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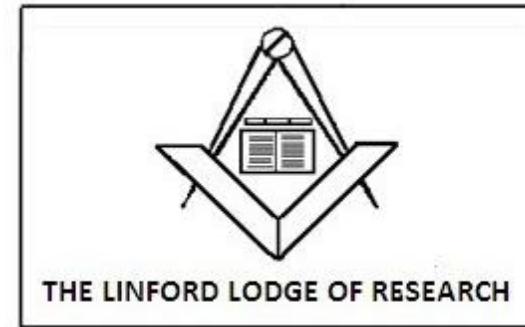
Note:

KL stands for Kellerman Lecturer

AMS stands for Accredited Masonic Speaker

Dues:

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 the next meeting of the **Linford Lodge of Research**, to be held at the **Canberra Masonic Centre, Heard Street, Mawson, ACT**, on **Wednesday, 8 February, 2017**, commencing at **7.30 pm**.

Yours fraternally,



David B. Slater
Secretary

AGENDA

1. Opening of February 2017 meeting
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Talk on "The Royal Navy and the First Degree"
by Bro Paul Southwick
6. Choice of lecture for ANZMRC Travelling Lecturer
7. Report on Linford Lodge of Research's website
8. Any other business
9. Closing of meeting

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

All Masons are welcome; dress is neat casual with no regalia.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2016

At the Annual General Meeting held in November, all but one of the 2015-2016 Officers were re-elected; the exception is RW Bro Mike Dalton. Mike has been a great Deputy Preceptor for a number of years but he is unable to attend our meetings as much as he would like. We thank him his contribution to this research lodge over the years and well thought out and sensible suggestions that he has made. We miss him and look forward to the time when he will be able to be a regular attender of the Linford Lodge again. W Bro Don Ray has been elected as Mike's replacement as Deputy Preceptor. Don has been regularly attending our Lodge and, together with W Bro Tony Pope, produced a first class website. There is more on this below. As mentioned above, all the other officers will serve for at least another year. We particularly thank VW Bro Neil Morse, W Bro Tony Pope and RW Bro Geoffrey Ludowyk for again taking on the offices of Preceptor, Deputy Preceptor and Treasurer, and to RW Bro Bob Nairn who, although not present at the AGM, we hope will again be our Auditor.

As this was the last meeting for 2016, we celebrated with even more wine and food than usual. A good time was had by all.

WORK FOR THE EVENING

We thank Bro Paul Southwick for offering to present his talk on "The Royal Navy and the First Degree". The scope of this paper will examine a possible origin for the penalty associated with the violation of the obligation of the First Degree, and an explanation of the term 'a cable length from shore.' I have read Paul's paper and he succinctly states his case and supporting evidence, a trait on which is to be congratulated.

Paul is the Junior Deacon of Lodge Queanbeyan St Andrew and that lodge is very fortunate to have him as a member and officer. We hope that Paul's willingness to present a paper at the Linford Lodge of Research will encourage other younger Freemasons to do the same. I encourage you to come and listen to Paul's talk and be part of the discussion that will follow.

LECTURE FOR ANZMRC TRAVELLING LECTURER

The ANZMRC Travelling Lecturer for 2017, W Bro John Belton, has given us the following lectures from which we need to choose one for presentation in Canberra. The Discovery Lodge of Research has chosen the fifth lecture, "The International Compact of 1814". We need to choose a lecture at our February meeting.

1. English Fraternal Support for Garibaldi 1848-1870: London to the Italian Risorgimento
2. The role of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion and the first Aims and Relationships of the Craft (England) in 1920
3. The Irish Masonic Crises 1804-1814
4. The English Masonic Union of 1813
5. The International Compact of 1814 (between the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland)
6. Resurgam – Does Rejuvenation Await Freemasonry?
7. Building Oneself an Inexpensive Masonic Library
8. Pure Ancient Masonry and the Royal Arch
9. Gould's History of Freemasonry: a Critical Reappraisal
10. International Brotherhood: to seek for that which was lost
11. Brother – Just One More Degree
12. Dudley Wright: Writer, Truthseeker & Freemason

There are also some short talks (10 to 15 minutes duration), viz.

- a. Rev. Henry Duncan: Brother, Companion & Innovative Banker
- b. The Bone Box: a case of masonic symbol migrating through the degrees
- c. Society & Freemasonry – Another Way
- d. Freemasonry in France – A Brief History to 1913
- e. Freemasonry Universal in France during World War I
- f. Lodge Cappadocia – the capers of a Welsh Brother and an Aussie Flyer in a WWI POW camp in Turkey

OUR WEBSITE

W Bro Tony Pope and W Bro Don Ray have been very busy producing a website that has much of interest. It includes research papers, history, coming events, masonic music and links and many other downloadable files. This website is well worth a visit, and many a revisit. Its URL is <http://www.linfordresearch.info/>