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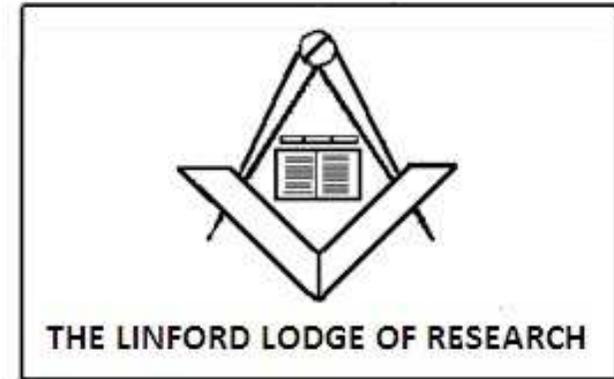
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INVITATION

On behalf of the Preceptor, I invite you to attend the next meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research, to be held at 13 Tanumbirini Street, Hawker, on Wednesday, 9 March 2011, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Yours fraternally,

David B. Slater

David Slater KL
Secretary

AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's report
- 5 *Reading of a play written by RW Bro Bob Linford*
- 6 Other business
- 7 Closing

The Lodge meets on the **second Wednesday** of February, April, May, July, August, October and November. All Masons are welcome; dress is neat casual with no regalia.

Because the Grand Communication was not held on the second Wednesday of March this year, it was decided to hold an additional meeting this month.

WORK OF THE EVENING

The work for the evening is the reading of a play by RW Bro Bob Linford, which is based on some of the ritual of the Third Degree. This should be of interest to all who have been raised and you are encouraged to attend.

We usually welcome Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts but, because of the content of the play, it would not be appropriate on this occasion. However, we do look forward to any Entered Apprentice Freemasons and Fellow Craft Freemasons attending future meetings of the Linford Lodge of Research this year and beyond.

VICTORIAN LODGE OF RESEARCH'S INSTALLATION

Unfortunately, none of the members of the Linford Lodge of Research was able to attend the installation of W Bro Fred Shade KL as the Centenary Master of the Victorian Lodge of Research (No. 218, Victorian Constitution). The Preceptor has sent greetings to Fred on his and our behalf. As this is the centenary year of the Victorian Lodge of Research, every endeavour will be made for us to visit fraternally later this year. We will keep you posted as to when this is likely to be.

DISCOVERY LODGE OF RESEARCH'S INSTALLATION

A number of members of the Linford Lodge of Research did attend the reinstallation of W Bro Ewart Stronach at the Discovery Lodge's (No. 971, NSW and ACT Constitution), the Installing Master being VW Bro Tom Hall, on 3 March. Our Preceptor, VW Bro Neil Morse, was invested as the Secretary of the Discovery Lodge of Research.

In addition to Neil, RW Bro Bob Nairn and VW Bro David Slater attended and formed part of the Grand Delegation, which was led by RW Bro Paul Fletcher, PDGM. Both Bob and David participated in the ceremony with David giving the Address to the WM and Bob giving the Address to the Brethren. David also assisted VW Bro Fidel Pamplona, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, in preparing the collars and jewels for investing the Officers of the Discovery Lodge. Canberra was well represented. In addition to those mentioned above, Bro Alex Slater attended and presented the First Working Tools. It was great night amidst convivial company.

PRESENCE ON REGION 10 WEBSITE

The Linford Lodge of Research has a presence on the Region 10 website. The URL of the Region 10 website is

<http://www.masonicregions.org.au/region10.aspx>

Select "Linford LoR" and this will bring you to our page. At present it contains some links, including one to the ANZMRC website and a paper by RW Bro Bob Nairn on "Masonic Education, Training & Mentoring". Kellerman Lectures by local brethren and papers presented at the Linford Lodge of Research will be added in time.

OUR LAST MEETING

At the February meeting, VW Bro Neil Morse presented an interesting and well researched talk on Masonic Certificates with a particular emphasis on the early history of these certificates. For those who missed this presentation, and those who were present and would like to further study this paper, it will be added to the website mentioned above.

REBADGING THE LODGE

As VW Bro Neil Morse indicated in the February notice paper, we were in the process of rebadging the Canberra Lodge of Research and Instruction. We have made the decision to go ahead and we now call ourselves the Linford Lodge of Research. Neil also mentioned that a new logo would be nice. A change has been made to the name on the present logo; see the top of the first page of this notice paper. However, I think that Neil had in mind a more substantial change. I am sure that this will occur in due time and any suggestions that you may have would be gratefully received.

FUTURE MEETINGS

This year, those who have regularly attended meetings of our lodge have given (in the case of Neil Morse) or will present papers. Any other brother is more than welcome to give a paper. The Linford Lodge of Research is there to encourage research and to give a platform for local researchers to present their findings. If you wish to present a paper, please let us know.

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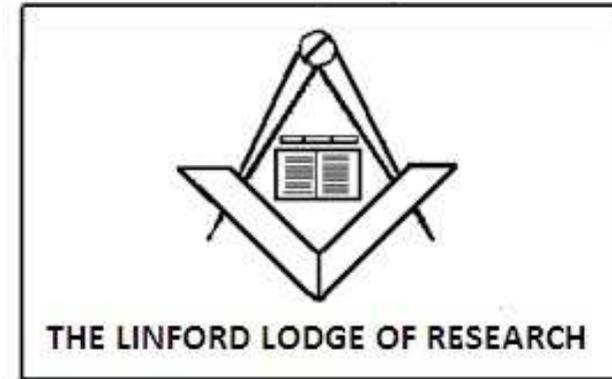
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On behalf of the Preceptor, I invite you to attend the next meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research, to be held at the home of VW Bro Neil Morse, 14 Waite Street, Farrer, on Wednesday, 13 April 2011, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Yours fraternally,

David B. Slater

David Slater KL
Secretary

AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's report
- 5 Discussion of the draft of W Bro Tony Pope's paper entitled
A Masonic Militia
- 6 ANZMRC sponsored tour by Rodney Grosskopff
- 7 Other business
- 8 Closing

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WORK OF THE EVENING

The work for the April is a discussion of the draft of a paper by W Bro Tony Pope, entitled *A Masonic Militia*, which has a distinct Australian, and more particularly a Tasmanian, flavour.

If you intend to attend this month's meeting and wish to have a look at the paper prior to the meeting, then please contact the Secretary who can send you a copy as an email attachment. Tony would appreciate your input to this discussion.

DISCOVERY LODGE OF RESEARCH

The next meeting of the Discovery Lodge of Research, which meets at the Sydney Masonic Centre on the corner of Castlereagh and Goulburn Streets, will be a remembrance of the late RW Bro Andy Walker, who was the President of the ANZMRC at the time of his death. This will be held on Thursday, 5 May, tyling at 7 pm. Both the Preceptor and Secretary of the Linford Lodge of Research will be attending so, if you would also like to attend, give one of them a call; there may be a spare seat available.

It can be a very worthwhile activity to peruse the Discovery Lodge of Research's website, the URL of which is <http://www.discoverylodge.org>.

ANZMRC TOUR BY RODNEY GROSSKOPFF

In September this year, W Bro Rodney Grosskopff, of the Lyceum Lodge of Research, Johannesburg, South Africa, and one time Assistant District Grand Master for the District of South Africa North, will be visiting the Canberra area as part of his ANZMRC sponsored tour. Those who attended the ANZMRC Conference held at Queanbeyan in 2008 should remember Rodney's talk on *A finishing school for Presidents: the Masonic Presidents of the Orange Free State*. This in itself should be a great incentive to hear Rodney again.

There has been some discussion about which of Rodney's talk we will choose from the list supplied and *The Jameson Raid* seems to be a firm favourite at present. The topic and date of the talk will be discussed at the April meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research. Watch this space. It should be a good night and we encourage you and your friends to attend.

OUR MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting was held at RW Bob Nairn's home in Hawker, for which we thank him. It was particularly good to welcome Bro Cliff Craigie to our meeting; we hope that he attend again. Those present undertook a reading of a play by RW Bro Bob Linford entitled *Anatomy of a Murder*. We each took on the part of a character in the play, some more than one, and an enjoyable evening was had all those present. It is based on the Third Degree legend so, for this reason, the play will not be uploaded to the Linford Lodge of Research's section of the Region 10 website. However, it is available for perusal by those who have been raised as Master Masons. Please contact the Secretary of the Linford Lodge of Research if interested.

PROGRAMME FOR THIS YEAR

The timetable programme for this year appears below. Those who regularly attend meetings of the Linford Lodge of Research have each been assigned a month in which to give a talk.

February: VW Bro Neil Morse has spoken on *Masonic Certificates*.

March (extra meeting): RW Bro Bob Linford's play, *Anatomy of a Murder*, was read.

April: This month, W Bro Tony Pope will lead a discussion on the draft of his paper entitled *A Masonic Militia*

May: RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk will give a talk.

July: RW Bro Bob Nairn will give a talk.

August: VW Bro David Slater will give a talk, probably on his adventures with Browne's *Master-Key*, both the 1798 and 1802 editions.

October: RW Bro Mike Dalton is scheduled to give a talk but, as he was not present at the meeting at which the allocation of months occurred, it may be prudent to seek confirmation from Mike.

November: Annual General Meeting.

If you have some topic that you are eager to give, please contact the Secretary and we will try to fit you into our programme. Most, if not all, of the papers from next month onwards are at early stages of development and I am sure that a deferment of one or more of these is possible.

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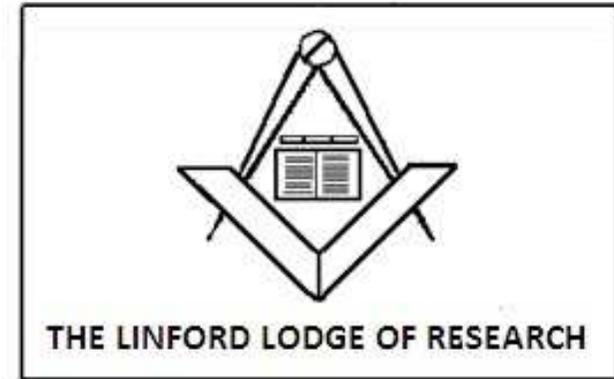
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Yours fraternally,

David B. Slater

David Slater KL
Secretary

AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's report
- 5 RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk will leading a discussion on the topic "Is Freemasonry an Anachronism?".
- 6 ANZMRC sponsored tour by Rodney Grosskopff
- 7 Other business
- 8 Closing

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WORK OF THE EVENING

The work for the April meeting is a discussion with a slide show, led by RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk. The topic that Geoff will cover is in the form of a question: "Is Freemasonry an Anachronism?" The discussion will be documented (anonymously) for use as input to a future paper. This is a topic on which most of us, if not all, have opinions and we hope that a number of masons who have not previously attended the Linford Lodge of Research, or have attended only occasionally, will be tempted to be there. Whether you have been a Freemason for but a short period of time, for decades, or somewhere in between, please seriously consider attending the Linford Lodge of Research this month.

TRIBUTE TO RW BRO ANDY WALKER

Three members of the Linford Lodge of Research, viz. Tony Pope, Neil Morse and David Slater, attended the May meeting of the Discovery Lodge of Research dedicated to the late RW Bro Andy Walker, who was the President of the ANZMRC (Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council) at the time of his death. The WM of the Discovery Lodge of Research, W Bro Ewart Stronach, presented Andy's Kellerman Lecture and others, including both Tony and Neil spoke about the Andy whom they knew. The Grand Master was in attendance.

ANZMRC TOUR BY RODNEY GROSSKOPFF

It is a little over four months before W Bro Rodney Grosskopff will visit us on his ANZMRC tour. So, item 6 on the agenda for our May meeting will be of much importance. We need to choose a date and venue for Rodney's presentation, and confirm the topic from the list that Rodney has provided.

RESEARCH SEMINAR ON 24 SEPTEMBER

RW Bro Richard Dawes, who chairs the Masonic Education and Training Committee of the Board of Management, is organising a seminar to be held at Goulburn on Saturday, 24 September, in which some papers will be given, but with a difference. The object is to show how to undertake research and how to develop a paper. It is anticipated that W Bro Rodney Grosskopff will be a participant in this seminar.

OUR APRIL MEETING

With the change of meeting day of Lodge of Truth, Braidwood, to the second Wednesday of the month, and the ANZAC meeting for Districts 103 and 104 being conducted by Lodge of Truth, Braidwood this year, some of those who regularly attend the Linford Lodge of Research's meetings were not present at our April meeting, which was held at Neil Morse's place. Both Neil and David Slater enjoyed the talk given by Tony Pope on "Masonic Militia" with Neil, in particular, supplying some useful information from his veritable library of masonic sources. The paper shows how Freemasonry came to Tasmania through military lodges and how that Tasmanian Masonic community was involved in creating and maintaining military forces to defend Tasmania. This draft paper is an interesting read covering the period from 1859 to 1904.

LECTURES AT PRIVATE LODGES

The WM of Lodge Perfect of Canberra, W Bro Patrick McMaster, requested a talk on the Ancient Egyptian Mysteries and their possible relationship to Freemasonry. Neil Morse and David Slater took on this challenge and gave separate presentations at Lodge Perfect's meeting on 2 May. There will be a repeat performance at Yass Lodge of Concord's meeting on Wednesday, 25 May. The Linford Lodge of Research is pleased to help facilitate education evenings for private lodges.

FUTURE MEETINGS

RW Bro Bob Nairn will attend the Third International Conference on the History of Freemasonry, to be held this month at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia USA. Bob will report on this conference at the Linford Lodge of Research's July meeting and those with an interest in masonic history are particularly encouraged to attend the presentation of Bob's report.

The statement made in last month's notice paper regarding the presentation of papers still holds. If you wish to give a paper in the supportive environment of the Linford Lodge of Research, please contact the Secretary. The encouragement of masonic research is part of the brief of this research lodge.

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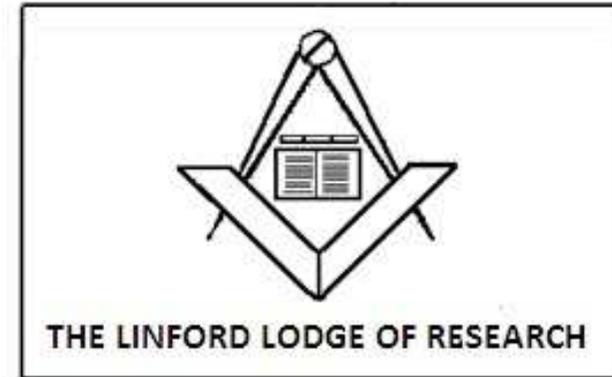
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Yours fraternally,

David B. Slater

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Secretary

AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's report
- 5 RW Bro Bob Nairn will report on the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry, held at Alexandria, Virginia, USA, in May 2011.
- 6 ANZMRC sponsored tour by Rodney Grosskopff on 22 September
- 7 Research Seminar at Goulburn on 24 September
- 8 Any other business
- 9 Closing

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WORK OF THE EVENING

The 2011 International Conference on the History of Freemasonry was held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, from 27 to 29 May this year. The conference is held biennially and this is the third conference. Both the 2007 and 2009 conferences were held in Edinburgh, Scotland. RW Bro Bob Nairn attended the 2011 conference and the Linford Lodge of Research is looking forward to hearing Bob's summary and his perceptions of this conference. All Masons are welcome, so please come along for what should be a good and interesting evening.

RW BRO FRANK STANLEY HULL, PSGW OStJ

We note with sadness the death of RW Bro Frank Hull. Although Frank had not attended Canberra's research lodge for a number of years, he had previously contributed greatly to this lodge under its former guise as the Canberra Lodge of Research and Instruction. Frank was both the Secretary and a Deputy Preceptor of this lodge at various times during its history. Frank spent a lot of his time and effort to the furtherance of Freemasonry and we were fortunate to benefit from his inputs. Frank was an unforgettable Mason who will be sorely missed.

ANZMRC TOUR BY RW BRO RODNEY GROSSKOPFF

The Linford Lodge of Research will be hosting, together with Lodge Commonwealth of Australia, the meeting at which RW Bro Rodney Grosskopff from South Africa, the ANZMRC travelling lecturer for 2011, will give a talk on the Jameson Raid. This presentation will take place on Lodge Commonwealth's regular meeting night, Thursday, 22 September. It is indeed fitting that Lodge Commonwealth is involved as Lodge Commonwealth was the lodge of RW Bro Bob Linford, under whose name the research lodge in Canberra is now known. There will be more details about this meeting in the August notice paper.

RESEARCH SEMINAR AT GOULBURN

Some details of the research seminar to be held at the Goulburn Masonic Centre on Saturday, 24 September, have emerged. The advertised time on the website of the Discovery Lodge of Research is from 9 am to 5 pm with

a cost of \$20 to register. The seminar will be followed by a dinner. However, these details are not set in stone as some sorting out needs to be done so that the Goulburn Masonic Centre can be used for both this seminar and the Order of the Secret Monitor's Canberra Conclave's Installation on that day. Hopefully, more details will be available by the time that next month's notice paper is issued.

OUR MAY MEETING

At our May meeting, RW Bro Geoffrey Ludowyk led a discussion on the question "Is Freemasonry an Anachronism?" Many interesting opinions were heard and the discussions were recorded by both RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk and VW Bro Neil Morse. Geoff will be using the results of these discussions as input to another paper that he hopes to present at a later date. In addition to the regular attendees, all of whom made worthwhile contributions, Bro Phil O'Rourke was present. This is a topic of particular interest to Phil and we hope that he attends further meetings of the Linford Lodge of Research. His input is invaluable.

A NEWLY ACCREDITED MASONIC SPEAKER

At the Board of Management meeting held in Sydney on Tuesday, 5 July, VW Bro David Slater's application to become an Accredited Masonic Speaker was approved, after some discussion. With the move of W Bro Roy Bloomfield to Goulburn, there remained only two active Accredited Masonic Speakers in Canberra, viz. VW Bro Neil Morse and RW Bro Bob Nairn. With David's appointment, the number returns to three. David wishes to thank VW Bro Neil Morse and W Bro Tony Pope for the references that they submitted in support of his application.

NEXT MEETING

At the Linford Lodge of Research's meeting on 10 August, VW Bro David Slater will present a preliminary report of his research into John Browne's Master Key, both the 1798 and 1802 editions, concentrating on the First Degree. John Browne wrote much of his Master Keys in cipher with the cipher used for the 1802 edition being an extension of that used for the 1798 edition. There will be analyses of the ciphers used and comparisons of the ritual that emerges with other rituals, both past and present.

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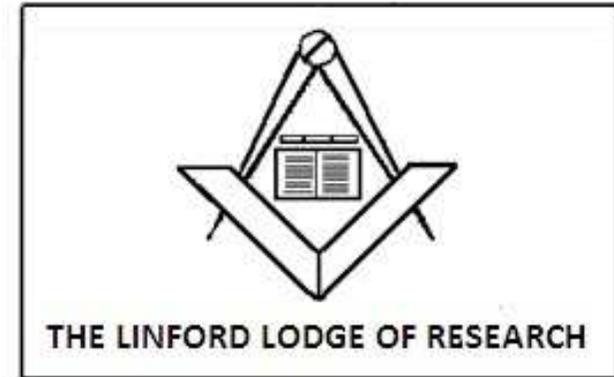
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Yours fraternally,

David B. Slater

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Secretary

AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's report
- 5 VW Bro David Slater will talk about his research on John Browne's Master-Key, both the 1798 and 1802 editions
- 6 ANZMRC sponsored tour by Rodney Grosskopff on 22 September
- 7 Research Seminar at Goulburn on 24 September
- 8 Any other business
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WORK OF THE EVENING

David Slater has been studying and analysing John Browne's Master-Key. Much of this Master-Key is written in cipher. The cipher basically consists of substituting vowels, including "y" even when it is not being used as a vowel, with other letters. In the 1798 edition, {a,e,i,o,u,y}→{b,r,o,w,n,e} is the transposition used. For the expanded 1802 edition, this transposition is again used, as well as {a,e,i,o,u,y}→{k,c,o,l,n,u}, that is, four of the six vowels have two possible transpositions. The general rule seems to be that only one of these transpositions is used when ciphering a word, or indeed a sentence, although there are exceptions. After completing the exercise below, see if you can see some significance in when each set of transpositions is used. More will be said about this at the presentation on 10 August. Not all vowels are transposed. In the 1802 edition, upper case letters are ignored, which is not the case in the 1798 edition. Browne uses the long s (l) as well as the short s. Also, single letters can be doubled and doubled letters reduced to one letter. Some statistical analysis has been done to try to ascertain whether or not this is deliberate. Some abbreviations are used, such as "b" for "Brother" "bn" for "brethren", "rwm" for "Right Worshipful Master" and, in the 1798 edition, even "!" for "Mason" or "Masonry". Sometimes letters are omitted or added and others swapped, both within and across words, but this could be a result of the difficulty of proof reading a ciphered work. And, to make matters more interesting, there are some errors.

So, with these comments in mind, to gain some idea of what is involved have a go at deciphering the following extract from the 1802 edition of Browne's Master-Key, which has something to do with a Mason's son and includes how David hopes to be treated now that he is approaching his 60th birthday anniversary.

Nwhbtd Rwwrcbl lthrfwnwf Dbfr Urrm bfw.

Lklewos.

Xwhbtdw rstbtd Arnwtr.

Bftrcn Ggth.

Ahwoo fblrwosdrp octrdon Sbmbfwnsl Fwdgr.

Cksker Lkmpfl Omctklw hochwhc nfoxcdont Elkftlncgr ctkndp lndcrln Gswcoghtsk rcrkofcdt Slcrtkonh oghtskn dfoxcdn plnthcorp Crlprbtkfo fwothlntw Uhochl perktovem kflnscnl Hdnl flclnvcn Pocntludl.

Gwhto Ksthred ntwf Gblrwost hrfwnlf Ubmbfw ntwhosb grdpr Mrnts.

Ptlbkreth Kchckvubn rthenont hehcktlf Bthcdk ukndtlhc lpthemo Nntomcl Mfnccdw hochbur Ncklmlft Ohcorgreck tkgeth culng Chttlbc

excmptf rlmslk Nstlrcndc rthccloflfth cordk Gushkp Fpukndclm flrtkblc.

Nhosp Krovrlbgrf Nwrs wdwong.

Otlbcmk Fdokmkfl nbeflrcknu Rlthrcprfl nhlwc verdogn ofocdbub Rorthrkn klrrhochsn nlcshet Shrlng hclmpl olknc cwkvsth Bkth osprovel Dcdgc.

Mbs Hplrbsrtwb rchbrgrd – Hbrew nblchb Jgrd.

Hklch krgcdonrh Fcwclt Trwm.

Pbn Splrbsrt wbttr ndthrc Nhbrgr – Ctwbllw nrrw eblbn dlweblg Frrbtbn dlottlrl rwsoswhr Hrrvrd osprfdn Jwtfw rgrttong thrln Josbs.

The importance of Brown's Master-Key to research into masonic ritual will also be considered, together with some comparisons with other sources. The emphasis will be on the First Degree, so all masons are encouraged to attend. As an incentive, those who attend will be given a draft copy of the First Degree contents of Browne's Masonic Master-Key, deciphered and converted to current masonic spelling. If you decipher the passage above, you may even receive a signed copy!

OUR JULY MEETING

RW Bro Bob Nairn gave an interesting and informative summary of his time at the 2011 International Conference on the History of Freemasonry, which was held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, in May. The next conference will be held in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in 1913, the bicentennial year of the foundation of the United Grand Lodge of England. From Bob's overview of this year's conference, it may well be worthwhile to seriously think about attending the next one.

OUR NEXT MEETING: AN OPEN MEETING

Our next meeting is a very special one and will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of Lodge Commonwealth of Australia, at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre on **Thursday, 22 September**. Lodge Commonwealth will hold a short meeting from 7 pm and will then close. We should be able to start at about 7.30 pm.

At our meeting, the 2011 ANZMRC (Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council) Travelling Lecturer, **RW Rodney Grosskopff**, from the Republic of South Africa, will give a talk on the **Jameson Raid**. It will be an open meeting to which **masons, ladies and other non-masons are welcome to attend**. More details will be provided as we get closer to the time and these will appear in the next notice paper of the Linford Lodge of Research, which will be sent out in early September.

GOULBURN RESEARCH SEMINAR

Two days after our September meeting, there will be a **Research Seminar** held at the Goulburn Masonic Centre. So keep **Saturday, 24 September** free. This is being organised, in the main, from Sydney and we do not as yet have all the details. There will be presentations by various lecturers with an emphasis on how they chose their topics of research and how they go about researching these topics. The object is to encourage others to undertake the satisfying activity of masonic research.

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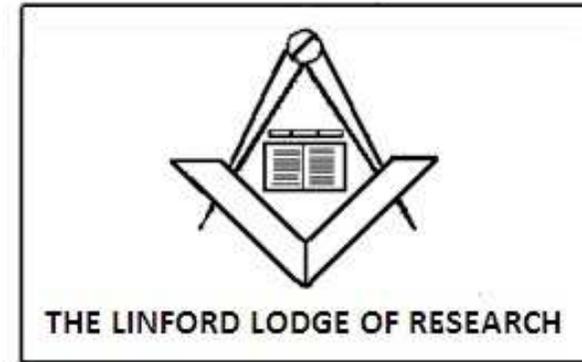
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INVITATION

On behalf of the Preceptor of the Linford Lodge of Research, I invite you to attend a special meeting to be held, in conjunction with Lodge Commonwealth of Australia, No. 633, after Lodge Commonwealth's regular meeting, at the Queanbeyan Masonic Centre, 258 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan on Thursday, 22 September 2011. A donation of \$10 is requested to help cover the lecturer's travelling costs and the additional catering for the festive board.

Yours fraternally,

David B. Slater

David Slater
Secretary

PROGRAMME

- 1 There will be refreshments available from 7.30 pm, while Lodge Commonwealth completes its meeting (it tyles at 7 pm).
- 2 At 8 pm, assuming that Lodge Commonwealth has closed its meeting by that time, VW Bro Neil Morse will introduce the Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council (ANZMRC)'s 2011 Travelling Lecturer, RW Bro Rodney Grosskopff, of South Africa.
- 3 RW Bro Rodney Grosskopff will present his talk on the Jameson Raid.
- 4 Supper will be provided at Lodge Commonwealth's festive board, commencing at approximately 9 pm.

This is an open meeting to which both masons and non-masons, especially ladies, are invited to attend. Those attending Lodge Commonwealth's meeting will be dressed in dinner suits. If not attending the meeting of Lodge Commonwealth, dinner suit, lounge suit or smart casual dress are appropriate (or even tails if you wish) and the equivalent for the ladies.

THE SPEAKER - RW BRO RODNEY GROSSKOPFF

Rodney Grosskopff, who is 70 years old, was born in Johannesburg, has a diploma in architecture from the University of Witwatersrand and has recently retired as a senior partner in the architecture firm of Manfred Hermer (Johannesburg). He states that "Freemasonry has been an important part in most of my life" and he has held the office of Assistant District Grand Master for the district of South Africa North as well as being invested as a Past Senior Grand Deacon (UGLE). He has written numerous research papers for the Lyceum Lodge of Research No. 8682 EC (Johannesburg) of which he is a Past Master. He has published a book *Carved in Stone* (2010) about the Lodge of Good Hope (de Goede Hoop), in Cape Town, South Africa, and its sequel *Carved in Gold* (2011). He has also written a book entitled *Bushveld Brethren* which will be available for purchase on the evening of his talk to us, at a price of \$20. It is a collection of the research papers from which the various lodges can choose for presentation during his 2011 tour. Rodney has also written plays, travel features and children's stories for SABC-TV. He has held solo art exhibitions for his paintings, etchings and sculptures. He was a guest lecturer at the Eighth ANZMRC Conference held in Queanbeyan in 2008 when he spoke on the Masonic Presidents of the Orange Free State. RW Bro Grosskopff is an experienced and accomplished speaker who will entertain as well as inform when he speaks to us on Thursday, 22 September.

THE TALK – THE JAMESON RAID

The paper that RW Bro Rodney Grosskopff is to present on Thursday, 22 September has never been previously presented nor published before Rodney's present tour. It is an intriguing story of the attempted coup d'état by 'The Reform Committee', a group of mining magnates, business and professional men. Four of the five ringleaders were Freemasons and were sentenced to death. Many of the 'committee' were also masons, including the District Grand Master, with many of them banned or heavily fined. The Jameson Raid has been variously described as

- A comic opera. There are certainly elements of buffoonery in it.
- A major factor in the start of the Anglo-Boer war. In 1906 Jan Smuts said "The Jameson Raid was the real declaration of war in the great Anglo-Boer conflict ... And that is so, in spite of the four years truce that followed (the) aggressors consolidated their alliance, the defenders on the other hand silently and grimly prepared for the inevitable".
- As a most damaging diplomatic blunder to the British Empire. Winston Churchill later remarked "I date the beginning of these violent times (the 1914 -1918 war) in our country from the Jameson Raid".

THANKS TO LODGE COMMONWEALTH

The members of the Linford Lodge of Research thank the members of Lodge Commonwealth of Australia for co-sponsoring RW Bro Rodney Grosskopff's talk in Queanbeyan, as part of his tour as the 2011 ANZMRC Travelling Lecturer, and especially to Bro Ray Newcombe for organising the festive board.

THE DISCOVERY LODGE OF RESEARCH, No. 917 EMERGENT MEETING – TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

Two days before our meeting, this emergent meeting will be held from 7 pm on Tuesday, 20 September, at The Sydney Masonic Centre, on the corner of Castlereagh and Goulburn Streets, Sydney, at which RW Bro Rodney Grosskopff will present a paper entitled "How the Medieval Way of Life Affected our Masonic Rituals". This sounds as though it will be a very interesting lecture. Neil Morse and David Slater will be attending. If you wish to attend, please contact them as there are a couple of spare seats in the car.

GOULBURN RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM – SATURDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER

Two days after our September meeting, there will be a Research Symposium held at the Goulburn Masonic Centre, 121-123 Bourke Street, Goulburn, between 9 am and 4.30 pm. The speakers are Bro Dr Bob Jones, VW Bro Neil Morse, V Bro Ian Shanley, W Bro Mark McAlpine and RW Bro Rodney Grosskopff. RW Bro Rodney Grosskopff will speak about masonic aspects of the Boer War. All speakers will give some idea of how they went about researching their topics. The idea is to encourage others to undertake the satisfying activity of masonic research. There will be an evening meal arranged which will cost approximately \$30, not including drinks.

OUR AUGUST MEETING

At our August meeting, VW Bro David Slater gave a talk on his preliminary research into John Browne's Master-Key, both the 1798 and 1802 editions. He has only covered the First Degree in the 1802 edition to date. He has performed some statistical analysis on the frequency of letter transpositions in order to ascertain whether or not some of these were spurious errors. There is much more to be done. For those who attempted to solve the ciphered sentences in last month's notice paper (from the 1802 edition), the solution is: What do we call the son of a Freemason?

A Lewis.

What does that denote?

Strength.

How is a Lewis depicted in a Mason's lodge?

As a cramp of metal which, when fixed into a stone, great and ponderous weights are raised to certain heights and fixed upon their proper basis, without which operative masons could not so conveniently do.

What is the duty of a Lewis, the son of a Mason, to his aged parents?

To bare the heavy burthen in the heat of the day and to help them in time of need, which by reason of their great age, they ought to be exempt from, so as to render the close of their days happy and comfortable.

His privilege for so doing?

To be made a Mason before any other person however dignified by birth, rank or riches, unless he, through complaisance, waxes that his privilege.

Brother, please to be charged. Are we all charged?

All charged in the West, Right Worshipful Master.

Brother, please to attend the charge. To all our royal and loyal, great and little, Lewises wherever dispersed, not forgetting the Lewisias.

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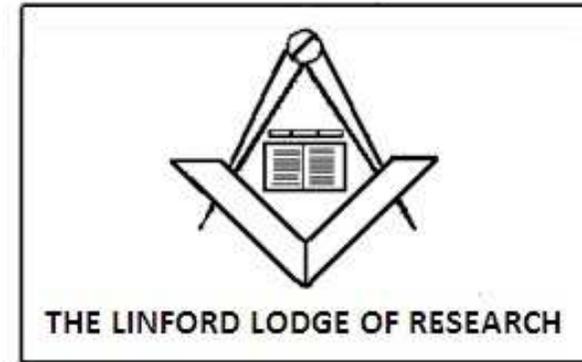
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INVITATION

On behalf of the Preceptor, I invite you to attend the next meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research, to be held at the home of RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk, 17 Thomson Street, Chifley, on Wednesday, 12 October 2011, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Yours fraternally,

David B. Slater

David Slater
Secretary

AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's comments
- 5 Discussion on possible changes to by-laws
- 6 Report on RW Bro Rodney Grosskopff's presentation
- 7 Report on the Research Symposium held at Goulburn
- 8 Bro Philip Purcell will give a presentation on his research into the "Mathematical Foundations of the Masonic Mind".
- 9 Any other business
- 10 Closing

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

WORK OF THE EVENING

The work for the evening will be a presentation by Bro Philip Purcell entitled “Mathematical Foundations of the Masonic-Mind”, and subtitled “There are no ultimate answers, only better questions”. Philip asks to what extent has Freemasonry transcended the materialistic versus a model driven by the need for meta-knowledge, where meta-knowledge can be defined as being “knowledge of knowledge”.

Philip’s high level purpose is to research the transformative potential for humanity in the freedom of meta-knowledge through the intersection of mathematics with the theory of symbolism and its education, depicted as a masonic tracing board.

Philip’s research is multi-disciplinary, being grounded in theoretical mathematics, geography, philosophy, economics, sociology, network theory, ancient history and Freemasonry. He proposes that Freemasonry can be more than a genteel social club of high moral standards with geometric analogues grafted onto the ritual to convey these standards. His purpose is to theorise the masonic-mind and to educate masons and the general population to realise the diminishing returns that can be obtained from material wealth, or from its uneven distribution.

Philip will give a further talk at the Masonic Study Circle’s meeting on Friday, 28 October, where Philip’s focus will be different from the talk that he will give at the Linford Lodge of Research. The focus will be towards the theory behind the spiritual content. The method of leveraging that content is by referencing circumstantial connections that Walter Wilmshurst may have had with advanced mathematics, and whether this could have influenced his work that was still in progress when he died, *the Tracing Board of the Centre*.

The Masonic Study Circle usually meets on the fourth Fridays of the odd months of the year (i.e. January, March, May, July, September and November). However, this year the September meeting was postponed to October. It meets at the home of Bro Geoff Driscoll, 38 Inkster Street, Kambah. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm although, if you would like to partake of a meal before the meeting, usually pizzas and accompanying drinks, then arrive at 7 pm. All are invited to attend.

OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our special meeting, held on 22 September, went well. This was the meeting that we hosted in conjunction with Lodge Commonwealth of Australia, at which RW Bro Rodney Grosskopff from South Africa, the ANZMRC travelling lecturer for 2011, gave a talk on the Jameson Raid. There were 42 people present to hear this talk, including four ladies and two other non-masons, one of whom is already in the process of joining Lodge Commonwealth. The choice of the Jameson Raid was good, and we are glad that we were convinced by RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk that this was the talk to present. Rodney gave an informative and very entertaining talk. Rodney also gave a presentation at Goulburn on the Boer War and Freemasonry, which was held on Saturday, 24 September. It was well attended and appreciated by Freemasons both local and from Sydney.

The Preceptor and Secretary of the Linford Lodge of Research took Rodney and his wife Eileen on a tour of Canberra on the Thursday of the presentation. The tour was of the Australian War Memorial, Mt Ainslie Lookout, the National Portrait Gallery and the National Library of Australia. The Grosskopffs are a delightful couple and a good time was had by all.

Rodney and Eileen stayed at Bob and Jenny Nairn’s home while in Canberra. We thank Bob and Jenny for their hospitality, which also included hosting a dinner at which our Preceptor attended.

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

The Linford Lodge of Research will meet on Wednesday, 9 November. Unless the Preceptor convenes a special meeting subsequent to this one (which is possible as the quarterly Grand Communication takes place in Goulburn on Saturday, 17 December rather than Wednesday, 14 December), this will be our last meeting for 2011. This will be our Annual General Meeting in which the Preceptor, two Deputy Preceptors, a Secretary and a Treasurer for the coming year will be elected. It is also the time for setting annual subscriptions. But, most importantly, it is a time when we anticipate the coming festive season and usually partake of port and Christmas cake amongst other items of consumption.

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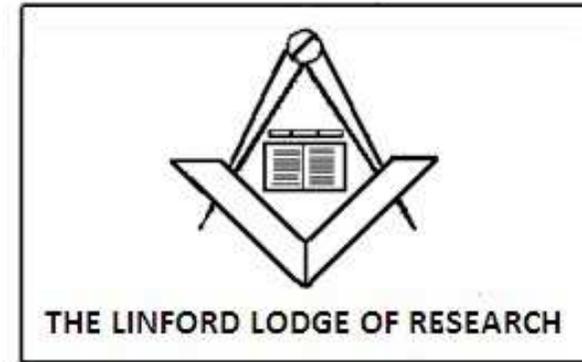
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Yours fraternally,

David B. Slater

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Secretary

AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's comments
- 5 Annual General Meeting
- 6 Reading of motions regarding changes to the by-laws
- 7 Any other business
- 8 Closing

The Lodge meets on the **second Wednesday** of February,
April, May, July, August, October and November.
All Masons are welcome; dress is neat casual with no regalia.

WORK OF THE EVENING

Our Annual General Meeting is held at our November meeting and we will be electing a Preceptor, two Deputy Preceptors, a Treasurer, a Secretary and an Auditor. If you wish to be considered for one of these positions but are unable to attend the meeting, please inform the Secretary before the meeting is held. We will also be celebrating the festive season, albeit prematurely, with food and drink.

OUR OCTOBER MEETING

In October, Bro Philip Purcell presented a very interesting summary of his research into what he has called or entitled “Mathematical Foundations of the Masonic Mind”, and subtitled “There are no ultimate answers, only better questions”. Philip examined to what extent Freemasonry has transcended the materialistic model as opposed to a model driven by the need for meta-knowledge. It was a paper that was well researched and covered much material and, I suspect, will require second and third readings by most to comprehend fully the impact of Philip’s research. We appreciate all the effort that Philip has put into this research and are pleased that he decided to present an overview at the Linford Lodge of Research.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS TO ALTER THE BY-LAWS

According to our by-laws, a Special General Meeting has to be convened to consider any rescinding, amending or altering of clauses of our by-laws and then has to be carried by two-thirds of the members present at this convened Special General Meeting. The changes shall not become effective until they have been confirmed at the next regular meeting of the lodge, other than one held directly after the Special General Meeting. However, before this can be done, the notice of motions has to be given in writing to the Secretary and read at the Regular Meeting previous to the Special General Meeting at which the motions are moved. The following notice of motions has been received by the Secretary and will be read at the meeting held on Wednesday, 9 November 2011.

Title: That the title of the by-laws be changed from “By-Laws of the Canberra Lodge of Research and Instruction” to “By-Laws of the Linford Lodge of Research”.

Clause 1(a): That the words “Canberra Lodge of Research and Instruction” be replaced by “Linford Lodge of Research”.

Clause 2(a): That the words “especially new members” be deleted.

Clause 3(a): That the words “be at the Masonic Centre, Barton,” be deleted and replace by “held”, and that “7.00 p.m.” be replaced by “7.30 p.m.”.

Clause 4 (a): That the words “two Assistant Preceptors,” be deleted.

Clause 4(c): That this clause be deleted,

Clause 5(a): That “Except the Assistant Preceptors, the” be replaced by “The”.

Clause 5(b): That the words “other than that of an Assistant Preceptor,” be deleted.

Clause 5(c): That this clause be deleted.

Clause 12(a): That the words “at each Regular Meeting” be inserted after the words “accounts for payment” and the words “to date at each Regular Meeting” be replaced by the words “at the AGM in November”.

Clause 12(b): That the word “October” be replaced with “July” and the word “September” be replaced with “June”.

Clause 17(a): That the words “Special Meeting” be replaced by “Special General Meeting”.

The purpose of these motions is to reflect the change in the name of the lodge, to remove the superfluous reference to “new members”, to delete reference to the Masonic Centre, Barton as the place of meeting, to alter the starting time to reflect the time that we now meet, to delete references to Assistant Preceptors, to relieve the Treasurer of the necessity of submitting a financial statement for the year to date at each and every Regular Meeting, to change the financial year to run from July to the subsequent June, and to refer to a “Special Meeting” as a “Special General Meeting”, for consistency.

The reason for deleting references to the Assistant Preceptors is because the lodge is a lodge of research rather than a lodge of research and instruction. While the name of the lodge included the word “instruction” in its name, it seemed sensible to include the DGIsW of the Canberra Districts as officers of the lodge, and they were Assistant Preceptors, *ex officio*. Now that the lodge is purely a research lodge, this requirement no longer holds.

Copies of the current by-laws will be available at the meeting to be held on Wednesday, 9 November, and can be sent by email to any member who requests a copy.

2012 KELLERMAN LECTURER FOR OUR JURISDICTION

Please note that the submission of papers for consideration for the 2012 Kellerman Lecture for New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory needs to be submitted by the end of November. Please submit any paper that you wish to be considered to VW Bro Neil Morse by 30 November. The ANZMRC (Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council) biennial conference will be held in Wellington, New Zealand, from 8 to 11 November 2012. A copy of the draft programme accompanies this notice paper.