



Dear Brother

We are writing to you, as a relatively new member of our Fraternity, because our records indicate that you have been initiated since 2015. Notwithstanding that, quite a number of you are now Master Masons. Because Freemasonry values Masonic Learning we wish to provide you with some understanding of what this might mean and some of the resources currently available to pursue this at your convenience.

### RITUALS, CEREMONIES, and SYMBOLISM

In the first instance, our ceremonies, ritual and symbolism, are the foundation of Masonic Learning.



Familiarising yourself with them, repeated experience of the ceremonies, or reading of the ritual, is an important starting point for you to understand the form of masonic practice and to begin to interpret its meaning. Whilst each degree has a specific purpose, the way that we engage with it, the interpretation we draw from it, is personal because each degree aims to shape our character as “pious and virtuous” men – fraternal and intelligent men of good moral character, in modern language!

### MASONIC SELF-LEARNING COURSE

The Pietre Stones Website: <http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/> provides a degree based self-learning program which is most helpful and has been developed by W. Bro. Kent Henderson, from the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

(You will also find papers prepared by M.W. Bro. Stephen Michalak published on Pietre Stones.)

### MASONIC STUDY GROUP

We are currently running a pilot program, aimed at introducing newer members to some helpful basic knowledge and providing the opportunity for Brothers to come together and share their experiences.

As a result of invitations to join, circulated before Easter, there are currently about 15 brethren participating in this course which we hope to offer again next year.

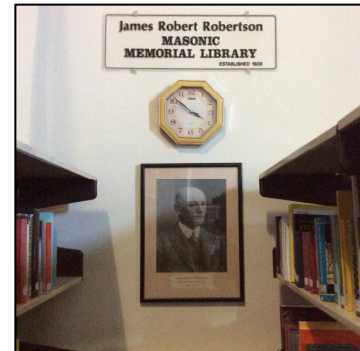
If you are interested in participating next year, please advise Danielle Pilkington, Grand Lodge Office (details listed on page 4).

## MASONIC REFERENCE BOOKS

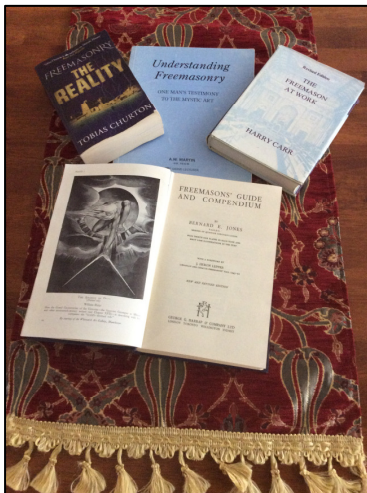
There are a wide range of texts available on every conceivable masonic subject. If you are wishing to purchase books, for private reference, **Lewis Masonic publishers** are specialists in Freemasonry and can be googled.

If you do not wish to purchase any books, there are a number of texts available from the **Grand Lodge Library, North Tce., Adelaide**, which is usually open on Monday and Wednesday, between 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. each week.

Currently, W.Bro. John Rand and Bro. Mel Woolford staff the library and will willingly guide you through its wealth of books and the borrowing procedures.



We offer the following as a sound *starting point*:



- Understanding Freemasonry, A.W. (Fred) Martin, Past Grand Lecturer, GL of SA & NT.
- Further Understanding of Craft Freemasonry, A.W. (Fred) Martin, PGL, GL of SA & NT.
- The Freemason at Work, Harry Carr, Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge (UK).
- Freemasonry: The Reality, Tobias Churton M.A., Honorary Fellow & Lecturer, Exeter University (UK), Centre for the Study of Western Esotericism.
- Symbolism in Craft Freemasonry, Colin Dyer, Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge (UK).
- Freemasons Guide and Compendium, Bernard Jones, Member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge (UK).

These are all excellent texts, covering a broad range of topics, which are readily accessible by the index.

We recommend you regularly refer to them as new questions arise during your masonic development.

Inevitably, once a sense of Freemasonry is obtained, you may find that you want a deeper understanding of a topic, or that you have a specific interest you wish to specialize in (i.e. history, symbolism, philosophy, and esotericism).

You might find the following texts helpful:

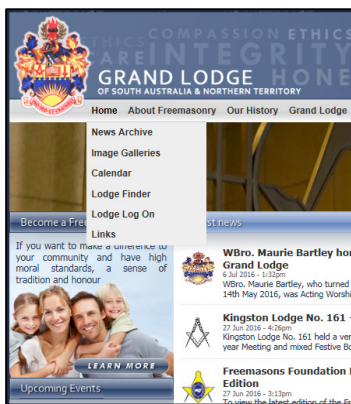
- Continental Freemasonry: Philosophy, Development and worldwide impact, Michel Jaccard, 2015 International Lecturer sponsored by the Australian & New Zealand Masonic Research Council.
- Beyond the Craft, Kenneth. B. Jackson, Member of United Grand Lodge of England.



- Freemasonry: A Journey through Ritual and Symbol, W. Kirk, MacNulty, Member of 3 Lodges in England & United States.
- The Masonic Initiation, W.L. Wilmshurst, Past Provincial Grand Registrar, West Yorks (UK).
- The Meaning of Masonry, W.L. Wilmshurst, Past Provincial Grand Registrar, West Yorks (UK).
- Studies on Traditional Freemasonry, Fabio Venzi Ph.D., Italian Masonic Scholar with an interest in esotericism and its influence on English Freemasonry.

## GRAND LODGE WEBSITE RESOURCES

### Masonic Website Links



The Grand Lodge of SA & NT Website:

<http://www.santfreemasons.org.au/> has 6 masonic website links that can be accessed by going to the “Home” icon and then the “Links” icon.

These links have been provided to assist you access reliable masonic research material.

We intend to add other links, over time, and if you find a helpful website we would be pleased to hear from you.

### History of Freemasonry

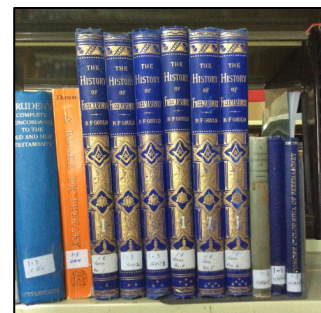
The Grand Lodge Website provides a range of helpful information in respect of the history of:

- Freemasonry’s’ general development;
- South Australian Freemasonry; and
- Northern Territory Freemasonry;

and is recommended to you.

Should you have an interest in exploring the history of Freemasonry in South Australia the following texts, also available in the library, are recommended:

- A History of Craft Masonry in South Australia: Volume 1, 1884 – 1935; Volume 2, 1934 – 1984.
- The History of the Lodge of Friendship, NO. 1 SA & NT, Bro’s D. Furner, H. Goatham, J. Moore, T. Molde.
- Irish Freemasonry in Australia, A.M. Cam.
- South Australian Freemasonry and ‘The Great War’ of World War 1, M.G. (Fred) Trueman.



## CONCLUSION

We hope that we have provided you with a brief overview of the current resources, and means, by which you can make “a daily advancement in your masonic learning”.

The field of Masonic Learning is limitless, given that the objective of Freemasonry is to create a fraternity of intelligent men of good moral character. Speculative Freemasonry developed in conjunction with the Enlightenment and the democratic world we live in. Its ideals, its values and its aspiration, are wedded with that and the following paper “A Modern Re-statement of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Freemasonry”, by M.G. (Fred) Trueman, is a guide to the sources and nature of human knowledge encompassed within Masonic Learning.

We hope that the information provided is helpful and we encourage you to contact us.

If we can assist you further, please feel free to contact Grand Lodge Office at 254 North Terrace, Adelaide and leave your details at reception or with Danielle by phone: 8223 1633 or email: [danielle@santfreemasons.org.au](mailto:danielle@santfreemasons.org.au)

Kind & Fraternal Regards,

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