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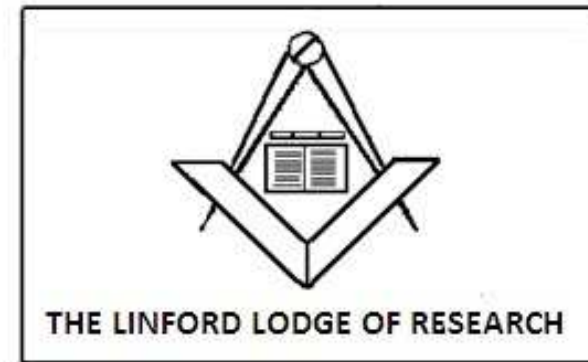
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## INVITATION

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, 8 February 2012, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Yours fraternally,

*David B. Slater*

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## AGENDA

- 1 Special General Meeting to consider changes to the by-laws
- 2 Opening of Regular meeting for February 2012
- 3 Apologies
- 4 Secretary's comments
- 5 Voting on motions foreshadowed at AGM
- 6 Presentation by VW Bro David Slater on deciphering William Finch's "A Masonic Treatise with an Elucidation on the Religious and Moral Beauties of Freemasonry"
- 7 Any other business
- 8 Closing

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## WORK FOR THE EVENING – FINCH'S TREATISE

Sorry for the delay in sending out this notice paper. There was some difficulty determining the work for the evening. Indeed our Preceptor, VW Bro Neil Morse, was to give a presentation on the Ancient Charges, covering what are they, from where they come, and their relevance or otherwise today. He will now present this at the next meeting, on Wednesday, 11 April. Neil has provided a couple of online references for those who may wish to undertake some preliminary research, viz.

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As Neil is unable to attend this month's meeting, VW Bro David Slater will present a summary of his adventures to date in deciphering William Finch's "A Masonic Treatise with an Elucidation on the Religious and Moral Beauties of Freemasonry", printed in 1802. This goes well with David's presentation on John Browne's "Master-Key" in August last year, and some comparisons will be made.

## OUR AGM IN NOVEMBER 2011

A good time was had by all who attended our AGM, especially with the provision of food and drink of a festive nature. The motions that will be voted on at our February meeting were presented and foreshadowed and, of course, reports were given and elections took place. We have the same office bearers for 2012 as we had for 2011 and RW Bro Bob Nairn was elected Auditor.

## MOTIONS TO ALTER THE BY-LAWS

A Special General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8 February 2012, starting at 7.30 pm. This is to consider the motions proposed to change a number of clauses in our by-laws. These were presented at the AGM held in November 2011 and, if they are passed at this Special General Meeting, they will not take effect until they are confirmed at the April regular meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research.

The proposed changes are:

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".

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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.

Copies of the current by-laws will be available at the Special General Meeting and can be sent to you as an email attachment, should you so desire. Just email the Secretary and he will send a copy to you.

## VW BRO GRAEME CAMPBELL LOVE

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of VW Bro Graeme Love, a Past Master of the Victorian Lodge of Research No. 218, in which lodge he presented many papers and for many years was the Secretary of the Correspondence Circle of that lodge, in which capacity he produced many educational articles and snippets of masonic information which were always interesting and elucidating.

Graeme was a Kellerman Lecturer and was co-author, with our own Preceptor VW Bro Neil Morse, of the article entitled "The Re-formed Triad League" which was published in *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, Volume 116, 2003. That is no mean feat. Graeme's contribution to masonic research, his willingness to share this knowledge, his friendly demeanour and, of course, his being a great bloke all contribute to the fact that he is and will be greatly missed.

## 2012 ANZMRC BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The 2012 Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council's Biennial Conference will be held in Wellington, New Zealand, from Thursday 15 November to Sunday 18 November this year. A programme, a request for registrations and some accommodation details accompany this notice paper. The 2012 Kellerman Lecturer for our jurisdiction is Bro Philip Purcell, a well-known local Freemason, whose presentation is entitled "Statistical Foundations of the Masonic Mind: A General Theory". That, in itself, should be an incentive enough to register for the conference.

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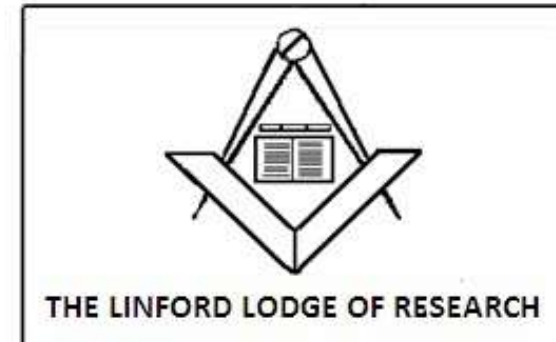
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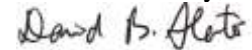
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- 5 Preceptor's comments
- 6 Secretary's comments
- 7 Presentation by VW Neil Morse on the Ancient Chgarges
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- 9 Closing

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## OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

A small number of members, namely four, attended our February meeting. David Slater presented a summary of the methods used by William Finch in his ciphering of his 1802 edition of his Masonic Treatise. This engendered quite a deal of discussion, not all on topic.

## MOTIONS TO ALTER THE BY-LAWS

Unfortunately, not enough attended our February meeting to consider the motions proposed to change our by-laws. So, a Special General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 11 April, starting at 7.30 pm. This is to consider the motions that were presented at the AGM held in November 2011 and, if they are passed at this Special General Meeting, they will not take effect until they are confirmed at the May regular meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research.

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The reasons of these motions were listed in the February notice paper. Copies of the current by-laws will be available at the Special General Meeting and can be sent to you as an email attachment, should you so desire. Just email the Secretary and he will send a copy to you.

## RW BRO RODNEY GRODDKOPFF'S BOOKS

The ordered copies of Rodney Grosskopff's book *Bushveld Brethren*, have arrived. These will be brought to the April meeting and, for those who have ordered them and not able to attend the meeting, we will contact you. There are some copies left over for those who did not order one. The price is \$20

Rodney has two other books, viz. *Carved in Stone* and *Raised on Gold*. The former is a series of profiles on some of the famous characters who helped develop and mould the history and culture of South Africa and who were members of Lodge De Goede Hoop. The latter tells the story of the development of the diamond fields in Kimberley and the gold fields in Johannesburg, as well as events leading up to the Anglo Boer war and the part played by Freemasons in that saga. It is told through the life of Solomon Hershfield, a Jewish immigrant from Lithuania and a Freemason. Copies of these books will be available at the April meeting for perusal. If interested in purchasing copies for yourself, you are encouraged to contact Rodney directly via [rgross@vodamail.co.za](mailto:rgross@vodamail.co.za).

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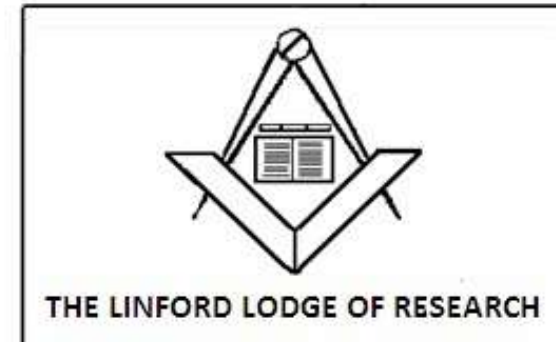
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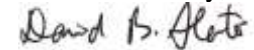
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## AGENDA

- 1 Opening of Regular meeting for May 2012
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's comments
- 5 Ratification of motions regarding by-laws passed in April.
- 6 Questions and answers, both on notice and without notice
- 7 Any other business
- 8 Closing

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## WORK FOR THE EVENING

At our April meeting, some great questions were asked by Bro Jade Saunders, an EAF of Lodge Commonwealth of Australia. So impressed were the Preceptor and Secretary that they decided to have a Question and Answer session for the May meeting. Both visitors and members of the Linford Lodge are encouraged to submit question on notice, especially those relatively new to the Craft. We will also accept questions without notice on the night, but there will be no guarantee that these can be answered at once; some research may be necessary. After all, we are a research lodge.

Questions already received are:

How did the change from Operative to Speculative Masonry occur and what privileges, if any, did Operative Masons have? How do these compare with the privileges of Speculative Masons?

As religious beliefs decrease, will this affect the number of people joining Freemasonry? Is Freemasonry at risk of extinction?

What charitable work do Freemasons do? Are they happy with their level of involvement in the community?

What happened to masonic balls? Is there any comparable annual event at present?

Were Masons involved in the rebuilding of Monte Cristo in June?

Do Freemasons still lay cornerstones in buildings?

What is happening at Mawson? How can we be involved in the fit out of the new lodge room?

If you have any questions of a masonic nature that you would like answered, please send these to the Secretary.

## OUR APRIL MEETING

At our April meeting our Preceptor, VW Bro Neil Morse, gave a very well researched and interesting talk on the Ancient Charges, including what they are, from whence they came and their relevance today.

Many research lodges produce transactions which include summaries of papers presented at their meetings; some on a month to month basis, others annually covering all papers given in the preceding year. The Linford Lodge does not do this at present. The quality of Neil's paper and some other papers that have been presented at our lodge should be recorded for posterity. This is something that should be discussed; perhaps presenters of papers can write them up so that they can be used as both educational tools and for encouragement for further research.

## CONFIRMATION OF CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

At our April special general meeting, the motions regarding the changes to our by-laws were all approved. Before they come into effect, they need to be confirmed at the next meeting of the lodge, which is our May meeting. The motions approved are:

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## "BUSHVELD BRETHREN"

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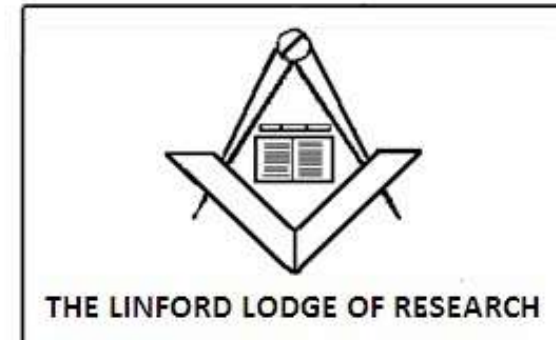
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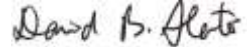
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## AGENDA

- 1 Opening of Regular meeting for July 2012
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Preceptor's comments
- 4 Secretary's comments
- 5 A rundown on the start of Sydney Lodge of Research as part of his preparation for writing its "centenary history", by VW Bro Neil Morse
- 6 Any other business
- 7 Closing

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## **WORK FOR THE EVENING**

VW Bro Neil Morse is in the process of researching the history of the Sydney Lodge of Research, a lodge which existed between 1914 and 1956. His research is in preparation of the centenary of the formation of this Sydney Lodge of Research. Neil's talk will cover the history of the lodge and the resources to which he has had access. The Sydney Lodge of Research can be seen as the forerunner of the Research Lodge of NSW and the Discovery Lodge of Research. Those of you who have heard Neil speak before will know the thoroughness of Neil's researches and the enjoyment of attending to such well-prepared presentations and will no doubt try to be present at our July meeting. Those who have not are encouraged to attend for what should be an interesting evening.

## **OUR MAY MEETING**

At our May meeting, we ratified the changes to our by-laws that had been previously passed. Your Secretary will bring a number of copies of the updated by-laws to the July meeting for distribution among those who would like a copy.

Also at the May meeting, as promised, those present answered a number of questions posed by Bro Jade Saunders, who was then an EAF, but who became a FCF last month. It was a very worthwhile exercise with both new Masons and longer established Masons enjoying answering as well as listening to a number of questions asked. We could well conduct a similar Q & A session sometime in the future. If so, we hope that the success of our May meeting will result in more relatively new Masons, as well as Masons of longer standing, sharing with us questions that they may have regarding Freemasonry.

## **THE DISCOVERY LODGE OF RESEARCH'S JULY MEETING**

On Thursday, 5 July, the Discovery Lodge of Research will be holding its meeting at the Sydney Masonic Centre in Castlereagh Street, tiling at 7.30 pm. Your Preceptor, who is also the Secretary of the Discovery Lodge of Research, VW Bro Neil Morse, and your Secretary, VW Bro David Slater, will both be attending this meeting of the Discovery Lodge. There are a few spare seats in their cars. If you would like to attend, please contact them. Their contact details appear on the last page of this notice paper.

The main work for the evening is a paper to be given by Bro Bob James entitled "Freemasonry as a Crime Scene". Bob will be looking at the kind of research we Masons undertake. He sees us as not always taking context into consideration. He presents two methods of preparation and response, which he names the Moses and Socrates methods. He prefers the latter but feels that Masons often undertake the former.

There will also be a talk by RW Bro Andrew S Brown, whom the Grand Master has appointed as the first Governor of the proposed College of Masonic Studies. He will briefly address the Discovery Lodge on why the College will come into being, what it will be intending to achieve, how it plans to do this, and how he and the College Board see its rôle. RW Bro Andrew S Brown has indicated that he will be happy to take questions.

## **THE COLLEGE OF MASONIC STUDIES**

As background, the formation of the College of Masonic Studies was announced by the Grand Master at the June Quarterly Communication.

The Grand Master sees the College as a source of instruction and enlightenment for willing brethren. He states that it is a response to the many young men who have joined lodges in recent years and have displayed an interest in learning about the history, philosophy and symbolism of the Craft. The Grand Master sees the task of the College of Masonic Studies as fulfilling the needs resulting from the spirit of enquiry of these young men.

The College will have its own board, chaired by a Governor (the above mentioned RW Bro Andrew S Brown), which will be responsible to the Executive Council. The College Board will guide the general policies of the Executive Council and oversee the broad outlines of the curriculum. A Dean will also be appointed, viz. W Bro Andrew St J Brown (not to be confused with RW Bro Andrew S Brown, especially as W Bro Andrew St J Brown is soon to be promoted to representative rank). So that all members of our jurisdiction can benefit from the College, distant learning methods will be emphasised, although there may be some face-to-face programmes. The Board of the College will be authorised to award appropriate recognition to successful students and it will also be authorised to levy suitable student fees.



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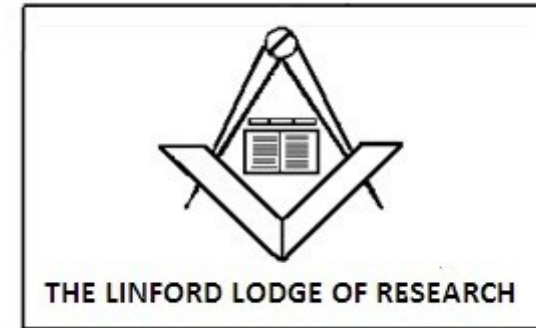
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2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
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5. Talk by VW Bro David Slater on his preliminary research into possible influences of Freemasonry on the Vietnamese Cao Đài religion
6. Any other business
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VW Bro David Slater will talk on possible masonic influences of Freemasonry on the Vietnamese Cao Đài religion.

As can be seen from the accompanying photograph that David took at Tây Ninh, there are some common motifs.

Caodaism was founded in the 1920s in Cochinchina (now southern Vietnam)

when it was a French colony. At this time there were two lodges in Sài Gòn owing allegiance to the Grand Orient de France and one to the Grande Loge de France. Are these common motifs significant or are they just coincidental?



## OUR JULY MEETING

At our July meeting our Preceptor, VW Bro Neil Morse, gave a talk on his researches into the history of the Sydney Lodge of Research, which was founded in 1914 and ceased its existence in 1956. Neil gave a summary of where he was at, regarding his research into this lodge, how and why it was formed and some of the reasons for its demise. The Sydney Lodge of Research is a predecessor to the Research Lodge of New South Wales and the Discovery Lodge of Research, and has a significant place in the history of masonic research in our jurisdiction. Neil intends to have his history of this lodge completed by the centenary of its formation, that is, in two years' time. Again, Neil showed us how research should be undertaken, where possible, by referring to primary sources, and we thank Neil for his interesting and informative talk.

### HUNTER REGION MASONIC RESEARCH SEMINAR

This Research Seminar will be held at the Wallsend Masonic Centre on Saturday, 20 October. It is a joint effort among Lodge St James Wallsend No. 45, the Newcastle Masonic Study Circle and the Discovery Lodge of Research No. 971. Its objectives are to help participants broaden their understanding of Freemasonry, to encourage participants to carry out masonic-related research and to share their research in discussion with others, to encourage first-time masonic speakers to make presentations on masonic subjects, and to enjoy our Masonry. For more information, contact RW Bro Bob Nairn, the WM of the Discovery Lodge of Research, or VW Bro Neil Morse, its Secretary. Potential authors are asked to provide a 200-300 word abstract of their papers to VW Bro Neil Morse, by Friday 31 August, and final papers and any visual presentations to Neil by Monday 15 October. Of special interest will be the talk by Newcastle University's Dr Tessa Morrison, the author of the book *Isaac Newton's Temple of Solomon and his Reconstruction of Sacred Architecture*. There was an exhibition presented at Sydney University, based on this research, late last year and the Secretary of the Linford Lodge of Research has a copy of this book for any who may be interested in reading it.

### THE ANZMRC CONFERENCE IN WELLINGTON, NZ

Do not forget to register for this conference, to be held from Thursday, 15 November to Sunday, 18 November. Details of this conference were sent out with the Linford Lodge of Research's April notice paper.

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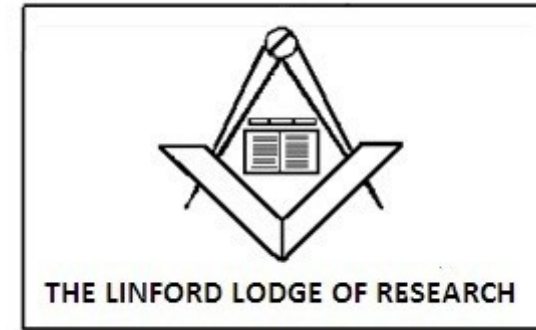
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## INVITATION

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, 10 October 2012, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Yours fraternally,

*David B. Slater*

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Secretary

## AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for October 2012
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Talk by VW Bro Neil Morse on the National Library of Australia's MSMS1097/44 - Cayers Maçonique, Tome 1.
6. Any other business
7. Closing

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### **WORK FOR THE EVENING**

VW Bro Neil Morse will give a presentation on the National Library of Australia's MS1097/44 - Cayers Maçonique, Tome 1 ("an illustrated 18th century French manuscript relating to Freemasonry"), part of the Clifford Collection.

This should be an interesting talk. Neil has spent a lot of time researching the Clifford Collection. His 2000 Kellerman Lecture was entitled "The Degrees of the Practical Masons". Before this, Neil gave a talk on the rituals contained in the Cayers Maçonique manuscript at on at the Victorian Lodge of Research on 28 June 1997. This was ground breaking research and we are indeed fortunate that Neil has decided to give this presentation to us this month.

Neil's paper will cover questions such as what this manuscript is, how it got to the NLA and why it is important. Do yourself a favour and attend this meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research.

### **OUR AUGUST MEETING**

At our August meeting, VW Bro David Slater gave an illustrated talk on possible connections between Freemasonry and the Vietnamese Cao Dai religion. There are some indications that the French Freemasonry present in French Indochina at the time of the genesis of Caodaism may have had some influence on this religion, but there is not as yet any solid evidence or, at least, David has not been able to find any. The proposition is intriguing and David intends to try to pursue this research more fully in the future.

### **HUNTER REGION MASONIC RESEARCH SEMINAR**

The Hunter Region Masonic Research Seminar, to which your attention was directed in the August notice paper, has been deferred as those in the Hunter region involved felt that they would like time to plan this seminar. When more details are received regarding this event, they will be included in our notice paper.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

Our AGM will be held at our November meeting and we will be electing a Preceptor, two Deputy Preceptors, a Treasurer, a Secretary and an Auditor. Please seriously consider whether you would like to become more involved in the Linford Lodge of Research by becoming one of its officers. Any member of the present committee would be happy to talk to you about this. In November, we traditionally celebrate, a little prematurely, the festive season with, inter alia, fruit cake and port. Please mark the date of Wednesday, 14 November in your diaries.

### **THE ANZMRC CONFERENCE IN WELLINGTON, NZ**

The 2012 ANZMRC (Australia and New Zealand Masonic Research Council) Conference is almost upon us. If you have not already registered to attend, I suggest that you do so as soon as possible. It will be held from Thursday 15 November to Sunday, 18 November. Details of this conference were sent out with the Linford Lodge of Research's April notice paper. These included a draft programme (including an accommodation suggestion), a registration form and the partner programme. These are also available on the conference website, <http://www.anzmrc.org/>, or you can ask the Secretary of the Linford Lodge of Research to resend copies of these to you. If you have misplaced those sent out in April

The list of Kellerman Lectures to be given are:

#### Afternoon of Thursday, 15 November

*The Origins of Speculative Freemasonry and Modern Academic Discipline*  
W Bro Hugh Montgomery (New Zealand, to be read by Gordon Fraser)

#### Morning of Friday, 16 November

*Statistical Foundations of the Masonic Mind*  
Bro Philip Purcell (New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory)

#### Afternoon of Friday, 16 November

*French Memphis Rite Goldfields Lodge - Ballarat 1853*  
W Bro Brendan Kyne (Victoria)

#### Morning of Saturday, 17 November

*On becoming a Grand Lodge - The Grand Lodge of New Zealand*  
RW Bro Ian Nathan PGW (New Zealand)

#### Morning of Saturday, 17 November (after morning tea)

*Freemasonry and Fundamentalism*  
VW Bro Alan Gale PGIW (Western Australia)

#### Morning of Sunday, 18 November

*Crafting your Masonic Vision*  
VW Bro Anthony Tabrett, Grand Librarian (Queensland)

Now, if that list of lectures does not encourage you to register for the eleventh ANZMRC biennial conference, then I am at a loss to know what would!

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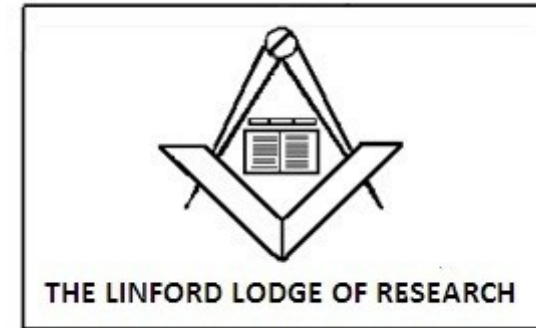
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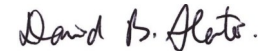
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## INVITATION

On behalf of the Preceptor, I invite you to attend the **Annual General Meeting** of the Linford Lodge of Research, to be held at the home of RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk, 17 Thomson Street, Chifley, on **Friday, 7 December 2012**, commencing at 7.30 pm. Please note the **change of date**, due to a number of members attending the ANZMRC Conference in Wellington, New Zealand.

Yours fraternally,



David Slater  
Secretary

## AGENDA

1. Opening of Annual General Meeting 2012
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Presentation of annual statement of accounts
6. Election of Officers for 2012-2013
7. Any other business
8. Closing

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

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### WORK FOR THE EVENING

This next meeting being our Annual General Meeting, there are no scheduled research presentations. The business of the meeting will be to have the audited annual statement of accounts presented by the Treasurer and the conducting of the election of officers for the 2012-2013 year. However, there should be some expectation that those who attended the ANZMRC 2012 Conference meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, will be willing to share their conference experiences at this meeting.

Usually, after the formal proceedings of our AGMs have been completed, we celebrate the end of the year with fruit cake and port, inter alia. There is no reason why the same will not occur this year, particularly as the deferment of the AGM brings us closer to the festive season. Any contributions of food and drink would be appreciated.

### OUR OCTOBER MEETING

At our October meeting, VW Bro Neil Morse gave a presentation on the National Library of Australia's (NLA) MS1097/44 - Cayers Maçonique, Tome 1, "an illustrated 18th century French manuscript relating to Freemasonry". He related how, in 1991, W Bro Ian Main came across this work whilst chasing up some aspects of his family history in the NLA's Clifford Collection, a collection of many books, primarily relating to the lives and works of the Clifford family of Chudleigh in Devon, England. I mentioned that Neil had made reference to Ian to Ian's widow, Jean, at the recent funeral of W Bro Colin Norris. She was delighted and well remembered the circumstances relating to Ian's discovery of the Cayers Maçonique.

In 1993 RW Bro Bob Linford, after whom our lodge is named, passed on to Neil the first three degrees contained in the Cayers Maçonique, with the suggestion that Neil may wish to translate them from French to English and conduct some research concerning them. Neil undertook the former task, with the help of a French-English dictionary and various rituals of the period. The latter task resulted in his ascertaining that the NLA volume is the first in a set of six volumes, the other five now being housed in the Kloss collection at the Library of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands in the Hague. It is not known how the first volume became part of the Clifford Collection. It would appear that these volumes were written in the latter half of the 18th century, more specifically between 1782 and 1789.

Neil found out the value of the volume belonging to the NLA when an offer of purchase was made by the owners of the other five volumes. Neil's reply was that the first volume belonged to the people of Australia and that he was not able to sell it, even if he wished to do so.

Neil then described the various rituals contained in the Cayers Maçonique collection. For information on these rituals, I refer you to two papers previously presented by Neil. On 28 June 1997, Neil presented a paper at the Victorian Lodge of Research, No. 218. The title of his paper is *The First Three Degrees of the French ("Clifford") Rituals*. This paper appears in the 1997 transactions of that lodge, entitled *Examining Freemasonry*. An abridged version can be found at <http://www.lodgeofresearch.com/cliffordRituals.html>. Neil's Kellerman Lecture, delivered at the 5th Biennial ANZMRC Conference held in Brisbane in August 2000, is entitled *The Degrees of the Practical Mason*. In this paper Neil introduces a series of two rituals, viz. *Grade d'app Maçon de pratique* and *Grade de Comp Maçon de pratique*. For a copy of this paper, see <http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/degrees-masons.html>. Both papers are well worth reading.

### LET US ALL UNDERTAKE SOME RESEARCH

Our meeting in December will be the last for 2012. We meet again on Wednesday, 13 February 2013. We have six meetings in 2013, not including the AGM. That gives you six opportunities to enlighten us with your research. It does not have to be a fully completed project. We are happy to have works in progress presented to us. If you are not at present involved in any research, then I suggest that you seriously consider undertaking some. Other members of the Linford Lodge of Research, especially committee members, are willing to assist you in any research endeavour. If you are not yet a member of our lodge, you are welcome to join or to attend meetings as a visitor. So, until next year, enjoy the break and good luck in your research endeavours !!

