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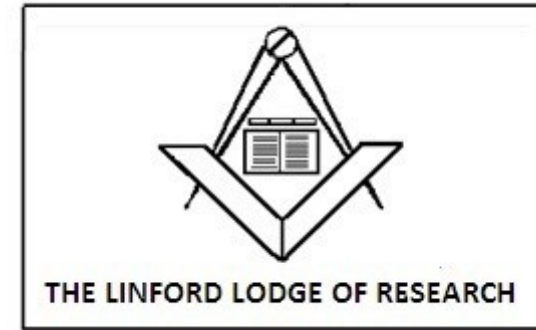
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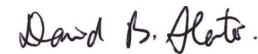
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INVITATION

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, 12 February 2014**, commencing at **7.30 pm**.

Yours fraternally,



David B. Slater
Secretary

AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for February 2014
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Talk by W Bro Daniel White on "A Synopsis of the Roman Collegia"
6. A talk by VW Bro Neil Morse on some of the personalities of Lodge Quatuor Coronati
7. Any other business
8. Closing

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WORK FOR THE EVENING

The next meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research, is to be held on Wednesday, 12 February 2014. It will be a special meeting at which W Bro Daniel White, the IPM of Lodge Canberra, will speak on the topic “A Synopsis of the Roman Collegia”. Daniel has undertaken the Diploma in Masonic Education run by the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory. The talk that he will be presenting is in fulfilment of part of the “Origins of Freemasonry” component of this diploma. Some believe that the Collegia of Ancient Rome had some influence on the formation of Freemasonry. It will be interesting to find out what Daniel’s thoughts are regarding this hypothesis.

Following Daniel’s talk VW Bro Neil Morse, our Preceptor, will give a talk about the Quatuor Coronati Lodge and some of those who are or have been involved with that lodge.

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

At our November meeting, our Annual General Meeting for 2013, the election of Officers took place. Those elected for 2014 are the same who held office in 2013. We thank them for their willingness to continue serving the lodge in these offices.

We also heard an interesting talk by RW Bro Geoffrey Ludowyk, Treasurer of the Linford Lodge of Research and the Regional Grand Counsellor of Region 4, on masonic education and the rôles and duties of the Regional, District and Lodge Education Officers.

Then, we partook of the food and drink that we usually have at the November meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research, consisting of some of the usual comestibles for the festive season.

ANZMRC BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council’s Biennial Conference will be hosted by W.H.J. Mayers Lodge of Research in Cairns Far North Queensland from 28th to 31st August this year. Details can be found on at the URL <http://www.anzmrc2014.com/>.

To quote from this website:

The Aims of the ANZMRC

- *To promote Masonic research and education within Freemasonry on an inter-jurisdictional basis.*
- *To act as a liaison body between its affiliated Masonic research lodges and chapters.*
- *To organise any research lodge conference which its affiliates may sanction.*
- *To organise and coordinate any national tour by a Masonic speaker as its affiliates may require.*
- *To publish the proceedings of its conferences, and any Masonic research publication its committee may approve.*

The above aims are manifest in a biennial Conference with Freemasons interested in Masonic education and research meeting every two years in the spirit of learning and friendship and living out the pillars Freemasonry that of brotherly Love Truth and Relief. The Affiliate Research Lodges of each Jurisdiction are enabled to put forward the name of one distinguished Masonic researcher every two years [actually New Zealand can now put forward two], who is then designated as a Kellerman Lecturer (KL) and each delivers his Kellerman Lecture at the Conference.

These conferences are certainly worthwhile and the officers of the Linford Lodge recommend your attendance. A registration form is available at <http://www.anzmrc2014.com/registration.html>.

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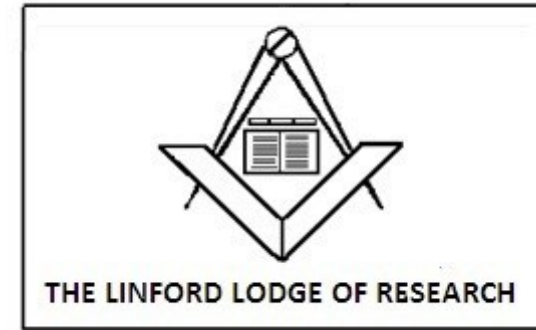
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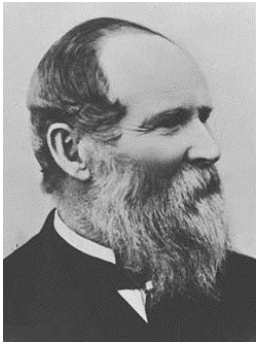
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AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for April 2014
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Talk by VW Bro Neil Morse on sMW Bro James Squire Farnell
6. Any other business
7. Closing

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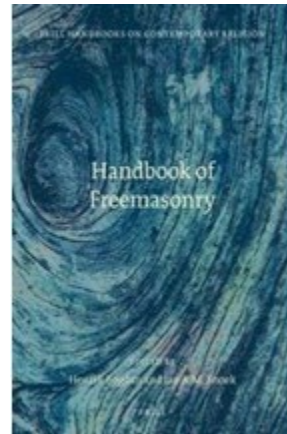
James Squire Farnell

WORK FOR THE EVENING

At the 9 April meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research, VW Bro Neil Morse will give a talk on MW Bro James Squire Farnell, who was installed as the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales on 3 December 1877. Farnell was also involved in New South Wales politics, heading the Government of New South Wales from December 1877 to December 1878. It should be an interesting talk.

HANDBOOK OF FREEMASONRY

The Preceptor has asked me to bring to your notice a book on Freemasonry scheduled to be published on 15 June this year. It is written by Dr Herik Bogdan, a Faculty Member of the Department of Literature, History of Ideas and Religion of the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. The title of the book is *Handbook of Freemasonry* (one of the series of books in the Brill Handbooks on Contemporary Religion). The recommended retail price is \$AU 297.68 but it can be pre-ordered from the Book Depository for \$AU 266.41.



The Book Depository URL for this book is <http://www.bookdepository.com/Handbook-Freemasonry-Henrik-Bogdan/9789004218338>.

MASONIC QUIZ

On Thursday, 1 May, the Discovery Lodge of Research is conducting a Masonic Quiz evening at the Sydney Masonic Centre, 6.30 for 7 pm. If there is enough interest, perhaps we could field a team. Each team is from 6 to 8 members and the cost for a team is \$100, with all proceeds going to charity. The supper costs \$40 per person. If interested, let your Secretary know.



W Bro Daniel White
presenting his talk

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

W Bro Daniel White gave a talk on the Roman Collegia at our February meeting. This was part of the fulfilment of Daniel's Diploma in Masonic Education, run by the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory. Daniel gave an interesting and entertaining talk and presentation, choosing well what he presented in the limited time set for this presentation, a limit set by the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory. He was given constructive feedback by the members of the Linford Lodge present at his presentation. We were privileged that Daniel chose the Linford Lodge of Research for his talk. Following Daniel's talk, VW Bro Neil Morse gave us a run down of some of the happenings of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge.



Listening to Daniel's talk were, from left to right, RW Bro Geoff Ludowyk, RW Bro Bob Nairn, W Bro Don Ray, VW Bro Neil Morse, W Bro Tony Pope, VW Bro Irwin Prowse and RW Bro Mike Dalton (Photo: VW Bro David Slater)

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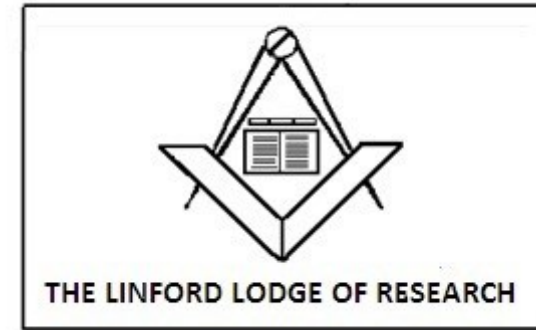
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Yours fraternally,

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AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for May 2014
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Celebration of 50 years of masonic research in Canberra
6. Talk by VW Bro David Slater on the first artificer of metals mentioned in Holy Writ
7. Any other business
8. Closing

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Tubal Cain, atop
the Brass Founders'
Pillar, in Edinburgh

WORK FOR THE EVENING

For our May meeting, VW Bro David Slater will talk on the first artificer in metals mentioned in Holy Writ. Having been asked by one of his church companions, who knew David to be a Freemason, whether there was any basis to Ray Winstone's portrayal of Tubal Cain in Darren Aronofsky's film *Noah*, David agreed to try to find out. You can hear the results of David's research on Wednesday, 14 May. There is not much about Tubal Cain in the Bible, so extra-biblical sources have been searched, such as Jewish midrash and folklore as well as masonic legends. There is more to this man than meets the eye.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Last month, VW Bro Neil Morse spoke on James Squire Farnell (JSF). Neil has submitted the following summary of and supplement to this talk: Like many pioneers, JSF is mainly forgotten these days. Partly because he had the misfortune to die at an inopportune time, and partly because, as is also still common, he was 'an inconvenient truth'. In fact, the first official activity of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was to hold a lodge of sorrow for JSF. This would have stuck in some people's craw. The only parallel in Australian Freemasonry to JSF is Coppin in Victoria. The basics of JSF's life story can be read in the ADB entry [<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/farnell-james-squire-3499>] and the political focus is dealt with in Frank Bongiorno's chapter, 'James Squire Farnell', in David Clune and Ken Turner (ed.), *The Premiers of New South Wales 1856-2005*, The Federation Press, Sydney, pp. 139-151. A short piece on his copy of the GLI 1858 Constitutions will appear in this journal shortly.

MASONIC QUIZ

At the Discovery Lodge of Research's quiz night on 1 May, the five member team of Geoff Ludowyk, Neil Morse, Tony Pope, Edwin Power and David Slater won by a sizable margin. We can only guess how much bigger the margin would have been if Bob Nairn, who did not attend as he was not feeling well, were the sixth member of this team. It was disappointingly a trivia quiz, but we rose to the occasion and showed that our team, which contained four Kellerman Lecturers, is not only knowledgeable on serious matters masonic but also on masonic trivia.

BANK ACCOUNT

The Linford Lodge of Research now has a bank account with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The BSB is 062-919 and the account number is 1038 4480. All dues and donations can now be transferred to that account electronically. These would be gratefully received and faithfully applied.

BIENNIAL ANZMRC CONFERENCE

On the weekend before the ANZMRC Conference there is the possibility of joining the annual safari to Georgetown and Normanton. The preliminary details of the itinerary are:

Friday, 22 August: depart Cairns at 6 am for Georgetown. Installation at Sir William Wallace Lodge, in Georgetown, in the evening.

Saturday, 23 August: travel by coach to Normanton. Installation at Norman Lodge, in Normanton, in the evening.

Sunday, 24 August: travel by coach back to Cairns, a 12 hour trip.

There will be more detailed information on the District Grand Lodge of Carpentaria website <http://www.dglcarpentaria.org.au/> in the near future. The cost of the tour will be in the order of \$700 to \$800 per person. The District Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge of Carpentaria is W Bro John Spooner, a former member of Lodge Ethos. His email address is secretary@dglcarpentaria.org.au and his telephone number is (07) 4051 2713.

The ANZMRC Conference itself will be held from Thursday 28 August to Sunday 31 August. For registration, see the attached form. The registration fee is \$130 for registrations before 30 June and \$150 after 30 June. The registration fee includes a copy of the conference proceedings. There is a dinner dance on Friday, 29 August which costs \$40 per person and a "Banquet" on Saturday, 30 August which costs \$50 per person. There are two sight seeing tours for the ladies, viz. the Atherton Tableland for \$62 on Friday, 29 August with an optional return to Cairns via the Kuranda Scenic Railway for \$49, and a Port Douglas, Daintree River Cruise for \$60 on Saturday, 30 August.

Other attractions are the presentation of the First Tracing Board at Lodge Endeavour on the evening of Thursday, 28 August and a Green Island and Great Barrier Reef Trip for both conference attendees and ladies on Sunday, 31 August (\$86 or \$68, depending on the numbers plus \$20 for lunch).

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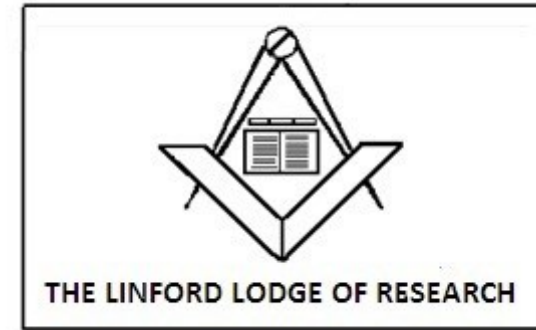
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Secretary

AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for July 2014
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
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5. Talk by W Bro Don Ray on the emblems depicted in a graphic diagram he happened to pick up at a meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research
6. Any other business
7. Closing

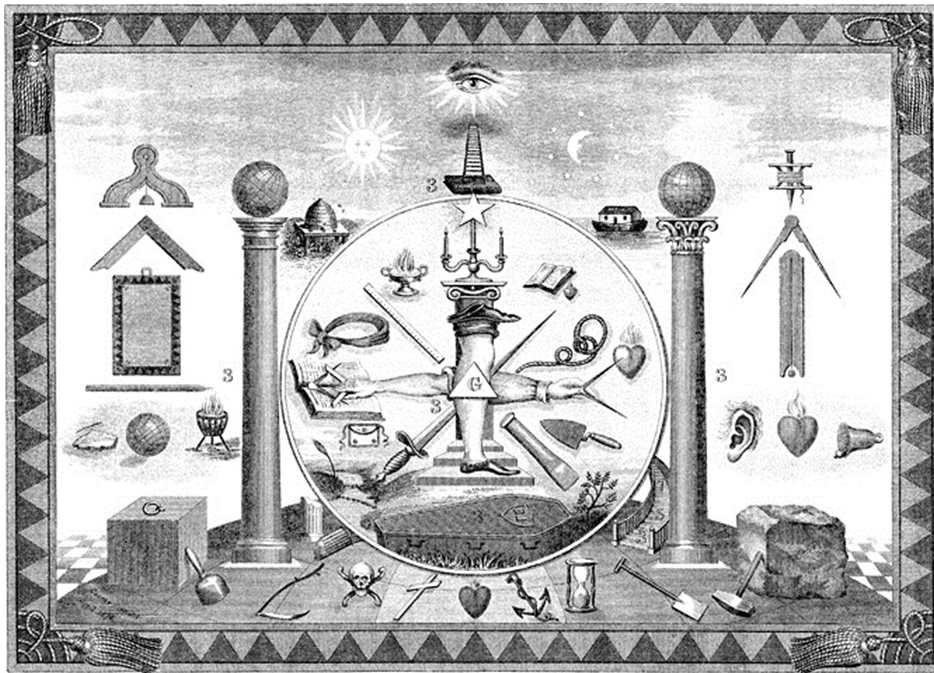
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WORK FOR THE EVENING

W Bro Don Ray will speak on the various emblems that appear on the graphic diagram below. Don was the lucky person who first looked at and picked up a copy of this illustration when it was strategically situated at a meeting of the Linford Lodge of Research. As a result, Don was asked to give a presentation on the various emblems depicted in this diagram. Don has said that there is so much to talk about that he could well give more than one talk on this topic. That is good to know; we may well call on Don again.

If you want a larger print out of this illustration, you can download one from the website of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon, the URL being http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/art/masonic_emblems1874.html



MASONIC EMBLEMS

*Respectfully Dedicated (by permission) To J. W. M. M. Esq. of Denon, The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Masons of Scotland.
By His Humble Servant, William G. G.*

ANZMRC BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

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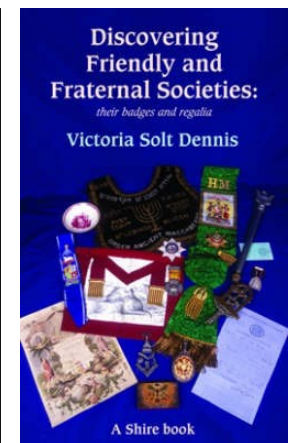
OUR MAY MEETING

At our May meeting, VW Bro David Slater spoke about the First Artificer in Metals mentioned in Holy Writ, but he spent too much time relating the story depicted in Darren Aronofsky's film *Noah* and *The Temple Legend*, as described by Rudolf Steiner, so much so that one brother implied that it looked as though David had partaken of some hallucinatory substance.

The talk could have been much better prepared, in which case the point that this First Artificer's being the ancestor of the Principal Architect of King Solomon's Temple may be the reason for his significance in our Third Degree ritual. *The Temple Legend*, as described in Steiner's Lecture 7, given in Berlin on 2 December, 1904, has Solomon being jealous of Balkis, the Queen of Sheba's attraction to the Principal Architect. This resulted in Solomon's disinterest in what the ruffians did to the Principal Architect. When the ruffians had caused the Molten Sea of the Temple to flow over the surroundings instead of remaining in a rigid form, the Principal Architect heard a voice ordering him to plunge into the Molten Sea, which he did. He sank even further so that he eventually reached the centre of the earth where he encountered his ancestors, the First Artificer and, further back in his family tree, Cain. The former gave the Principal Architect a magic hammer which enabled him to restore all things to their proper order. Later, the Principal Architect married the Queen of Sheba and was unable to avert the wrath of Solomon and the revenge of the three ruffians; they murdered him. Of course, this is just a legend, but so is the story relayed to us in our ritual. But it is interesting that the First Artificer and the Principal Architect being related may explain the appearance of the First Artificer in the Third Degree.

BOOK BARGAINS

Our Preceptor, VW Bro Neil Morse, recommends the two book illustrated on the right, which are available at Clousten and Hall (Academic Reminders, 28 Kembla Street, Fyshwick). Jacob's book is selling for \$14.95 (retail price originally \$85.00), and Dennis' book sells for \$12.95 (originally \$24.95).



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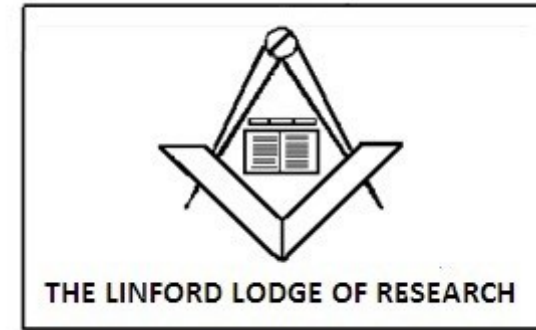
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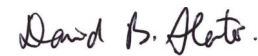
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AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for August 2014
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Discussion of a proposal by W Bro Craig Revell regarding a warranted research lodge in Canberra
6. Talk by VW Bro Neil Morse will present a talk entitled "4th ABGROC and its masons"
7. ANZMRC Conference in Cairns..
8. Any other business
9. Closing

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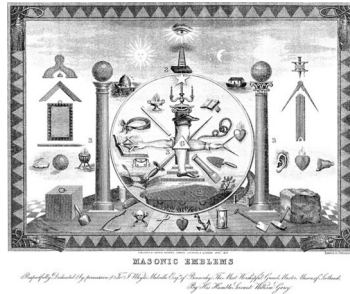
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VW Bro Neil Morse will be giving a talk on the “4th ABGROC and its masons”. I asked him what this was about and the only answer I got was: “Come along to Hawker and much, including what ABGROC stands for, will be revealed! The place and date of their meeting, 25.xi.1918 ‘somewhere in France’, may give a slight clue”. Internet research brought to my attention that this was the day that Marshal Foch entered Strasbourg but whether this has any relevance to Neil’s talk I do not know. Further research indicated to me that ABGROC could well refer to the “Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company” but other than that, I’ll have to wait to hear Neil’s talk before I know for sure what his talk will cover.

WORK JULY MEETING

At our July meeting, W Bro Don Ray gave a well researched talk on the various symbols illustrated in the graphic diagram (on the right) published in 1874 by George Kenning of London, Liverpool & Glasgow. Don’s presentation engaged those brethren present and much was spoken. This was a very worthwhile exercise and we thank Don for his efforts and the manner of his presentation.



FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 28 August to Sunday, 31 August 2014: ANZMRC Conference at Cairns. If you wish to attend and have not already registered, then I would suggest you do so very soon.

Thursday, 4 September, 2014: Discovery Lodge of Research, tiling at 7 pm at the Sydney Masonic Centre. There will be a presentation by RW Bro Chris Telford entitled “A MacAlpine Landmark”. This presentation was developed by the late VW Bro Mark MacAlpine and is delivered as a “working eulogy” to honour the memory of our greatly respected brother.

Friday, 29 May to Sunday, 31 May 2015: World Conference on Ritual, Secrecy and Civil Society at the Bibliothèque Nationale de France in Paris. This conference will focus on “the study of ritual, secrecy and civic society vis-à-vis the dynamics of Masonic scholarship around the world” and aims to explore “how civil society, secrecy and ritual have been important elements during different episodes of local and world histories, and indeed still are”. More detail regarding this conference will be included in the October notice paper of the Linford Lodge of Research. The organisers have called for papers and the closing date is 14 December 2014.



JURISDICTIONS CAN DIFFER GREATLY

Brethren may be interested to know that there are some jurisdictions in which the more mystical side of Freemasonry is considered worthwhile studying. Of note is the annual Esoteric Seminar sponsored by the Masonic Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. The third annual seminar was held on 26

July this year and it had the theme “Freemasonry: a deeper dive”. For those who are missing the opportunity to openly study and talk about such matters, one possibility would be to attend their next seminar in late July 2015. This year, for \$25, those attending were able to attend a number of presentations, as well as being given lunch and a DVD of the previous year’s seminar.

The conference was opened by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, MW Bro Simon LaPlace, and the keynote speaker was Bro Timothy Hogan, a practising alchemist from Colorado. It is of interest that he has lectured in masonic lodges “in every continent except Antarctica and Australia”. He has written a number of books including (1) *The Alchemical Keys to Masonic Ritual*, (2) *The 32 Secret Paths of Solomon: a new examination of the Qabbalah in Freemasonry*, (3) *Revelation of the Holy Grail* (written under the name Chevalier Emerys), and (4) *Novo Clavis Esoterika*.



Bro Timothy Hogan

To give you some idea of what was covered in the seminar, the following papers were listed for presentation: **Brothers Raphael and Leonardo, Fellowcraft**, by Chuck Landau (Connecticut), **The Esoteric Mindset** by Steve Canada (Connecticut), **Ritual for Modern Times** by Robert W. Streeter (Massachusetts), **A Point Within a Circle: Masonic Lessons of Human Geometry** by Elliot Chikofsky (Massachusetts), **Three Degrees—Four Worlds: The Renaissance Worldview of Masonry** by Kirk White (Vermont), **Pythagorean Number Symbolism** by Chris Murphy (Vermont), **Esoteric Freemasonry and the Magic System of the Golden Dawn** by William Mackey (Connecticut), **Psalm 133: Hidden Connections and Revealed Meaning** by Elliot Chikofsky (Massachusetts) and **The Chamber of Reflection** by Justin Duffy (Connecticut).

If next year a DVD of this year’s seminar is given to those who attend, then this alone could make attendance at the 2015 seminar worthwhile, let alone the papers that will be presented next year.

(Thanks goes to W Bro Tony Pope for providing the information on which this article is based.)

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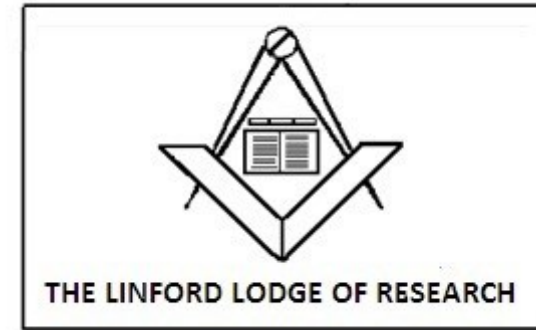
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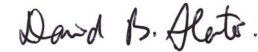
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Yours fraternally,



David B. Slater
Secretary

AGENDA

1. Opening of regular meeting for October 2014
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Debrief of the ANZMRC's biennial meeting held in Cairns in August
6. Any other business
7. Closing

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WORK FOR THE EVENING

The work for our October meeting will be a debriefing of the Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council's biennial conference that took place in Cairns from 28 to 31 August this year. Five members of the Linford Lodge of Research attended, viz. Bob Nairn, Geoff Ludowyk, Neil Morse, Tony Pope and David Slater. Unfortunately, Bob Nairn became ill during the conference and missed most of the lectures. I will not describe the conference in detail as that may steal some of the thunder from the discussion that will take place on Wednesday, 8 October, other than to express the view that it was well worth attending the conference, not only for the interesting research papers that were delivered but also for the opportunity to catch up with other researchers and their wives, many of whom we see only once in every two years.

However, I will point out that the Kellerman Lecturer for our jurisdiction, Ian Shanley, gave an

outstanding lecture regarding the origins of the New South Wales ritual by looking at its probable sources and the backgrounds of those on the committees determining this ritual. A copy of the conference's transactions is available for borrowing. Ian will be reprising his talk at the meeting of the Discovery Lodge of Research, to be held at the Sydney Masonic Centre on Thursday, 6 November, starting at 7 pm. Dress is lounge suit.



Conference attendees from the jurisdiction of NSW and the ACT. Standing (from left to right): David Slater, Geoff Ludowyk, Neil Morse, Paul Respicio, Tony Pope and Richard Dawes. Crouching: Ian Shanley.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Linford Lodge of Research will be held on Wednesday, 12 November. This meeting includes the election of the Officers of the Linford Lodge for 2014-2015. So, if you feel that you would like to take on an office or just take part in the election and listen to the various reports, please note this date in your diary. As this is the last meeting for the year, port and fruit cake are usually available for consumption, amongst other drinks and food.

OUR AUGUST MEETING

In August, VW Bro Neil Morse spoke on the "4th ABGROC and its Masons". As suggested in the notice paper for that evening, ABGROC does stand for "Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company". My other suggestion regarding Marshal Foch was wrong, although I was misled by being informed that the event took place on 25 rather than 27 November 1918. A summary of the talk, provided to me by Neil, follows:

4ABGROC stands for the Fourth Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company. The first of the Railway Operating Companies were raised in April 1915 and deployed to France in June of that year. They performed three basic functions:

1. the management of railway traffic,
2. the provision of crews for locomotives, and
3. the repair of rolling stock and other items needed to keep a railway in operation.

The Railway Operating Companies were exclusively concerned with the operation of full-size ('standard gauge') trains. The operation of light railways was the responsibility of the Light Railway Companies.

On 27 November 1918 a group of Masons held a masonic 'social' to celebrate the Armistice and, to commemorate the occasion, they produced a brochure. It named all present, and also listed those who had apologised for non-attendance. Military ranks and units, as well as masonic ranks and affiliations, were listed.

The brochure read:

After being together for nearly two years, and after several unsuccessful attempts, due to active service conditions, the masonic Brethren of the 4th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company, A.I.F., met [at] a social evening, somewhere in France, on 27th November, 1918, in the old city of "Dreadful Nights", in which the Company was stationed. They received the right good hand of fellowship from the French brethren, obtaining the use of their little Masonic Hall, showing plainly the scars of war.

The tables were laid down the centre of the hall, and, under the Chairmanship of Worshipful Brother Captain J. M. Bygott, a goodly number of Brethren sat down.

The usual toasts were honoured, as of yore, and in peace, love, and harmony, several enjoyable hours were spent.

The 'somewhere in France' or 'old City of "Dreadful Nights"' was Dunkerque.

This meeting is important because it was one of a very few AIF masonic meetings held whilst on active service during the Kaiser's War.

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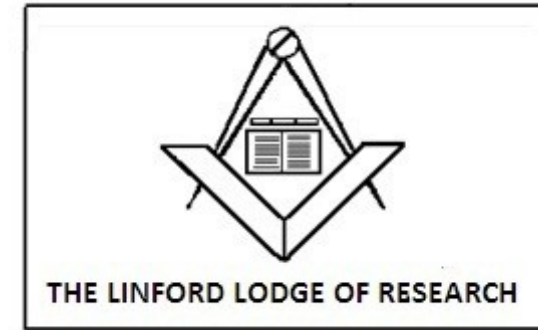
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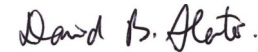
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David B. Slater
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AGENDA

1. Opening of Annual General Meeting for 2014
2. Apologies
3. Preceptor's comments
4. Secretary's comments
5. Presentation of annual statement of accounts
6. Election of Officers for 2014-2015
7. Any other business
8. Closing

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WORK FOR THE EVENING

Our meeting on Wednesday, 12 December, is our Annual General Meeting for 2014. At this meeting the annual statement of accounts will be presented by the Treasurer and the election of Officers for the coming year will be held. All members are eligible for election so, if you wish to be an Officer of the Linford Lodge of Research, please do not hesitate to nominate yourself. There will also be the opportunity to pay your dues for the coming year. The current amount is \$50.

As has been the custom from time immemorial (well, not technically correct, but it is a long standing tradition), the November meeting is one at which there is even more food and drink than we have at our regular meetings. At our regular meetings we do very well, thanks to the generosity of our hosts, Geoffrey Ludowyk and Bob Nairn, so you can imagine what will be on offer at our AGM. Please feel free to bring along some food and drink to this meeting. It may not be as veritable a cornucopia of food and drink as that illustrated below, but I can guarantee that none will leave the meeting feeling hungry or thirsty.



MASONIC RESEARCH WEBSITES

I have found an interesting website named Freemasonry.fm. Its URL is <http://www.freemasonry.fm/>

As it states on its homepage, it has

More than 1001 handpicked categorized Masonic links...

These categories are: Reference Sites, Our News Room, Blogs, Forums, Commercial Sites, Masonic Arts, Museums and Libraries, Periodicals and Magazines, Research & Education, and Unusual. Under Research and Education there are 27 entries. Some of the URLs are no longer valid, so I have included only those with valid links, with the comments accompanying them. Those with three stars are:

Paul Bessel Website:

Whatever your research about Freemasonry, do not forget to visit this high level website. Quality and quantity. Top referral site. Brother Paul, all freemasons must thank you for your impressive works.

URL <http://www.bessel.org/>

Renaissance Traditionnelle

One of the best Masonic research and studies periodical worldwide. In French mostly. A lot of articles are available to download complimentary. Very high level. A must see...

URL <http://www.renaissance-traditionnelle.org/>

Pietre-Stones Review of Freemasonry

Huge website. Excellent papers with prestigious contributors. A must see.

URL <http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/>

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Masonicpedia

A lot of quality articles on line. Excellent.

URL <http://www.masonicpaedia.org/>

Hiram's Oasis

An extraordinary huge collection of files to view or download often very interesting. It includes numerous works from The Philaletes. The interface is not always very easy but it really is a very good referral.

URL <http://kena.org/hirams/>

Franc-Maçonnerie Française

An excellent website. Large content. Quality of information. Perfect to understand the variety of French Freemasonry. French and English.

URL <http://www.fm-fr.org>

Some of the one and none starred websites may also be of interest.