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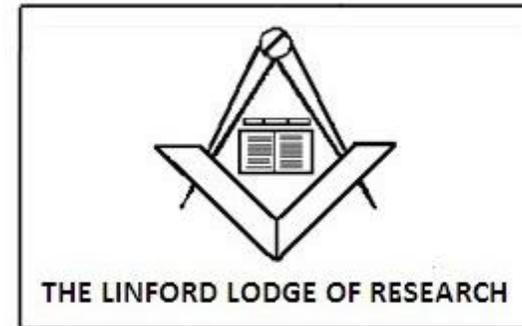
Website: <http://www.linfordresearch.info/>

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, 12 April, 2017**, commencing at **7.30 pm**.

Yours fraternally,



David B. Slater
Secretary

AGENDA

1. Opening of April 2017 meeting
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Treasurer's report
6. Talk on "1963 was not a good year" by VW Bro Neil Morse
7. Discussion 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.

WORK FOR THE EVENING

VW Bro Neil Morse has volunteered to give a talk on the 1964 split. This is not about the split that occurred when the Communist Party of India (Marxist) split from the Communist Party of India in 1964. Rather it is a split within some of the side orders of Freemasonry in Australia. As Neil puts it:

1963 was not a good year.

The presentation will outline some of the issues which led to "the '64 split" in three masonic Orders in NSW, the subsequent actions and, in two of the three Orders, ultimate reconciliation.

Neil has often made reference to this split in the past, which started with the Order of Constantine but, if you want to get all the details, please attend Linford Lodge of Research's meeting on Wednesday, 12 April. There are still repercussions from this split with the Societas Rosicruciana in Terra Australi (SRITA) being recognised by neither the Societas Rosicruciana in Scotia (SRIS) nor the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia (SRIA).

No doubt there will be further discussion regarding the Linford Lodge of Research's website. This is been so successful that there may need to be some rationalisation of what is stored or some means of increasing storage available.

DISCOVERY LODGE OF RESEARCH

At the recent installation meeting of the Discovery Lodge of Research on 2 March, VW Bro Stewart Grant became the Worshipful Master. Stewart at one time lived in Canberra and is a current member of Highland St Ninian Sovereign Chapter in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Additionally, three members of the Linford Lodge of Research were invested as Officers, viz. VW Bro David Slater as Senior Warden, VW Bro Neil Morse as Treasurer and RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk as Director of Ceremonies. Also, at this meeting W Bro Don Ray affiliated as a member of the Discovery Lodge of Research. So, if you ever want a lift to a meeting of the Discovery Lodge of Research, you now know who to ask.

OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

Bro Paul Southwick's talk on "The Royal Navy and the First Degree" looked at a possible derivation of the ancient penalty of the First Degree by referring to the punishment for an offence listed within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty during the 15th century. This is supported by both the nature of the offence and the various components of the punishment having parallels with the offence and the parts of the penalty of the First Degree, such as the throat, tongue, body and sea. In the Articles of War used by the Royal Navy from 1661 until the 19th century, reference is made to the rough sands of the sea and the cable length. Paul logically argues that the reason for the cable length is that this is a place where refuse collects and that a body was unlikely to be washed up on the land from this point. Paul's paper is well researched and it was presented in a succinct way. It was a very worthwhile presentation.

Also at our February meeting we decided that we would ask W Bro John Belton, ANZMRC Travelling Lecturer, to present his talk on The Irish Masonic Crises 1804-1814. We also suggested that John Belton visits Canberra before visiting Sydney and that he be in Canberra from 18 to 23 August. Lodge Capitol has offered to host the lecture at its meeting on Monday, 21 August.

OUR PRECEPTOR TRAVELS OVERSEAS AGAIN

Neil Morse will be travelling overseas again soon and will be giving a number of presentations. He will be attending the ICOM.fm Research Lodges Conference to be held on 19, 20 and 21 May at Toulon in France. This is the first international conference of masonic Research Lodges. It is not too late to register for this conference. See <https://www.icom.fm/>

Neil will be chairing Panel B3 on 20 May as well as giving a talk on 21 May on *ANZMRC and Masonic Research in the Pacific Area*. At D4 Panel on 20 May, Colin Heyward will talk on *The beginnings of Freemasonry in Australia and New Zealand: the French Connection* and Michael Kearsley will talk on *The Grand Lodge of New Zealand: Perspective on its foundation*