

# Daily Advancement

Monthly Notice Paper of Lodge Pembroke 74 T.C.

Consecrated September 1959



Worshipful Master: Paul Kregor

The Installation meeting tyled at 3.00pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Prior to the meeting, Wor Bro Bob Steele made it be known that he was prepared to accept the office as Tyler, which necessitated a quick election prior to the admission of visitors so that he could be invested later in proceedings.

Amongst the members present at the meeting was Wor Bro Lorrie Mitchell, who was the first Master Mason to be installed at Pembroke back in 1960. He took advantage of the daytime scheduling to attend for the first time in quite a while.

The Secretary introduced Bro Graeme Alomes to the members ahead of a ballot for affiliation in November.

After the admission of visitors, which included four Whorshipful Masters, there was quite a parade of Pembroke brethren who retired to join the Grand Lodge Team.

At the proper time, the Grand Director, V Wor Bro Sandy Thomson was admitted and after retiring he returned with a large body of Grand Lodge Officers, followed by the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro Julius Keiron.

After the usual greetings, the Grand Master proceeded to install Wor Bro Kregor as Master according to ancient custom. The installation and investiture of officers was performed with such efficiency that the meeting was concluded ahead of time and the Lodge was closed by 5.30pm.

While the Brethren were engaged on their Masonic business, a large group of Ladies, led by Mrs Barbara Kregor prepared and laid out the tables for the Installation banquet in the South.

As noted by the new WM in response to a toast, this was the fourth occasion on which Barbara had led the Banquet team, having previously officiated for Wor Bros Don Gatehouse and John Kregor.

While numbers at the Banquet were down, they were swelled by quite a large number of ladies who joined the brethren at the festive board.

Wor Bro Barry Ford proposed the toast to Grand Lodge, to which the Grand Master gave a dignified response. In proposing the toast to the Ladies, Wor Bro Bruce-Mullins thanked his wife Rosemary for her support throughout his year.

With the end of proceedings, another year at Lodge Pembroke had begun.

## November Meeting

### ADDRESSES:

#### Master

Wor Bro Paul Kregor  
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#### Secretary

Wor Bro Greg Cleeland  
6265 1078

#### Almoner

Bro D Arnott  
6265 1092

#### Caretaker

Wor Bro. George Sanders  
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Your attendance is requested in performance of your Masonic duty for our Installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, 3 Forcett Street, Sorell on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007** to be tyled at **7.30pm** sharp.

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Business Arising
3. Correspondence & General Business
4. Financial Report
5. Almoner's Report
6. Ballot for Affiliation: Bro Graeme Alomes
7. Receive Visitors
8. Close Meeting

### “THE LAST TIME I SAW PARIS”

Members and guests will adjourn to the South for a viewing of photographs and materials from the Worshipful Master's recent trip to Europe.

This part of the evening will be open to partners, families and friends and will be followed by a Buffet Supper.

Assistance with items for the supper table would be appreciated.

### ANNUAL LODGE DUES

NOW DUE

Amount: \$180.00

(including Grand Lodge)

Voluntary Contribution to  
Masonic Homes

\$10.00

### Calendar

Wednesday 7th November 7.30pm

*Lodge of Instruction*

Tuesday 20th November 7.30pm

*Committee of Management*

Thursday 22nd November 7.30pm

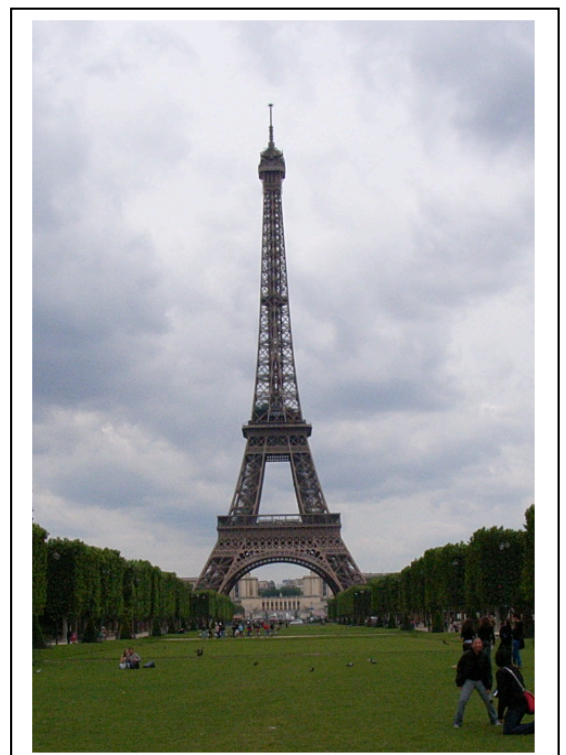
*Regular meeting: Photo presentation.*

Wednesday 5th December 7.30pm

*Lodge of Instruction*

Saturday 22nd December

*Christmas function – details to be announced.*



# *Community of Interest*

Pembroke has suffered over the last twenty years from a steady decline in membership. This mainly reflects a trend in freemasonry throughout the world that has seen far lower rates of new people entering the craft compared to the numbers being lost due to ageing and other causes.

In simplistic terms, a lodge needs to admit at least three new members each year to have any chance of withstanding the inevitable march of time that robs us of our older masons.

The progressive nature of the science requires that at least one new member move to take office each year.

For Pembroke, there are already insufficient remaining master masons ready or willing to assume office to give any hope that the Lodge can return to a more secure position in the near future. The next five years are critical.

We need to set some targets for the Lodge and formulate plans to achieve them. From the basic formula already discussed, the following might be a good place to start:

1. to initiate five new masons per year for the next five years; and
2. to recruit at least two Master Masons to take up office each year.

There is a third element that needs to be addressed, namely the level of 'participation' in Lodge activities by existing members.

The overwhelming majority of 'active' members of Lodge Pembroke at present are Past Masters, filling all but two of the progressive offices. Of Master Masons only a handful attend regularly.

Although people will be influenced by the competing demands of work and family, a lack of participation often reflects a lack of interest. It is easy to view disinterest as a criticism of the individual.

However, given that it is one of the fundamental tenets of freemasonry that people should be motivated by 'interest' in the Craft, it points to a significant area in which Masonry is failing.

People can't be expected to *express an interest* in Freemasonry if they don't know anything about it, or even that it exists!

If we are to achieve our membership goal, the first step is to *promote the awareness of Freemasonry in the local community*.

This will provide the base from which people can be motivated to take the next step.

Promotion has two main elements:

The first and most obvious is *advertising our presence* by all means possible, from posters to bumper stickers. We must be prepared to make ourselves more visible both individually and collectively.

The second element is to *demonstrate* what Freemasonry is about. This is a little more difficult but here are some good ways we can start.

- By joining with other community groups to collaborate on significant projects in the district.
- By arranging activities that involve people from outside the Lodge.
- By participating as a Lodge in community events and activities.

The general decline in community participation over the past thirty years has seen many groups experience similar problems to Pembroke. Many have reached the point where they are totally reliant on a diminishing core of committed individuals getting older and to some extent more exhausted by the increasing efforts required to sustain themselves.

The value of collaboration is that, however weak they may be on their own, groups acting together can achieve things that would otherwise appear impossible.

A discussion of these issues will be the main issue on the agenda for our next *Committee of Management on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm*.

A general invitation is extended to all interested members to attend this meeting and begin the task of planning important steps to secure the future of Lodge Pembroke.

*Wor Bro Paul Kregor*