presented at the Victorian Lodge of Research in 28 March 2004 and *Our Segregated Brethren, Prince Hall Freemasons*. Both these articles appear on the Pietre-Stones website and can be viewed at the URLs listed below:

http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/

pope\_PHrevisited\_1.html

http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/

pope\_PHrevisited\_2.html

http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/pope\_OSB\_1.html http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/pope\_OSB\_2.html http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/pope\_OSB\_3.html

# **NEW WEBSITE**

Also at our May meeting, W Bro Don Ray will introduce to us the Linford Lodge's new website and lead a discussion on how we would like to see it develop and what to include on it.

#### **ANZMRC CONFERENCE 2016**

The Australian and New Zealand Conference for 2016 will take place in Launceston, Tasmania, from Thursday, 25August till Sunday, 28 August. RW Bro Peter Bindon is the Kellerman Lecturer for the NSW and ACT jurisdiction at this conference. Bookings can be made through the website <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/">https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/</a>
BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=183886

Costs are as follows:

Registration: \$250 (\$20 discount if paid before 30 June). This includes a copy of the proceedings, a table lodge dinner including all beverages, a firing glass, a formal dinner including some beverages (bar facilities available for beverages not covered), morning and afternoon teas, and two lunches. Those accompanying registrants are invited to attend the conference opening and the afternoon tea following this opening. There is also the opportunity to register for part of the conference, \$150 for the Thursday and Friday and \$150 for the Saturday and Sunday.

Tours for those accompanying registrants: \$70 for each of the two tours. That on the Friday visits the Launceston and its surroundings and that on the Saturday visits the Tamar Valley. For those accompanying registrants who wish to attend the table lodge dinner: \$70.

For those accompanying registrants who wish to attend the formal dinner: \$70. This dinner's guest speaker is the President of the Australian Red Cross, Mr Michael Legge, and the handover to the next conference host will take place at this dinner.

Recommended accommodation is Best Western Plus Launceston, where one can ask for the conference corporate rate and the breakfast discount.

For more information, see the booking website listed above.

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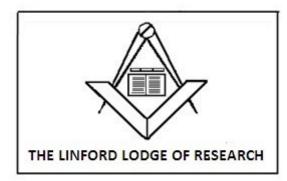
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#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Opening of regular meeting for May 2016
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Preceptor's comments
- 4. Secretary's comments
- 5. Treasurer's report
- 6. Discussion of W Bro Tony Pope's review of John L. Hairston's book *Landmarks of our Fathers: a critical analysis of the start and origin of AAfrican Lodge No. 1*
- 7. Discussion of M.G. (Fred) Truemsn's paper *A Modern Re-Statement of Freemasonry*
- 8. Any other business
- 9. Closing of meeting

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## TONY POPE'S BOOK REVIEW

Following on from W Bro Tony Pope's interesting and informative presentation on Prince Hall Ritual and Regalia at our May meeting, Tony has kindly offered us the chance, at our July meeting, to have a look at and discuss his review of John L. Hairston's book *Landmarks of our Fathers: a critical analysis of the start and origin of African Lodge No.* 1. Tony's review has been accepted for publication in *The Square*, "The Independent Magazine for Freemasons", published every three months and edited by Dr Mike Kearsley (Prestonian Lecturer for 2014). Freemasons who subscribe to *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum* now also receive copies of *The Square*. John Hairston's book was published on 17 July this year and a synopsis of this book, which appears on the *The Book Patch* Website is as follows:

On March 6th, every year, for as long as can be remembered, thousands of Prince Hall Masons, Eastern Stars and Prince Hall Affiliation members around the world fly their banners and post hearty images of pride to celebrate what is called "Founders' Day" for Prince Hall Freemasonry. March 6th, 1775 is the day the "Immortal 15" were raised as Master Masons in Irish Military Lodge No. 441 in Boston, Massachusetts. Hundreds of books and publications written on the history of Prince Hall and African Lodge No. 459, provide March 6, 1775 as the start date for "African American Freemasonry," and July 3, 1776, for the organization of African Lodge No. 1. There is only one problem; neither Prince Hall nor any of the brothers associated with the start of African Lodge No. 1 were made Master Masons in 1775, and Irish Military Lodge No. 441 had nothing to do with their initiations or African Lodge No. 1.

If you would like a copy of Tony's review, please contact the Secretary at david@slaters.id.au., who will gladly send you a copy by email. If attending the meeting, I suggest that you read it before Wednesday evening..

#### A MODERN RE-STATEMENT OF FY

VW Bro M. G. (Fred) Trueman, Director of Masonic Education for the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory, has published a paper entitled *A Modern Re-Statement of Freemasonry*. This paper will be discussed at the Linford Lodge of Research's meeting on 13 July. To give some idea of what this paper covers, its headings are:

Introduction

The Historical Sources of Freemasonry
The Philosophy and Practice of Freemasonry the Universal & not the Particular
Conclusion - Ideal Masonic Candidate

Again. a copy of this is available from the Secretary who encourages those attending to read the paper before the meeting.

### DISCOVERY LODGE OF RESEARCH

The Discovery Lodge of Research will be meeting on Monday, 27 July, at the Sydney Masonic Centre, tyling at 7/30 pm. To quote from the Discovery Lodge of Research's notice paper:

Lodge Southern Cross #91 is one of the most successful lodges in the NSW & ACT jurisdiction, retention rates in the lodge are high and it's a long wait to get into the lodge as a member (visitors are always welcome). But what makes the Lodge successful? There are no Masonic "passports" of things to "tick off" before taking the next Degree. There are just four things that need be done. (1) Impress your mentor, (2) Know your catechism, (3) Know some extra charge and (4) Present a 5 to 10 minute "Proficiency Paper" based on your understanding of your current degree.

The Preceptor and Secretary of the Linford Lodge of Research intend to be present at this meeting. If you want to attend, please contact them if you wish to consider car pooling.

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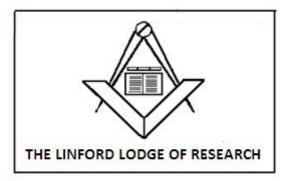
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#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Opening of regular meeting for August 2016
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Preceptor's comments
- 4. Secretary's comments
- 5. Treasurer's report
- 6. Discussion of M.G. (Fred) Truemsn's paper A Modern Re-Statement of Freemasonry
- 7. Time permitting, a look at one or both of two additional papers
- 8. Any other business
- 9. Closing of meeting

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### **OUR JULY MEETING**

W Bro Tony Pope lead us in a discussion of his review of John L. Hairston's book *Landmarks of our Fathers: a critical analysis of the start and origin of African Lodge No. 1*, a review that has been accepted for publication in *The Square*. However, we decided to postpone the discussion of VW Bro Trueman's paper till our August meeting. To remind you of this paper, I have included the introduction to it as published in the July notice paper of the Linford Lodge or Research.

This appears below.

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## TWO ADDITIONAL PAPERS

Time permitting, we hope to discuss one or both of two other papers. An introduction to these appear on the next page. A copy of one of these is attached to this notice paper and the URL of the other given on the next page, so that Brethren can have a look at them before the meeting. What we do not discuss this month we can discuss at our October meeting.

#### TOWARDS A NEW GOLDEN AGE OF MASONRY

This is a paper written by Bro Stephen F W of Lodge Germania, No. 1036 (UGL NSW and ACT). As noted by RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk, who brought this paper to our attention:

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For fuller details look at this website and/or the May notice paper of the Linford Lodge of Research.

If you have not as yet booked accommodation and wish to stay at the recommended hotel, I suggest that you check the prices on the internet. I was able to find on the Best Western Plus Launceston website rooms for \$116.10 a day. This was less than the price offered when I tried to book by telephone and asked for the special deal organised for the conference.

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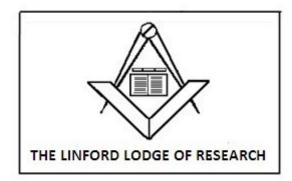
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- 3. Preceptor's comments
- 4. Secretary's comments
- 5. Treasurer's report
- 6. A report on the recent ANZMRC Conference held in Launceston by those members of the Linford Lodge of Research who attended.
- 7. Discussion of two papers, viz. *Towards a New Golden Age of Masonry*, by Bro Stephen F. W., and *Study on the Present Conditions of Freemasonry in the World*, by Vincent Lombardo
- 8. Any other business
- 9. Closing of meeting

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### **OUR AUGUST MEETING**

Those present at this meeting discussed VW Bro M. G. (Fred) Trueman's paper *A Modern Re-Statement of Freemasonry*. Our Preceptor ploughed through this paper noting some of his concerns. Others, of course, also had their input. It was a worthwhile exercise which took up such time that discussion of the other two papers that were listed for possible discussion had to be postponed till our October meeting.

#### WORK FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING

Below is included the summary of the two papers that we will discuss. This is a repetition of the summary given in the August notice paper, included again for your convenience.

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I have been able to produce a PDF version of Vincent Lombardo's paper and will send this to you on request. The other paper is attached to this notice paper.

### **ANZMRC CONFERENCE 2016**

The Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council's biennial conference has come and gone. Those who attended enjoyed it and the hospitality of the Freemasons of Launceston was greatly appreciated. The convener of the conference, W Bro Ian Green, deserves special thanks.

Of special note is the election of our Preceptor, VW Bro Neil Morse, as President of ANZMRC for the next two years and of the quality of the paper presented by the representative of our jurisdiction, RW Bro Peter Bindon. Both Neil and Peter deserve our congratulations.

Your secretary has a copy of the transactions that was issued to the Linford Lodge of Research which can be borrowed. For your information, a list of the presented papers appears below.

Southern Lights by VW Bro Albert Kusnezow (Tasmania)

The Answer is a Lemon by VW Bro Max Currie (New Zealand)

*Is Freemasonry a Progressive Science?* by W Bro David Shearer (Western Australia)

The Oak Island Legend: the Masonic Angle by the late VW Bro Dennis King (New Zealand, presented by VW Bro Colin Heyward)

King Athelstan and the Craft by W Bro Terry Edwards (Queensland)

Freemasonry, Qabalah, and Tarot by W Bro Lewis Allan (Victoria)

Two Enduring Treasures: Why they are not Ornaments by RW Bro Peter Bindon (New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory)

Lodge Liberty Cherie by W Bro Robert Brennand (Victoria)

King Solomon's Temple and the Legend of the Third Degree by W Bro Nigel Parker (Tasmania)

The Symbolism of Free Gardenry, and the Lost Degrees of the Knights of Gethsemane and St Joseph by Bro Ben Quick (of the Free Gardeners of Victoria)

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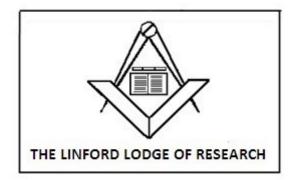
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Note:

KL stands for Kellerman Lecturer AMS stands for Accredited Masonic Speaker

<u>Dues</u>: The annual dues for the Linford Lodge of Research are \$50 per annum. If you wish to become a subscribing member of this Lodge then please contact either the Treasurer or Secretary.



#### INVITATION

On behalf of the Preceptor, I invite you to attend 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research, to be held at the Canberra Masonic Centre, Heard Street, Mawson, ACT, on Wednesday, 9 November, 2016, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Yours fraternally,

David B. Aletr.

David B. Slater Secretary

#### **AGENDA**

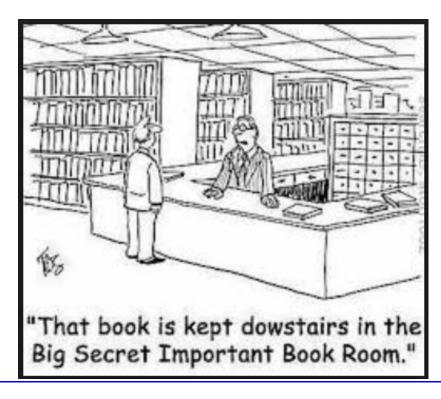
- 1. Opening of AGM for 2016
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Preceptor's comments
- 4. Secretary's comments
- 5. Treasurer's report and presentation of annual statement of accounts
- 6. Election of Officers for 2016-2017
- 7. Report on the recent meeting of the Discovery Lodge of Research
- 8. Any other business
- 9. Closing of meeting

The Linford Lodge of Research meets on the **second Wednesday** of the month of February, April, May, July, August, October and November.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

So, it is that time of year when the Annual General Meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research is held. On this occasion, it will be held on Wednesday, 9 November, 2016. The agenda is listed on the first page of this notice paper. Please note that there will be an election of Officers for the coming year. If you are interested in masonic research and would like to take office, then please let one of the current Officers know, or let us know when you attend the AGM.

The November meeting is the last for this year therefore, in addition to receiving reports and electing Officers, we have traditionally held a more substantive festive board than is usually the case. Do not be surprised if you find such delights as port and fruit cake at the meeting to be consumed by those present.



### THE YEAR IN SUMMARY

A summary of the meetings that took place in 2016 appears below.

# **February**

Talk by VW Bro Neil Morse on papers that he acquired on a recent visit to he USA, mainly concerned with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction.

# <u>April</u>

Discussion on two papers, one from Ireland and the other from India, looking at the place of Freemasonry in modern society.

# May

\W Bro Tony Pope's interesting and informative presentation on Prince Hall Ritual and Regalia by W Bro Tony Pope.

# **July**

Discussion of and feedback on W Bro Tony Pope's review of John L. Hairston's book *Landmarks of our Fathers: a critical analysis of the start and origin of African Lodge No. 1*.

## <u>August</u>

Discussion of M.G. (Fred) Trueman's paper entitled *A Modern Re-Statement of Freemasonry*.

## <u>October</u>

Reports on the ANZMRC's conference held in Launceston by those members of the Linford Lodge of Research who attended and a discussion of two papers, viz. *Towards a New Golden Age of Masonry*, by Bro Stephen F. W., and *Study on the Present Conditions of Freemasonry in the World*, by Vincent Lombardo.