

[Report on the Conference held at Queanbeyan in 2008, as reported in *Harashim*]

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ANZMRC 9th biennial Conference

The ninth biennial conference of Australian and New Zealand research lodges will be held at Queanbeyan, near Canberra, on the October long weekend, to coincide with the famous Floriade flower festival. The conference will feature Kellerman lectures (some with PowerPoint slide presentations) from New Zealand and all Australian jurisdictions except SA&NT, plus one from ANZMRC's associate member from South Africa, Lyceum Lodge of Research 8682 EC.

Location

Queanbeyan is in New South Wales, on the border with the Australian Capital Territory, and ten kilometres from the centre of Canberra. The conference will be held in the Queanbeyan Masonic Hall (still called a Temple, according to the engraving above the front door), situated in Crawford St, opposite the public library and in the heart of the business and shopping district. There are several hotels and motels within walking distance, as well as restaurants, cafés, fast food outlets, and shops of all kinds.

For more details, see the ANZMRC website, <<http://anzmrc.org>>, or the Queanbeyan Visitors' Information site, <www.visitqueanbeyan.com>.

Program

Apart from a committee meeting in the afternoon, the conference will begin on Friday evening, 3 October 2008, with registration at 6.30, a lecture at 7 PM, and supper at 8.30.

Rodney Grosskopff is an architect, artist, art collector, author, playwright and potter from South Africa. He is a founder, Past Master and past secretary of Lyceum Lodge of Research, and will speak of the influence of Freemasonry on three men who moulded a colony into a model republic prior to the Boer War. His paper, 'A finishing school for presidents: the Masonic Presidents of the Orange Free State', provides pen and word portraits to cover an historical period and location new to local researchers, and will be the first Kellerman Lecture ever to be presented on behalf of an Associate of ANZMRC.

The conference will resume at 8.30 AM on Saturday 4 October, and four lectures will be presented between 9 AM and 5 PM.

At the Ballarat conference in 2006, Robert Barnes (Victorian Lodge of Research) proposed that Freemasonry should be the handmaiden of *Science*. Now, in 2008, Geoffrey Ludowyk (Canberra Lodge of Research & Instruction) will submit that Freemasonry should be the handmaiden of *Nature*, in his challenging paper, '*greenMasonry: Nature and Freemasonry*'. Then Gordon Fraser (of Midland District Lodge of Research) will illustrate his paper on 'Aspects of early New Zealand stonemasonry and Freemasonry' with digitised slides and actual Maori working tools, for which he has obtained special government permission to take these artifacts out of New Zealand

After lunch, David Beagley (Victorian Lodge of Research) will focus his academic skills on Bro Mozart, in 'The Masonic Mozart: wayward prodigy or product of his times?'—with musical illustrations. The last Kellerman Lecture for the day will be the thoughtful analysis of Ian Green (Launceston Lodge of Research), '*Freemasonry: an Initiate Order*'.

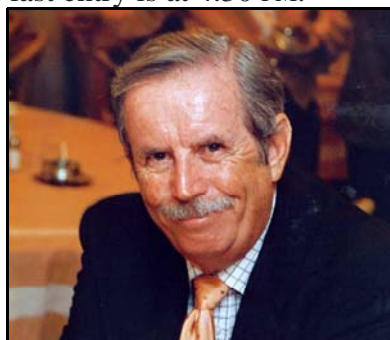
On Saturday evening the presentation dinner will be held at the Leagues Club, (quite close to the Masonic Hall), at 7 PM for 7.30. Formal speeches will be brief, and few, because convener Neil Morse has arranged for a special guest speaker.

Three papers have been allocated for Sunday 5 October, to be presented between 9 AM and 3 PM. David Ganon (Western Australian Lodge of Research) will kick off with a lavishly illustrated 'Ark of the Covenant', followed by Colin Heyward (Hawke's Bay Research Lodge), who will explore the Masonic links across the Tasman with 'The Australian connection in the development of Freemasonry in New Zealand'. After lunch Harvey Lovewell (W H J Mayers Memorial Lodge of Research) will conclude with an exploration of time and calendars in relation to Masonic history and legend, in 'The calendar and Masonry'.

The biennial general meeting of ANZMRC is scheduled to commence at 3 PM and close as soon possible after four o'clock.

Postscripts

- **Goodies for sale:** There will be an opportunity to purchase current and back issues of various publications from ANZMRC and affiliated research lodges, as well as CDs of research material. Anyone wishing to sell such material should contact the conference convener, Neil Morse, at morse@netspeed.com.au. Among the items for sale will be CDs of *The Collected Kellerman Lectures 1992–2004*, and material from the ANZMRC catalog and digital library projects.
- **Dress code:** There will *not* be a tyled meeting, and therefore regalia and dinner suit are *not* required.
- **Registration:** Those registering for the full weekend should obtain a standard registration form from the secretary of their own research lodge, and complete it. In such cases, the registration fee includes a copy of the *ANZMRC Proceedings 2008*. There will also be an opportunity at the conference to register for a day or part of a day at a reduced fee, which will *not* include a copy of the Proceedings (available for purchase separately). Attendance at any session is open to Masons and non-Masons, regardless of gender, but all attendees must register.
- **Floriade:** This is Australia's premier spring festival and a world-class floral spectacular, presented in the splendid grounds of Commonwealth Park on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin. Over one million blooms create a stunning backdrop to a month-long festival filled with music, cultural celebrations, artistic displays, entertainment and recreational activities. It will run from Saturday 13 September to Sunday 12 October 2008, open on Monday to Friday 9–5, and on weekends and Public Holidays 8–5. Entry is free, and last entry is at 4.30 PM.



RWBro Rodney Grosskopff, ADGM (EC), Lyceum Lodge of Research 8682 EC, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Harashim #45, January 2009

CANCON 2008

Report on the ANZMRC 9th Biennial Conference

The venue for the 9th Biennial Conference of the Australian & New Zealand Masonic Research Council was Queanbeyan, a town in rural New South Wales, close to the national capital, Canberra. The conference was held over the first weekend in October 2008, in the Queanbeyan Masonic Hall, because the Canberra Masonic Centre was in the process of being demolished, to make way for a larger building.

Eight Kellerman Lectures were presented over the three days, from the Friday evening to the Sunday afternoon, by researchers from the jurisdictions of all Affiliates except those of South Australia & the Northern Territory. In the absence of a Kellerman Lecturer from SA&NT, the oldest overseas Associate of ANZMRC, Lyceum Lodge of Research 8682 EC (South Africa) provided a special Kellerman Lecturer. None of the meetings was tyled, and all lectures were open to the public, but an alternative program was provided for accompanying ladies who did not wish to attend the lectures.

The conference was officially opened on the Saturday morning by MWBro Dr Gregory Levenston, MD, JP, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, who was accompanied by his partner, Judith Morrice, and by the Grand Librarian, RWBro J V Haffner. In his opening address, Dr Levenston called for research to be made more attractive to ordinary Masons and challenged ANZMRC to make the conference the starting point to reinvigorate research and study, to reach

out to younger Masons, personally and electronically, and to make a difference. For the full text of his address, see Issue 44 of *Harashim*.

Dr Levenston presented Kellerman Lecturer certificates to the following: Rodney Grosskopff (South Africa), Geoffrey Ludowyk (NSW&ACT), Gordon Fraser (NZ), David Beagley (Vic), Ian Green (Tas), David Ganon (WA), Colin Heyward (NZ) and Harvey Lovewell (Qld).

In addition to the Conference *Proceedings*, which was included in the registration fee, a number of other Masonic and related publications were for sale on stalls operated during the conference. Stallholders included Dr Bob James PhD, EA, of the Australian Centre for Fraternalism, Secret Societies and Mateship (<http://www.fraternalsecrets.org/>), Wayne Bugden (Qld), with his books on Masonic Halls in Australia; Graeme Love (Vic) with back issues of the *Transactions* of the Victorian Lodge of Research (a very popular stall, as usual), Graham Stead (Qld) with the Scottish magazine the *Ashlar*. Also available were CDs of the ANZMRC Digital Library & Catalogue (edition 1), and the *Collected Kellerman Lectures 1992–2004*.

Biennial General Meeting

The biennial general meeting was held on the Sunday afternoon with President Peter Verrall in the chair. All Affiliates were represented by voting delegates, either in person or by proxy, except for the South Australian Lodge of Research (Adelaide) and Leichhardt Lodge of Research (Darwin), whose delegate (Webmaster Richard Num) was unable to attend.

Apologies for absence were received from R Dawes, F Loupos, G Love, N Morse, R Num, K Wells & M Yaxley.

The minutes of the previous meeting at Ballarat in 2006 were taken as read, but two matters arose from the minutes:

- ♦ K. Henderson moved, and K. Nicholls seconded ‘That non-masons, as defined by the committee, be eligible to attend Kellerman Lectures, except where the committee determines otherwise on a case-by-case basis.’ Carried.

- ♦ D Slater reported that the Travelling Gavel was in either Adelaide or Darwin.

The Treasurer, A Walker, advised that the Accounts were not yet prepared, but would be circulated to Affiliate Lodges as soon as possible

It was moved C. Heywood, seconded A. Walker, that the written, pre-circulated reports of the President, Secretary and Editor, as attached to these minutes, be taken as read and adopted. Carried. [copies of these reports are included in this issue of *Harashim*.]

The meeting confirmed that the 10th ANZMRC Conference would be held in Western Australia in 2010, and approved the establishment of a Conference bank account for that purpose.

As reported in Issue 44 of *Harashim*, it was agreed that instead of obtaining a visiting lecturer from outside of the local jurisdiction for 2009, Peter Verrall (WA) would tour New Zealand, and Kerry Nicholls (New Zealand Kellerman Lecturer for 2006) would tour Australia.

RWBro Rodney Grosskopff (South Africa) was appointed ANZMRC touring lecturer for 2011.

After the election of officers for 2008–2010 and necessary appointments, Ed Robinson reported on the ANZMRC Catalogue and Digital Library projects (see separate article), and he was authorised to continue the projects.

On the motion of Kent Henderson and Colin Heyward, it was determined that in future Kellerman Lectures should be of one hour duration, with an additional 30 minutes for comments and questions.

A minute of appreciation to the outgoing Secretary, Kent Henderson, was recorded on the motion of Harvey Lovewell and Andy Walker.

ANZMRC Executive Changes

Peter Verrall was *elected* President, having previously served in that office by *appointment* since President Max Webberley died in office in March 2007. (It promises to be an eventful term of office for Peter; in 2009 he will make a lecture tour of New Zealand, and in 2010 will chair the 10th biennial conference of ANZMRC in his home town of Mandurah, Western Australia.) David Ganon OAM, the 2008 Kellerman Lecturer for Western Australia, joins the ANZMRC committee as conference convener for the 2010 event.

Graham Stead (Qld), having served as Immediate Past President, resumed his earlier role as Treasurer when Andy Walker (NSW & ACT) relinquished that office to become senior vice president. The other vice presidents are Charles Miller (NZ), re-elected, and Ian Green, 2008 Kellerman Lecturer for Tasmania, newly elected.

Kent Henderson (Vic), foundation Secretary, stood down after 16 years continuous service in that office, but agreed to serve the next two years as Assistant Secretary. Colin Heyward (NZ Kellerman Lecturer 2008) was elected Secretary. Richard Num (SA) was re-elected Information Officer (aka webmaster).

Tony Pope was re-appointed editor, and Alan Gale was appointed assistant editor. Les Keane was appointed auditor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to present this report to you as President of the ANZMRC.

At the last Biennial Conference in Ballarat in October 2006 the last thing on my mind was that I would be in this position today. On that occasion, our incoming president, RW Bro Max Webberley, was his usual bustling self and the following month I had the opportunity to catch up with him in Perth at the time of the Grand Installation of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

It was a shock to all of us when we heard of his sudden death in March 2007 and I am sure we will miss his presence today. Max was the inaugural Kellerman Lecturer for Tasmania in 1992 and gave a second Lecture at Brisbane in 2000. In 2004 in New Zealand he was elected a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council in recognition of his great contribution to Freemasonry in general and to the Council in particular.

It is perhaps a time to pause and to remember the other Kellerman lecturers who have gone to the Grand Lodge above. Also in 2007 we lost the 1996 Kellerman Lecturer RW Bro Robert Linford OBE from NSW and ACT. Other deceased Kellerman Lecturers include Arthur Astin (1999), Harry Kellerman (2000) after whom the lecture is named and Brian Burton (2008) from NSW and ACT, Bill Gibson (2002) and Guy Palliser (2004) from NZ, Brian Palmer (1998) and Jim Hughes (2000) from Queensland and Ron Cook (2000) from Victoria. Their contributions to our organisation are certainly recognised.

The international Lecture Tour by RW Bro Jim Daniel PJGW, PGSec (EC) from England started off with his arrival at Perth Airport just after midnight on 29 September 2007. Luckily his host was there to meet him because another brother who had arrived earlier, went to sleep in his car and awoke several hours after the flight's arrival. Jim delivered a total of 18 lectures in 45 days and covered a distance of about 5000 kilometres. No mean feat! Is it any wonder that Jim, in his 'The Daniel Report' printed in the April 2008 Harashim, asked us to consider three questions,

1. Who is research for ?
2. What are the advantages of conducting and delivering research ?
3. How many of today's research lodges are sailing under false colours ?

Jim did not have the answers but he considered that they should be addressed again in both hemispheres. I think this is very relevant and I hope we will have the opportunity to have some discussion when we consider matters surrounding the lecture tours due in 2009 and 2011.

We must again express our appreciation to 'The Few' who run the Council in the time between our Biennial Conferences. In my last 'President's Corner' I wrote that we have no central headquarters, no regular meeting place and generally we only see each other every two years. Yet it is most important that if we are to survive, and I consider that we are one of the most important constituents of Freemasonry, we must get support from all the Research Lodges and act as a united body.

We must support 'The Few' in every way by our quick responses on matters raised by our Secretary, Kent Henderson and Assistant Secretary Colin Heywood, by contributions to 'Harashim' through our Editor Tony Pope and by supporting the Host Biennial Committees.

Without the backroom work carried out by these brethren (and you need have been in one of these offices to appreciate what they do) we could very easily fade away into Masonic obscurity. We are sometimes more inclined to criticize than to praise. Let us this year and for future years take the latter course.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve you as President.

Peter Verrall

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Council has enjoyed a prosperous period over the last two years. Administration has flowed smoothly, and I am grateful to the various lodge secretaries, and members of the Committee, who have contributed.

Harashim continues to be one of the many strengths of the Council, thanks to the untiring efforts of our Editor, Tony Pope. The distribution of *Harashim* as a PDF file by email continues to prove popular, and has clearly reduced printing and postage costs to the Council.

I suggest then time has come to seriously reduce numbers of the printed version of *Harashim*. I recommend that each Affiliate and Associate receive only *one* printed copy in future, and that each edition be placed on the ANZMRC website in downloadable form.

It is great to see that nearly all New Zealand Research Lodges are now Affiliate Members of the Council, and we must thank Colin Heyward for his unrelenting efforts in achieving this. He has one more to get, but I understand this is imminent!

We have challenges ahead. Some of our member lodges are not particularly healthy, and they will need all the support other Research Lodges can give them in the years to come.

My sincere thanks to those many that have assisted me in my role over the last two years, their assistance has been greatly appreciated.

I have been the (only!) Secretary of the Council since its inception in 1992 – I have thus served in the role for sixteen years – not quite as long as the sentence one would get for murder, but nearly.

While I am happy to serve again in a capacity, I think the time has come for a new Secretary to take up the reins. I certainly wish him, and all other members of the new Committee, every success.

Kent Henderson

EDITOR'S REPORT

Editing and publishing are by no means exempt from Murphy's Law, as this report will indicate. The report refers to each ANZMRC publication since the last Conference, and to two other matters: the need for an Assistant Editor with a view to replacement of the present editor; and a small public relations exercise in 2007.

Masonic networks & connections

Jim Daniel has made a study of a particular period of English Masonic history which affected Freemasonry globally, and continues to affect relationships between Grand Lodges. In organising the Daniel tour and making both new and previously published work available in one volume, ANZMRC has made a significant contribution to Masonic research in the English-speaking world. This was achieved by the publication of *Masonic networks & connections* by ANZMRC, and subsequently also by the Library and Museum of Freemasonry (London).

At 344 pages (including preliminary matters and the index) this is by far the largest book we have published, and the first for which I have no serious self-criticism. I took the unfinished work with me when I went overseas in April 2007, remaining in contact with the author, and completed the draft while in America. I had a technical problem with converting the work to PDF format for the printer, but this was solved by Brent Morris and his DTP specialist. Upon my return to Australia there was a slight delay in the printing, but the end result was pleasing.

ANZMRC sold the digitised text to the Library and Museum of Freemasonry, which published the English edition a few weeks after the completion of the lecture tour. The Director, Diane Clements, added portraits and other images copyright by the Library and Museum, which, together with a more imaginative cover design, resulted in an even better book.

Harashim

Publication of *Harashim* suffered a hiatus in 2007, when I left it in the hands of the Assistant Editor, who was unable to produce any issues of the newsletter during the year. Ultimately, the responsibility is mine. Publication was resumed in 2008 with four issues of 16 pages each. Worldwide circulation in PDF format has increased, and the initial problems with conversion to PDF format have been resolved. With the acquisition of new software and the application of a little imagination, the appearance may be improved next year.

ANZMRC Proceedings 2008

Murphy struck again with the printing of the current *Proceedings*. I converted the edited text into PDF format and then proofed the whole PDF file. Layout and all images were satisfactory, and I mailed the PDF file on CD for printing. When I received an advance copy of the bound book, the first page of the first Kellerman Lecture was the disaster which you will all have seen on page 5 of the book. At that stage there was little option but to grin and bear it; to scrap the book and reprint and rebind it would have doubled the cost of production. I can only apologise to readers and to the author whose work was spoiled.

Collected Kellerman Lectures 1992–04

The first cycle of ANZMRC conferences commenced in Victoria in 1992 and was completed in New Zealand in 2004. Subsequently it was decided to publish a collection of all the Kellerman Lectures of this period, making them available on CD, with a limited edition in hard copy.

I arranged the lectures by jurisdiction, re-formatted and re-proofed them, and then requested members of the committee to obtain biographical details and photographs of authors in their jurisdictions, to supplement those already in my possession. In many instances, the committee members were unable to assist. This left the text incomplete, and therefore I could not commence indexing. Technically, the CD version does not require an index because the Adobe Reader program contains a 'find' function, but the printed version demands an index.

Therefore I have entirely removed the biographies and photos already placed in the text, rather than leave this aspect incomplete, and have supplied the Secretary with a PDF file for publication on CD. It contains a short preface, a table of contents, all the Kellerman Lectures for the period 1992–2004, and an illustrated history of ANZMRC (basically, a paper I presented in PowerPoint format at Walter F Meier Lodge of Research and other American lodges in 2007).

The print version has been put on hold. I will do my own research to obtain the missing biographies and then compile an index. The result will be well over 500 pages of A4 size, and may require to be split into two or three volumes. I recommend that it be spirally bound, like the *Proceedings*, with a first printing of 20 copies.

So that a similar problem does not arise after the second cycle of ANZMRC conferences, I suggest that future Kellerman Lecturers be required to submit suitable photographs and biographical details with their papers. I will ask 2006 and 2008 Lecturers for similar material, and will archive it with their lectures.

That trip

My trip around the world in 2007 was primarily for personal reasons, but I took the opportunity to make contact with Masonic researchers wherever possible, and carried with me a PowerPoint presentation on the history of ANZMRC, and a CD containing: issues 1–40 of *Harashim*, a personal selection of Kellerman Lectures from each jurisdiction, and a few other items, all in PDF format. I deposited copies of the CD (copyright ANZMRC 2007) for libraries of the following:

- Alexandria-Washington Lodge 22 VA
- Cape Masonic Research Association, South Africa
- Daylight Lodge of the Arts 232 WA
- George Washington National Masonic Memorial
- Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario
- Grand Lodge of France
- Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
- Grand Lodge of South Africa
- Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia
- Grand Lodge of Washington
- House of the Temple (Scottish Rite SJ)
- Lodge of the Nine Muses 1776 DC
- Maryland Masonic Research Society
- Philalethes Society
- Phylaxis Society
- Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Arizona
- Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland
- Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ontario
- Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia
- Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington
- Toronto Society for Masonic Research
- Vancouver Masonic Center, WA
- Walter F Meier Lodge of Research 281 WA

On my return to Australia I supplied a copy of the CD to Kent Henderson so that he could make a similar distribution on his speaking tour of North America later that year.

Assistant and replacement

Once again I will belabour the obvious: I need either a replacement or an assistant with a view to becoming my replacement. There was a time, in the second half of 2007, when I thought I had the ideal assistant/replacement, an experienced New Zealand editor. Unfortunately, he made the decision to devote his time to other pursuits.

I have another prospective assistant with a view to replacement and I will submit his name for approval.

In any event, please note that I wish to retire as editor, completely, by 2012 at the latest. Of course, the meeting may decide to retire me forthwith, in which case I shall be happy to assist my successor in any way he requires.

Tony Pope



Musical chairs—Kent Henderson and Colin Heyward exchange jobs as Secretary and Assistant Secretary, while Graham Stead moves back to his old job of Treasurer, and Andy Walker moves up to senior Vice President.



Ladies who preferred Floriade to lectures

Back row, left to right: Barbara Samuel-Pope (NSW), Nea Morse (ACT), Helen Stead (Qld), Jan Heyward (NZ), Eileen Grosskopff (SAf), Patricia Cooper (Vic); and in front Bev Smith (WA).



A bizarre Co-Masonic ritual? No! Judith Morrice photographing her partner, GM Greg Levenston, presenting a Kellerman Lecturer certificate to Ian Green (Tas). On the left are (from front to rear): David Slater (ACT), David Ganon (WA), Les Cooper (Vic) and Peter Verrall (WA).



Kellerman Lecturers 2008 with the Grand Master of NSW&ACT (left to right) Colin Heyward (NZ), Ian Green (Tas), Gordon Fraser (NZ), Rodney Grosskopff (SAf), Harvey Lovewell (Qld), GM Greg Levenston, David Beagley (Vic), David Ganon (WA) and Geoff Ludowyk (NSW&ACT).