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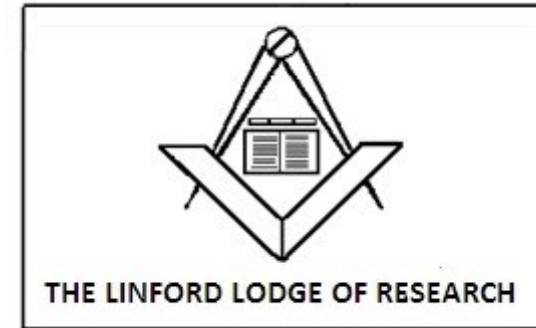
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INVITATION

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 Bob Nairn, **13 Tanumbirini Street, Hawker**, on Wednesday, 13 February 2013, commencing at 7.30 pm. Please note change of venue.

Yours fraternally,

David B. Slater

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Secretary

AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for February 2013
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Future meetings
6. ANZMRC Travelling Lecturer for 2013
7. Talk by VW Bro Neil Morse entitled "1813 – What happened? Why is it important?"
8. Any other business
9. Closing

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PAPER FOR THE EVENING

VW Bro Neil Morse will be speaking on the topic “1813 – What happened? Why is it important?” I suspect that most of you can guess what Neil’s talk will be about but, in case you cannot, I do not wish to detract from any surprise element that Neil may intend this paper to have. However, I do think that those who intend to attend this talk should be given some clues so, with this in mind, just to whet your appetite, the words and illustration below may be of assistance. In either case, whether or not you have some idea as to what the title of Neil’s talk refers, you are in for an entertaining and informative evening should you choose to join us on Wednesday, 13 February.

Antients

Moderns

Saint John the Evangelist's New Year



OUR DECEMBER AGM

In December, we had our postponed Annual General Meeting. The outgoing officers were re-elected, those not in attendance provisionally, until their acceptances were received. The Secretary has been remiss in not following up on this matter. Hopefully, the Brethren involved will be at our February meeting at which they will be able to accept or reject the offices to which they were provisionally re-elected. If not present, the Secretary promises to follow up on this matter soon after the meeting. Until then, the back page of this notice paper lists the Officers of the Linford Lodge of Research.

Reports were given on the ANZMRC Biennial Conference by those present. The minutes of the Biennial General Meeting have subsequently been sent out and a copy will be brought to our February meeting. Time permitting, I suspect that there will be some discussion of these minutes.

We conducted the usual annual pre-festive season celebrations, as foreshadowed in the December 2012 notice paper.

ANZMRC TRAVELLING LECTURER 2013

During August to October this year, the ANZMRC Travelling Lecturer, Bro Trevor Stewart, RWM of Sir Robert Moray Lodge No. 1641 (Edinburgh), PM of Lodge Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 (London) and Prestonian Lecturer 2007, will be touring Australia and New Zealand. Bro Trevor Stewart has given us thirteen papers from which we can choose. These are:

1. The Curious Case of Bro Gustav Petrie
2. Robert Burns: Bard, Mason and National Treasure
3. Enlightenment in the Alps:
Shelley's forgotten 'Rosicrucian' novel *St Irvyne* (1811)
4. Polymnia and the Craft
5. Gentlemen Entrants in the 17th Century
6. The Revd. Dr John Theophilus Desaguliers's Visit to Edinburgh
7. The Edinburgh Register House MS (1696)
8. Scottish Masonic Processions
9. The HRDM – a curious Masonic phenomenon
10. Plato Reconsidered
11. Masonic Symbols
12. Those two pillars again!
13. Martinez de Pasqually

Accompanying this notice paper are a short biography of Bro Trevor Stewart and synopses of the thirteen papers. If we invite W Bro Trevor Stewart to give a lecture in Canberra, which we have done for past ANZMRC Travelling Lecturers, we will have to select one of these papers. Preliminary discussions will take place at our February meeting.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY 2013

This conference is to be held in Edinburgh from 24 to 26 May 2013. We congratulate VW Bro Neil Morse who is scheduled to give a paper on the first day of the conference entitled “The Mason on the Fifty Dollar Note: Co-Masonry in Twentieth Century Australia”. With David Unaipon not having been a Mason, as far as I know, I suspect that Neil’s talk will be on Dame Edith Dircksey Cowan.

For a short time we had two members of our lodge giving papers at this conference. VW Bro David Slater, approximately three weeks after having been informed that his paper was approved, was sent an email informing him that the acceptance had been sent in error. Unfortunately, David had booked his flights to the UK on the basis his paper having been accepted. Marguerite and he will now be travelling through Ireland at the time of the conference.

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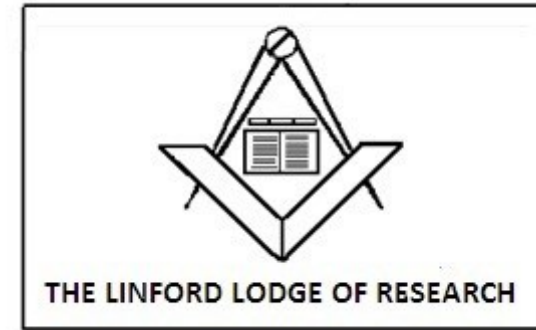
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Yours fraternally,

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AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for April 2013
2. Apologies
3. Secretary's comments
4. Future meetings
5. ANZMRC Travelling Lecturer for 2013
6. Discussion of the report "The Future of Freemasonry" produced by the Social Issues Research Centre (Oxford, UK)
8. Any other business
9. Closing

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WORK FOR THE EVENING

The work for the evening is a discussion of “The Future of Freemasonry”, a report by the Social Issues Research Centre, which is, to quote its own website (<http://sirc.org/>), an independent, not-for-profit organisation based in Oxford, UK, which conducts research on a wide range of social topics and combines robust qualitative and quantitative methods with innovative analysis and thinking, and also conducts continuous monitoring of social and cultural trends.

The report has received a positive review from the United Grand Lodge of England. To quote from its website (<http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/ugle-sgc/ugle/item/511-future-of-freemasonry-study-is-published>):

“The Future of Freemasonry” report is the first ever independent study conducted by a non-Masonic body, and was commissioned as part of the build-up to the United Grand Lodge of England’s tercentenary in 2017....

[T]he report suggests that, contrary to some misleading commentary, Freemasonry actually demonstrates genuine openness and transparency and it concludes that it is arguably more relevant today than ever before.

In particular, the report highlights that Freemasonry acts as a ‘constant’, providing members with a unique combination of friendship, belonging and structure, with many Masons saying they have made valuable lifelong friendships.

The report also highlights the importance that Freemasonry places on charitable giving, the part that many Freemasons play in their local communities and the central role of the family. As well as instilling in its members a moral and ethical approach to life – including thoughtfulness for others, kindness in the community, honesty in business, courtesy in society and fairness in all things – Freemasons are the largest charitable givers after the National Lottery, and also make major contributions to international disaster relief funds.

The role of ritual is shown to be an important part of Freemasonry for many members, with the report concluding that it provides both structure and familiarity, in just the same way as the normal rituals of daily life do for many people.

This article also appears on the website of *Freemasonry Today*, the official journal of the United Grand Lodge of England (<http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/ugle-sgc/ugle/item/511-future-of-freemasonry-study-is-published>). This URL also has a copy of the report itself, all 44 pages, or, if you prefer, I can email you a copy which I have gratefully received from W Bro Tony Pope.

I encourage you to read this report, or at least to browse through it, before our meeting in April. Attached to this email is an “economy edition”, consisting of only 17 pages, sent to me by W Bro Tony Pope.

OUR DECEMBER AGM

At our February meeting, VW Bro Neil Morse gave an interesting talk entitled “1813 – What happened? Why is it important?” He, of course, spoke about the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England, which was formed from the union of the Premier Grand Lode of England (sometimes referred to as the “moderns”) and the Ancients’ Grand Lodge of England, which took place on St John the Evangelist’s Day, 27 December 1813. Neil used a number of documents and books to explain what happened and to give some background to this event. One of these books is John Belton’s *The English Union of 1813*, published by Arima Publishing in October 2012. A couple of those present at the meeting already owned copies. Others wished to purchase copies and orders were taken. These books have arrived. Those who have not already received their copy from the Secretary can do so at our April meeting. If anyone else would like a copy, you can either order it directly from the Book Depository (the price is \$15.09) or inform the Secretary of the Linford Lodge of Research, who is prepared to make another bulk order.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The work for our May meeting is not determined. Any suggestions would be gratefully received. This will be discussed at our April meeting.

In July, VW Bro Neil Morse is happy to give a talk on his trip to Europe, where he has undertaken some research, both in the Netherlands and in the United Kingdom, and will be presenting a paper at the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry, to be held in Edinburgh in May this year.

Please note that your Preceptor, VW Bro Neil Morse, is at present in Europe, but will return in time to give a talk at our July meeting. Your Secretary, VW Bro David Slater, will be away from Australia from 7 May to 27 July.

ANZMRC TRAVELLING LECTURER FOR 2013

Bro Trevor Stewart is the ANZMRC Travelling Lecturer for 2013. The Secretary of the ANZMRC has suggested that Trevor could be in Canberra from Thursday, 3 October, and stay for a few days. This fits in with Bro Trevor’s other engagements in Australia. We also need to choose the topic that we would like Bro Trevor to present. There was some discussion of this at our February meeting and a list of possible topics appears in the February notice paper. A short biography of Bro Trevor Stewart and synopses of the thirteen topics that he is prepared to present were attached to the email that brought you February’s notice paper. We will discuss these matters at our April meeting.

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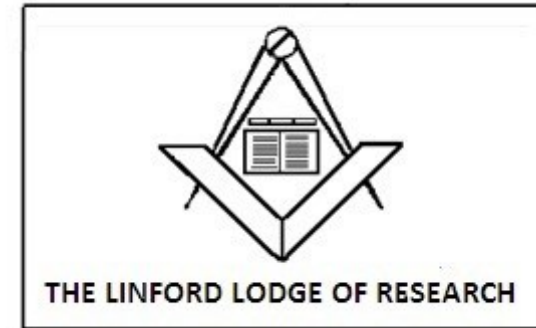
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INVITATION

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Yours fraternally,

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AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for April 2013
2. Apologies
3. Secretary's comments
4. Future meetings
5. ANZMRC Travelling Lecturer for 2013
6. The Preceptor, VW Bro Neil Morse, will talk on his recent travels in Europe with particular references to the masonic aspects of these travels
8. Any other business
9. Closing

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL
BE NO MEETING OF THE LINFORD
LODGE OF RESEARCH IN MAY 2013**

WORK FOR THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY

VW Bro Neil Morse will give a talk on his trip to Europe, where he has undertaken some research, both in the Netherlands and in the United Kingdom. On the afternoon of Friday, 24 May, Neil will be presenting a paper at the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry in Edinburgh on *The Mason on the Fifty Dollar Note: Co-Masonry in Twentieth Century Australia*. The Mason, of course, is Edith Cowan.



FUTURE MEETINGS

We had hoped to have RW Bro Mike Dalton give a talk at our May meeting on the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory's Board of Management and the Private Lodges Committee, of which Mike is the Chairman. However, this was not to be. Our usual venue was unavailable and, although we had another offer, for which we thank Edwin, it was unlikely that many would travel to Oallen for the meeting. So, the decision has been made to cancel our May meeting. I hope that this has not caused any inconvenience and apologise for the lateness in informing you of this cancellation. The decision was made yesterday.

ANZMRC TRAVELLING LECTURER FOR 2013

At present it is uncertain when we will be hosting Bro Trevor Stewart, the ANZMRC Travelling Lecturer for 2013. There are two possibilities, viz. after his stay in Adelaide, which would be in early October, or sometime at the end of September, after he has given his talk in Sydney. The suggestion for early October came from an email sent on 6 March by the Secretary of ANZMRC in which it was stated that Bro Trevor Stewart would have two spells in NSW. On this basis, we opted for early October. On 12 April, another email was sent by the Secretary of ANZMRC saying that Bro Trevor would be in NSW from 20 to 26 September. I reminded him about his earlier email. It would seem that plans have changed and it was indicated in an email on 24 April that we would have to pay another \$250 for the flights involved if we wanted the Travelling Lecturer to be with us in early October. We are loathe to do this, and this seems unfair under the circumstances.

The better solution would be to meet in September after the meeting at the Discovery Lodge of Research. I am trying to find out what Sydney is doing. There have been rumours that they wanted a combined meeting, but it now looks as though we will have separate meetings. As I am leaving Canberra today (6 May) and fly out of Sydney tomorrow for Scotland, I have asked the Secretary of the Discovery Lodge of Research to copy any emails to RW Bro Mike Dalton, one of our Deputy Preceptors. So, hopefully matters will be resolved soon. I hope to have access to the internet while away, but this will be on an intermittent basis. I return to Australia on 27 July 2013. Our Preceptor, VW Bro Neil Morse, should be back in Canberra in mid-June.

We also approached a private lodge for joint hosting of the meeting, which has worked well in the past. This lodge suggested that the meeting could be a Districts 103 and 104 sponsored event. This has not yet been resolved.

Aside from these uncertainties, it is almost certain that Bro Trevor Stewart will be visiting Canberra. I suggest that this should be an item for discussion at our July meeting. Do we want an open meeting? Do we want it to be a Districts event? Which of the talks offered would we like to hear Bro Trevor Stewart give? As W Bro Tony Pope has pointed out, this depends on the type of meeting we want to hold. If you want to know Tony's choices, contact either him or me!

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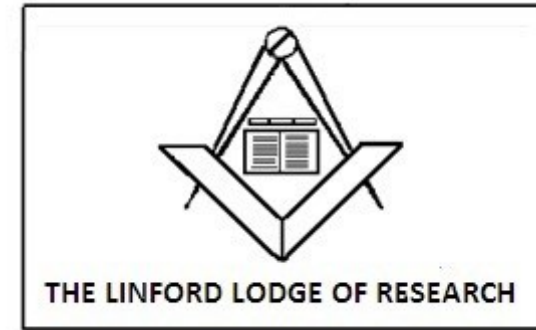
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Yours fraternally,

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AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for August 2013
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. ANZMRC Travelling Lecturer for 2013
6. Lodge website.
7. Talk by VW Bro David Slater on his recent trip overseas with an emphasis on masonic research.
8. Any other business
9. Closing

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ANZMRC TRAVELLING LECTURER

The 2013 ANZMRC Lecturer, Bro Trevor Stewart, will visit Canberra on his tour. It had been hoped that matters concerning this visit would have been discussed at the July meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research but they were not. However, some of the matters that were up for discussion in July have been decided.

Bro Trevor Stevens will be presenting his talk in Canberra. The date of this talk is Saturday, 5 October. I understand that the \$250 requested by ANZMRC should we choose October is no longer an issue and that we will not be asked to pay this extra amount. A lodge, other than the one that I had originally approached, has volunteered to host the meeting.

However, there are still some matters to be decided. What is the venue for this meeting? Is it to for Masons only or can others, especially ladies, attend? How do we advertise this event. And, most importantly, which talk should we ask Bro Trevor Stewart to present to us? The list of papers has been distributed to you previously. They are:

1. The Curious Case of Bro Gustav Petrie
2. Robert Burns: Bard, Mason and National Treasure
3. Enlightenment in the Alps:
Shelley's forgotten 'Rosicrucian' novel *St Irvyne* (1811)
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Synopses of these papers accompanied the February notice paper. If you are a new subscriber or have misplaced your copy and want another, please let me know and I will send one to you.

Please come along to our August meeting and express your opinions.

LODGE WEBSITE

W Bro Don Ray had volunteered to set up a website for the Linford Lodge of Research and his offer has been accepted with alacrity. This is something that will give us a greater presence and be a place for presentations and papers to be deposited. The website is at present in the planning stages and we look forward to its development

DAVID SLATER'S TRAVELS

Last month's talk by our Preceptor on his travels overseas, including his presentation of a paper at the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry in Edinburgh, must have been a great success as I have been asked to give a summary of my overseas travels. I am sorry that I missed Neil's talk. I know that it must have been interesting because Neil indicated to me some of the places for masonic research that he had visited with recommendations that I should do the same. I did follow up on most of these suggestions and am very glad that I did.

For those of you who attended the Masonic Study Circles's meeting at the Mawson Club on Monday, 29 July, although some of the some material will be covered, it will be a different talk, with an emphasis of masonic research. There were two particular lines of research that I followed. One of these was to find out more of the masonic history of two of my wife, Marguerite's, relatives, viz. one of her great-great-grandfathers and one of his sons. This involved looking up records in Scotland and in the Netherlands. I was unable to do much in Scotland but was more successful in the Netherlands where there is a great number of records covering Freemasonry in the Dutch East Indies. The second line of research was following up on the ciphered works of John Browne and William Finch produced at the turn of the nineteenth century. Copies of their works exist in Dublin and particularly in London. Neil also found some in Manchester, but I did not have time to go to that city. The library of the UGLE was particularly useful as it had some handwritten papers produced by an earlier decipherer of Browne's works. I will also give a report of my visit to a meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge and some other lodges in Scotland, Ireland, Wales, England and the Netherlands

Time permitting, a short slideshow of various masonic related places that I attended on my European travels may be presented.

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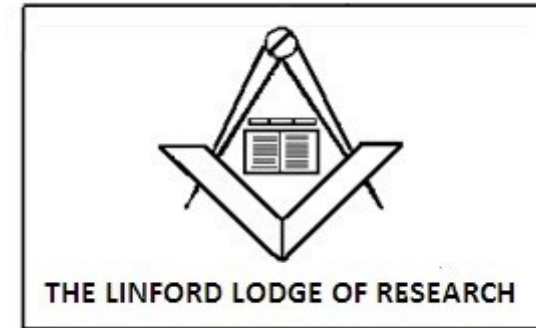
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1. Opening of regular meeting for October 2013
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Talk by RW Bro Bob Nairn on "Reflections on some aspects of NSW Masonic Jurisprudence"
8. Any other business
9. Closing

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WORK FOR THE EVENING

At our meeting on Wednesday, 9 October, RW Bro Bob Nairn will talk to his paper on *Reflections on some aspects of NSW Masonic Jurisprudence*, covering the Landmarks of the Order, the Constitution, membership of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, the management of Grand Lodge, Regional administration, Regulations, the Grand Registrar's Committee, penalties and sanctions, the moral laws of Freemasonry, accountability and transparency, natural justice, clarity of definition, and balance of power. A copy of Bob's paper is attached. He would like those likely to be present at his presentation to read his paper before the meeting. It looks as though it will be a full and interesting talk with, no doubt, plenty of scope for discussion.

ANZMRC TRAVELLING LECTURER'S TALK

We chose the talk entitled *The HRDM—A Fourth Visitation to a Curious Eighteenth-Century Masonic Phenomenon from the North-Eastern Region of England* for W Bro Trevor Stewart's visit to Canberra. It was a very interesting talk which those present enjoyed. HRDM was a degree conducted in the north-east of England between the 1730 and 1810. Little detail is known about the ritual although Bro John Yarker has given a description of the manner in which the obligation and secrets were administered. It disappeared when the union between the Antients and the Moderns was being considered and there was a move to limit what was considered to be Pure Ancient Masonry. We thank Lodge Woden Valley for jointly hosting this talk,



The Preceptor of Linford Lodge, Neil Morse introduces Trevor Stewart while the WM of Lodge Woden Valley, Adrian Webb, prepares the microphone equipment

especially the WM, W Bro Adrian Webb, and the JW, Bro Paul Addison, who did a great job in providing the food and drink. There was an audience of 32 people, including six ladies and some Sydney members of the Discovery Lodge of Research who joined some Canberra members and entered Lodge Woden Valley as a fraternal at its short meeting before Trevor's talk.

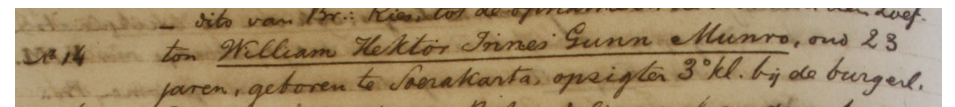


Thirty-two people were in the audience, listening to W Bro Trevor Stewart's talk

OUR AUGUST MEETING

In August, Our Secretary gave an illustrated talk on his recent time overseas concentrating on masonic aspects of this trip, particularly the masonic research that he undertook. There were two areas of research. The first of these was to look up the masonic career of one of his wife's relatives who was a member of two lodges in the Dutch East Indies. He was able to do this through the records of the Dutch East Indies Lodges held at the *Cultureel Mason Maçonniek Centrum 'Prins Frederik* (CMC) in the Dutch city Den Haag..

The second area of research was to follow up on his research into John Browne's and William Finch's ciphered texts of masonic ritual, produced at the turn of the nineteenth century. This involved some research in the libraries at Freemasons' Hall in Dublin (at 17 Molesworth Street or Sráid Teach Laighean, if you prefer the Gaelic name) and at Freemasons' Hall, London (in Great Queen Street). At the latter were the handwritten findings of Bro E. H. Cartwright's deciphering of John Browne's *Master-Keys*, which is very useful in ascertaining how some of the errors in the published deciphered texts occurred.



The record of the Initiation of Marguerite Slater's relative, William Hector Innes Gunn Munro, as it appears in the minutes of Loge Vriendschap, for 20 June 5861 (1861)

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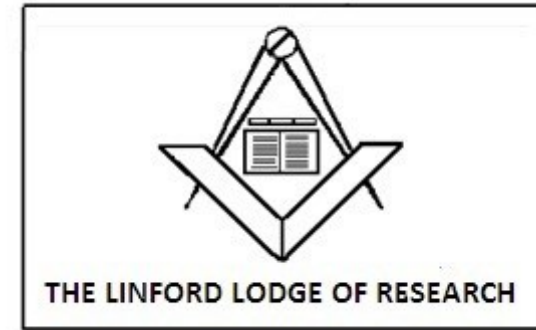
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AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for October 2013
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Presentation of annual statement of accounts
6. Election of Officers for 2013-2014
7. Talk by RW Bro Geoffrey Ludowyk on masonic education
8. Any other business
9. Closing

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

WORK FOR THE EVENING

The next meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research, to be held on Wednesday, 13 November 2013, is the Annual General Meeting for 2013. At this meeting, the annual statement of accounts will be presented by the Treasurer and elections will take place of the various officers for the coming year.

We will also be having our usual end of year celebration, so do not be surprised if there is, amongst other delicious food and drink, fruit cake and port. This has become a tradition of Lodge Linford on the evening that the AGM is held. Please feel free to bring some food or drink to share at this meeting.

There will be the opportunity to pay the dues for the coming year as well as to catch up on dues owed for past years. The current amount is \$50 per annum.

This year there will also be a presentation, one that should be of interest to all Masons in our Districts. The RGC (Regional Grand Counsellor), RW Bro Geoffrey Ludowyk will talk on masonic education, and will speak about the rôles and duties of the Regional Education Officers, the District Education Officers and the Lodge Education Officers. Not all lodges have Education Officers as it is not an elected office, but many lodges appoint them, which is a good idea as masonic education is an important aspect of the Craft. Please come along to the meeting to learn about this important part of your masonic journey.

OUR OCTOBER MEETING

In October, RW Bro Bob Nairn presented his paper on *Reflections on some aspects of NSW Masonic Jurisprudence*. Bob had encouraged those attending to read his paper before the meeting, and most did. This enabled some interesting discussion to take place.

Bob's paper covered the Landmarks of the Order, the Constitution, membership of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, the management of Grand Lodge, Regional administration, Regulations, the Grand Registrar's Committee, penalties and sanctions, the moral laws of Freemasonry, accountability and transparency, natural justice, clarity of definition, and balance of power. The paper was ten pages in length and contained over 5000 words (including footnotes). No wonder he asked us to read the paper before the meeting. This enabled us to concentrate on those topics of particular interest to us.

NEXT YEAR

We already have one presentation offered for next year. Bro Daniel White, IPM of Lodge Canberra, is undertaking the four year Masonic Education Course run by the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory. One aspect of this course involves presenting a paper to a lodge. Daniel's paper will be on the origins of Freemasonry. It will be interesting to hear his take on this topic.