
Daily Advancement

March Meeting

Your attendance is requested in performance of your Masonic duty for the next regular meeting of Lodge Pembroke to be held at the Masonic Hall, 3 Forcett Street, Sorell on **Thursday 27th March 2008** to be tyled at **7.30pm** sharp.

Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Business Arising
3. Correspondence & General Business
4. Financial Report
5. Almoner's Report
6. Receive Visitors
7. ***Initiation: Christopher John HEALY***
8. Close Meeting

Obligation	Wor Master
Lesser Lights	Wor Bro George Sanders
Secrets & Investiture	Senior Warden
Apron Extension	Bro Graham Alomes
Northeast	Wor Master
Reasons for Preparation	V Wor Bro John Millington
Working Tools	Junior Warden
Final Charge	Wor Master

Special Invitation to Ladies

Please note that for this meeting, an invitation is extended to the wives and partners of

Brethren to attend the Lodge and join us in

welcoming the new Brother and his partner into Freemasonry.

The Ladies will be entertained in the Supper Room while the Brethren meet in the Lodge Room.

After the close of the meeting, Brethren and their Ladies will sit down together

for the Banquet in the South.

Assistance with the supper would be appreciated.

VALE: WOR BRO. J.L. 'LORRIE' MITCHELL

Wor Bro Lorrie Mitchell was born in Nambour, Queensland, in August 1822 and served with the Air force in New Guinea during the Second World War.

After attending Agricultural College, he moved to NW Tasmania with his wife Leslie in 1949 to take up a position as regional agricultural officer.

Lorrie was initiated in to Lodge Formby 57 T.C. on 3rd January 1951, passed on 6th June and raised on 5th September. After transferring to Sorell, he affiliated with Beltana Lodge in August 1953.

At a general meeting of brethren at Sorell in May 1954, Lorrie was elected Chairman of a committee to found a Masonic Lodge in the district. While initial progress was slow, a burst of activity from 1957 on wards saw the raising of funds, the construction of lodge rooms and the granting of a charter by the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

Construction of the Temple commenced in December 1958. At completion it was valued at around £7,000, with the members raising over £2,000 and contributing many hours of voluntary work in the construction.

More than 150 persons were present on 20th June 1959 when the Grand Master laid the foundation stone of the Masonic Temple. The gathering included members of Grand Lodge and city, suburban and country lodges and their ladies. Lodge Pembroke was consecrated on 12th September 1959 and Wor Bro. HN 'Harry' Cooper

installed as the first Master. Bro. Mitchell was invested as the Lodge's first Senior Warden.

It is noteworthy that with the exception of Harry Cooper, who was a past master of Kingston Lodge, few of the inaugural officers had previously held office in a lodge. Where brethren normally have several years to learn the duties and responsibilities of office, they learned their work in a series of fortnightly rehearsals commencing in April 1959, held first in the supper rooms at the memorial Hall and later in the Clarence lodge rooms at Bellerive. It was not till July that they were finally able to practice in their own rooms.

Lorrie Mitchell was the first Master Mason to be installed in the chair of Lodge Pembroke on 17th September 1960.

These were golden years for Lodge, with a steady stream of candidates and strong competition for offices. In his year as Master, nine candidates were initiated, including four doubles. Seven brethren were passed to the second degree, including a double and a triple. Eight candidates were raised, all in double ceremonies. Nine brethren received Grand Lodge Certificates. The Lodge made a fraternal visit to Formby Lodge at Devonport, for which they provided a second degree candidate. On Lorrie's last night in September 1961, the Master, officers and brethren of Lodge Formby returned the visit and conducted the work for the evening.

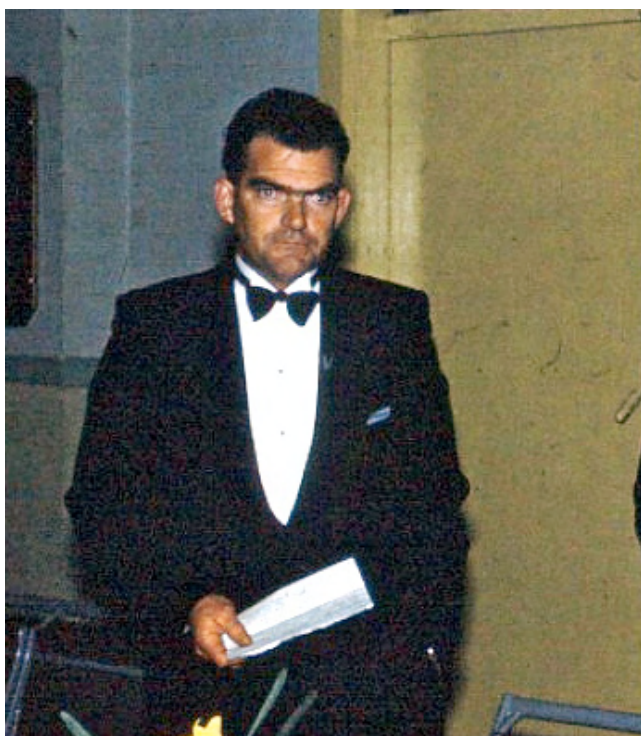
Unusually, Lorrie had thirteen months as Master, Pembroke installations subsequently being held in October. He continued to make a significant contribution to the work of the Lodge, even after moving away to live and work in Hobart. He and Leslie regularly attended Ladies Night and other social functions, and he was always ready to fill in with a charge when called upon, and served for a time as Preceptor. He was made a Life Member of the Lodge in 1965.

Those who knew him will remember his dry wit and the sweet smell of Dr Pat pipe tobacco that was all the evidence that any needed of his presence.

Wor Bro Mitchell was present at my initiation, and at my Installation in 1992. Despite deteriorating health, he drove himself to Sorell to attend my second Installation last October.

Vale Lorrie.

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ORIGINS IN STONE

After the Norman invasion of 1066, William the Conqueror went on a building spree, constructing Royal castles in every English shire. The Norman nobles followed suit, using their castles to defend their estates and subdue the people.

Not to be outdone, the Norman bishops were equally energetic. Every Cathedral in England was rebuilt after the Norman conquest over a period of about forty years.

Many of the old churches were not just rebuilt, they were moved! The cathedral at Elmham in East Anglia was moved to a new site at Thetford in 1075, before being dismantled and moved to Norwich in 1094. The Cathedral at Sherborne was moved to the heavily fortified Old Sarum, but only 150 years later it was moved again, to Salisbury, now one of the most visited Cathedral churches in England.

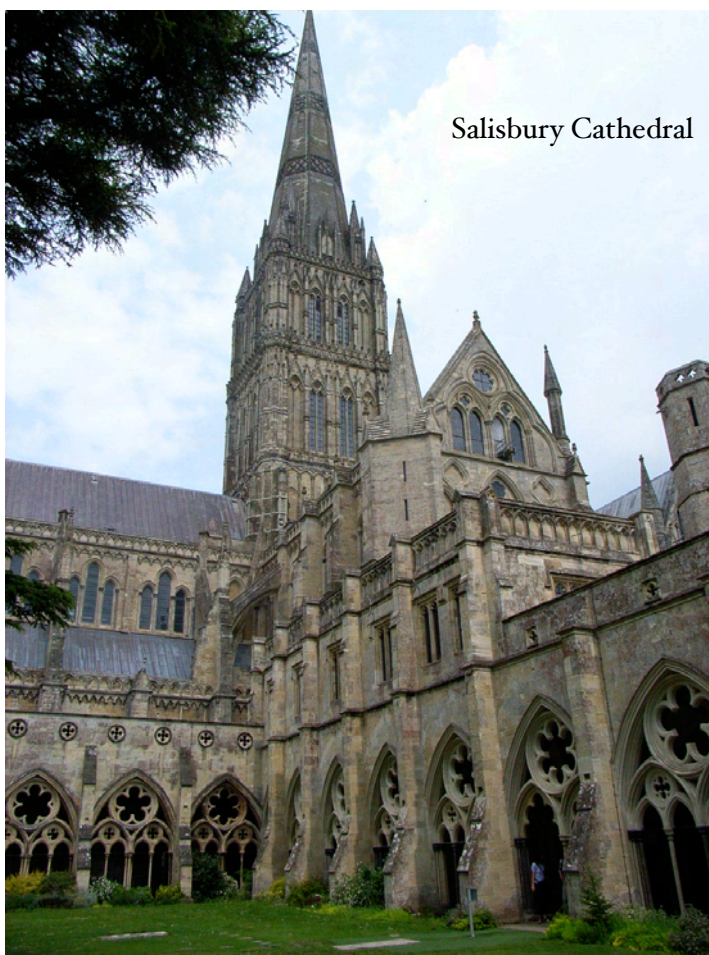
In all this building and rebuilding, Masons played a vital role, both as master designers, builders and architects. Many of the workers were journeymen masons travelling from site to site all over Europe, throughout the Middle Ages.

These Operative or Stone Masons were the forerunners of the modern Freemason. They used a grip or handshake and a word which had been entrusted to them to prove their qualifications as a Stone Mason so as to gain employment at a new site.

In a similar manner today's Freemasons use handshakes and words to help recognize each other. As the work was heavy in nature, Men were the ones employed as Stone Masons. It is with this tradition in mind that women are not accepted as members.



The Cathedral at Old Sarum



Salisbury Cathedral

At the same time, the tokens of the modern Freemason are recognised in Lodges across the globe as they once were throughout the operative lodges of Europe.

ANNUAL LODGE DUES

Brethren are reminded that annual dues for 2008 are now due \$180 (+\$10 Voluntary Homes Donation)

FAMILY STORIES

After normal business was completed in February and successful ballots conducted for Christopher Healy and Andrew Montgomery, visitors were admitted and the Lodge was called off so that the Brethren could join the ladies for presentations on family history.

Bro Geoff Reynolds presented a power point presentation on the origins of the Reynolds family, descending through six generations of colonial settlement, farming in the area around Broadmarsh, till finally arriving in the Sorell district.

The Worshipful Master told the story of his own excursion into family history through his research into his mothers family name which has been traced back to 1695. He told the story of the four brothers from the one family who came out to Tasmania in the early 1800s and settled at Sorell and on the East Coast.

Mrs Rosemary Bruce-Mullins brought a collection of material about the McConnon family history, and other materials were also on display. Brethren and guests all showed a great deal of interest in the presentations and material and conversations about local and family history continued after the Lodge was closed, over drinks and an enjoyable buffet supper.

NEW CHEMICAL ELEMENT DISCOVERED

The heaviest element known to science was recently discovered by investigators at a major US research university. The element, tentatively named *administratium*, has no protons or electrons and thus has an atomic number of 0. However, it does have one neutron, 125 assistant neutrons, 75 vice neutrons and 111 assistant vice neutrons, which gives it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by a force that involves the continuous exchange of meson-like particles called morons. It is also surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons.

Since it has no electrons, *administratium* is inert. However, it can be detected chemically as it impedes every reaction it comes in contact with. According to the discoverers, a minute amount of *administratium* causes one reaction to take over four days to complete when it would have normally occurred in less than a second.

Administratium has a normal half-life of approximately three years, at which time it does not decay, but instead undergoes a re-organization in which assistant neutrons, vice neutrons and assistant vice neutrons exchange places. Some studies have shown that the atomic mass actually increases after each re-organization.

Research at other laboratories indicates that *administratium* occurs naturally in the atmosphere. It tends to concentrate at certain points such as government agencies, large corporations, and universities. It can usually be found in the newest, best appointed, and best maintained buildings.

Scientists point out that *administratium* is known to be toxic at any level of concentration and can easily destroy any productive reaction where it is allowed to accumulate. Attempts are being made to determine how *administratium* can be controlled to prevent irreversible damage, but results to date are not promising.

Calendar

Tuesday March 25th 2008

Rehearsal: First Degree

Thursday March 27th 2008Pembroke Regular Meeting
(First Degree)**Monday March 31st 2008****Research** Installation
(Wor. Bro. George Sanders)**Wednesday April 2nd 2008**

Instruction: Second Degree

Tuesday April 8th 2008

Committee of Management

Thursday April 17th 2008**Pacific** Installation
(Bro. Jack Clear)**Saturday April 19th 2008****Bothwell** Installation
(Wor Bro. Robert Connelly)**Monday April 21st 2008**Eastern Shore Fraternity Night
at Bowen Lodge**Tuesday April 22nd 2008**

Rehearsal: First Degree

Thursday April 24th 2008Pembroke Regular Meeting
(First Degree)

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