

Jonadab Lodge

No. 771

*Under the Grand United Lodge of
A.F. & A. Masons of Victoria*



BY-LAWS

Jonadab Lodge

No. 771



PRESENTED TO

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The Jonadab Lodge

this.....day of.....19.....

.....Master

.....Secretary

Jonadab Lodge, No. 771

Of the Antient Fraternity of Free and
Accepted Masons.

(Under the United Grand Lodge of
Victoria).



REGULAR MEETINGS

Held in the
MASONIC HALL, RINGWOOD
on the
FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
at 7.30 p.m.

INSTALLATIONS, SEPTEMBER.

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THE JONADAB LODGE No. 771

was consecrated by

M.W. Bro. Dr. G. B. Bearham *GB*

Pro Grand Master and Grand Officers

at Masonic Hall

Pratt Street, Ringwood

on Friday, 2nd September *1953*

the Lodge of Rechab No. 224 being sponsors

THE reason why this Lodge has been named
Jonadab can be found by reading the thirty-
fifth chapter of Jeremiah. In this chapter is the
record of how the whole of the House of Recha-
bites was brought into the House of the Lord and
wine was set before them.

"But they said: We will drink no wine: for
Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded
us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor
your sons for ever."

FOUNDATION OFFICERS

Worshipful Master:

Wor. Bro. CYRIL JAMES CHALMERS

Acting I.P.M.: Wor. Bro. L. S. SWAN

Senior Warden	.....	.....	Bro. Rev. J. C. JONES
Junior Warden	.....	.....	Wor. Bro. C. O. G. HAND
Chaplain	.....	.....	Bro. J. T. SIMPSON
Treasurer	.....	.....	Bro. K. C. WARD
Secretary	.....	.....	Wor. Bro. A. J. B. AIRD

Director of Ceremonies

Wor. Bro. G. E. HANDASYDE

Almoner	.....	.....	.....	Bro. L. D. BRYAN
Senior Deacon	.....	.....	.....	Bro. J. E. KERR
Junior Deacon	.....	.....	.....	Bro. M. J. McKENZIE
Inner Guard	.....	.....	.....	Bro. C. R. WRIGHT
Steward	.....	.....	.....	Bro. A. T. H. BUCK
"	.....	.....	.....	Bro. H. G. GIRAUD
"	.....	.....	.....	Bro. J. W. HANDASYDE
"	.....	.....	.....	Bro. C. J. R. JOHNSTON
"	.....	.....	.....	Bro. J. R. KNEE
"	.....	.....	.....	Bro. L. G. WHITE
Tyler	.....	.....	.....	Bro. P. M. MARTIN

FOUNDATION MEMBERS



Wor. Bro. C. J. Chalmers	Bro. J. E. Kerr
Wor. Bro. A. J. B. Aird	Bro. J. R. Knee
Wor. Bro. O. White	Bro. A. J. LeBüsqe
Wor. Bro. G. E. Handasyde	Bro. M. J. McKenzie
Wor. Bro. C. O. G. Hand	Bro. N. E. Moseley
Wor. Bro. L. S. Swan	Bro. S. W. McQuay
Wor. Bro. A. E. Watts	Bro. T. E. Marley
Bro. L. D. Bryan	Bro. T. E. Purser
Bro. A. T. H. Buck	Bro. F. Sheehan
Bro. J. Delahunty	Bro. J. T. Simpson
Bro. H. G. Giraud	Bro. K. C. Ward
Bro. J. W. Handasyde	Bro. L. G. White
Bro. Rev. J. C. Jones	Bro. C. R. Wright
Bro. C. J. R. Johnston	

BY-LAWS
OF THE
Jonadab Lodge No. 771

Under the United Grand Lodge of Antient
Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria

CONFORMITY TO THE LAWS OF GRAND
LODGE.

Allegiance.

1. The members of the Lodge hereby acknowledge the supremacy of the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria, and agree to obey the laws and regulations promulgated in its Book of Constitutions, and those which the Grand Lodge may from time to time enact.

Our Principle.

2. The Lodge shall not use intoxicating beverages of any description at the Festive Board. Every candidate for admission to the Lodge shall be required to give an undertaking that he will, if admitted, maintain this principle as long as he remains a member of the Lodge and the acceptance of these By-laws shall be deemed to be an acknowledgment of such undertaking.

This By-law is made to record and express the desire of the founders of the Lodge and to indicate the main purpose for which the Lodge was formed.

1.

MEETINGS.

Meetings.

2. The regular meetings of the Lodge will be held at 7.30 p.m. or such hour as the Master shall direct, on the First Friday in each month, in the Masonic Hall, Ringwood.

Emergency.

3. Emergency Meetings of the Lodge may be held at the pleasure of the Master, but should an Emergency Meeting be called at the request of a candidate, Brother or Brethren for his or their special benefit or convenience, he or they shall pay the expenses incurred in holding such meeting, or a sum not exceeding £4/5/-. No business shall be transacted thereat except that stated in the summons convening such meeting.

Order of
Discussions.

4. The following shall be the usual order of business, but for convenience it may be varied by direction of the Master after the Minutes have been confirmed:

- Confirmation of Minutes.
- Reading of Private Correspondence.
- Treasurer's Statement.
- Passing of Accounts.
- Consideration of Notices of Motion.
- Ballots for Candidates.
- Conferring Degrees.
- Lectures or other Instructional Work.
- Reading of Correspondence, Petitions, etc.

2.

Reception of Notices of Motion and Propositions for Joining Members, Candidates, etc.

No fresh business other than that expressed in the Summons shall be entered upon after the hour of 10 p.m., except with the consent of the members of the Lodge present.

Discussion.

5. No member, except the mover of a motion, who may reply, shall be entitled to speak more than once on any question without express permission from the Master or Officer presiding.

Any Brother who is desirous of offering any suggestion or proposition must address himself to the Master, standing, and while so speaking he shall not be interrupted unless he makes use of unbecoming language or wanders from the subject under discussion.

Voting.

All questions shall be decided by the majority on a show of hands except where a ballot is required by the Book of Constitutions or these By-laws. In all cases of an equality of votes the Master or Officer presiding shall have a second or casting vote.

Ballots.

A vote on any question shall be taken by ballot if a majority of the members present by resolution so desire. There shall be no debate on the motion "That the vote be taken by ballot."

Retirement.

No Brother shall leave the Lodge without having previously asked and obtained the Master's permission.

3.

Notice of Motion.

6. No question requiring notice of motion and notice of which has not been inserted in the summons shall be submitted to any meeting of the Lodge unless a two-thirds majority of the members present permit it.

Every notice of motion shall be delivered in writing to the Secretary at or before a regular meeting to ensure correctness in the minutes, and shall be inserted in the Lodge summons, and the vote thereon shall be taken at the next regular meeting.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts.

7. No debts shall be contracted without the consent of the Lodge, nor shall any account be paid unless certified by signature of the Master.

CANDIDATES.

Ballot.

8. Nomination of Candidates for Initiation and Joining Members shall be made in conformity with the Book of Constitutions. Candidates for Initiation shall deposit the sum of one guinea with proposal schedule, and shall receive credit for same as part of Initiation fee if admitted. Two black balls shall exclude.

No Candidate for Initiation or Joining Member shall be balloted for unless his proposer and seconder be present, or, if one of them be absent, a letter from him to be read, also except under special circumstances approved by the majority of members present.

4.

Rejections.

9. No Candidate for Initiation or Joining Member who has been rejected by the Lodge shall be again proposed until after a lapse of six months from the date of his rejection, and no Candidate who has been a second time rejected by the Lodge shall be again proposed until after a lapse of twelve months.

COMMITTEES.

Inquiry.

10. The Master shall appoint a Committee of Enquiry consisting of the Master, Past Masters (at least two, if available), Wardens and Secretary, to enquire into the character and fitness of any candidate who has been proposed for initiation and shall forthwith report thereon in writing to the Master, who shall act in accordance therewith, and no ballot shall be taken until such written report has been received and the purport thereof, whether favourable or unfavourable, has been declared by the Presiding Officer in the Lodge and such candidate for initiation has attended in person a meeting of the Enquiry Committee and undergone suitable examination.

General Purposes.

11. The Master, P.M.'s, Wardens, Secretary and two M.M.'s elected by the Lodge shall be a Committee of General Purposes, five to form a quorum, to report on such matters as may be referred to it from time to time by the Lodge.

Installation.

12. The nature of the Installation Banquet and the expenses connected therewith shall be determined by a Committee consisting of the Master, the Past Masters and the Master-Elect. The expenses so incurred shall be defrayed by the Lodge.

13. The Master and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all Committees.

MEMBERS.

Country.

14. Any Member residing a distance of twenty (or in any case in which the Committee of General Purposes recommend ten) or more miles from the meeting place of the Lodge may be made a Country Member for such time as he may so reside. Country Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of ordinary members.

Any Member who desires to be placed on the list of Country Members shall apply in writing to the Secretary, and shall state his place of residence.

Special.

15. Any Brother of the Lodge who has rendered important or valuable service to the Lodge or Craft may, at a regular meeting of the Lodge, be elected a special member, providing that he obtains at least a two-thirds majority of the votes of the members present, and provided that notice of such proposition has been given at the preceding regular meeting and inserted in the summons.

Honorary.

16. A Brother who has rendered important services to the Lodge or Craft and who is a subscribing member of some other Lodge may, at a regular meeting of the Lodge, be elected an Honorary Member, providing that he obtains at least a two-thirds majority of the votes of the members present, and provided that a notice of such proposition has been given at the preceding regular meeting and inserted in the summons. Honorary member-

ship shall cease if the Brother cease to subscribe to another Lodge.

Change of Address.

17. Every member changing his place of abode shall give notice thereof to the Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Dues.

18. The dues of this Lodge shall be as follows:—

Initiation Fee	£16	16	0
Joining Fee	3	3	0
Annual Subscription—			
Ordinary Member	4	4	0
Country Member	2	2	0
Special Member		10	6

The financial year of the Lodge shall end on the last day of August in each year.

19. Notwithstanding anything contained in these By-laws, in order to provide the Lodge with funds to enable it to make its contributions to Grand Lodge under the provisions of Rule 274C of the Book of Constitutions for a period of ten years from the 1st day of January, 1956, each member shall pay to the Lodge a further and additional sum of £1 per year at the same time and on the same conditions as he pays the annual subscriptions referred to in By-law No. 18. PROVIDED THAT in the event of any member being a subscribing member of any other Lodge which appears prior to this Lodge on the register of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, then during the period of his membership of such Lodge and upon proof to the Secretary of this Lodge of his payment of all dues to such

Lodge, he shall not be required to pay to this Lodge the said annual sum of £1. AND PROVIDED FURTHER in the event of any member paying to Grand Lodge the sum of £10 on or before the 30th June, 1956, in satisfaction of all monies due by this Lodge in respect of such member under the said Rule 274C of the Book of Constitutions and upon the member producing to the Secretary of the Lodge a certificate of such payment given by or on behalf of the Grand Secretary, then he shall not be required to pay to this Lodge the said annual sum of £1.

Arrears.

20. Any Brother whose dues shall be twelve months in arrears may be struck off the Members' roll, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, unless he become financial or give a satisfactory explanation within one month of receiving notice thereof from the Secretary. Such Brother shall not be permitted to take part in the proceedings of the Lodge until he again become financial. Any Brother whose dues shall be three years in arrears to the Lodge shall thereupon be ipso facto excluded.

Resignation.

21. Any Brother may resign from the Lodge at any time by notice in writing delivered to the Master or Secretary, and such resignation shall be recorded in the books of the Lodge. No clearance certificate shall be issued to any Brother until and unless he has paid all dues payable to the Lodge by him to the date of his resignation.

Trustees.

22. The real estate, now or at any future time, belonging to the Lodge shall be vested in five Trustees, to be elected by the Lodge provided that—

Removal from Office.

(a) The Lodge may at any Regular Meeting remove a Trustee from his office.

Vacancies.

(b) The office of a Trustee shall become vacant if he shall resign, or shall be removed, or shall die, or be duly excluded from the Lodge, or cease to be a subscribing Member thereto. When the office of a Trustee becomes vacant it shall be filled at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge, or as soon after as possible.

Duties.

(c) The Trustees shall at all times hold, use, deal with and dispose of the said real estate, and the rents and profits thereof, and the proceeds thereof if sold, and any sums to be raised on mortgage thereof, for such purposes and in such manner as the Lodge, if in existence, shall from time to time by resolution direct, or, if the Lodge shall not be in existence, as the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge shall from time to time by resolution direct.

Investments.

(d) The Lodge may direct that any of the Lodge funds shall be paid to the Trustees for investment on behalf of the Lodge, and direct that any such funds shall be withdrawn from investment and paid to the Treasurer of the Lodge. The funds so paid to the Trustees shall be invested in such manner as the Lodge shall from time to time direct, or, in default of direction, then in any manner allowed by law to Trustees for investment of trust funds.

Records.

(e) The Trustees shall keep detailed accounts of all their transactions relating to the funds under their control, and shall submit them, together with the securities, to the Master and Auditors or any duly appointed person or persons for audit and inspection when required, and shall present at the Regular Meeting in August of each year a report of all business transacted during the past year.

Resolutions.

(f) Any resolution of the Lodge appointing or removing a Trustee, or directing a mortgage, sale or other dealing of the said real estate, must be carried by the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting. Notice of intention to move any resolution, as mentioned in this by-law, shall be given at the preceding regular meeting of the Lodge, and seven days' notice of any meeting for any object mentioned in this by-law, and of the purpose thereof, shall be sent to all subscribing members at their addresses last known by the Secretary of the Lodge.

OFFICERS.

Election.

23. The election of Master, Treasurer and Tyler shall take place annually by ballot at the regular meeting in August. The election of Master shall be conducted by ballot in the following manner: Each member of the Lodge shall immediately prior to the ballot receive a list of members eligible, and in the square opposite the name of the member

whom he wishes to elect he shall place a cross. The papers shall be placed in the ballot box, and examined by two Scrutineers appointed by the Master.

Treasurer.

24. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, and, within a reasonable time thereafter, deposit the same in an approved bank, to the credit of an account opened in the name of the "Jonadab Masonic Lodge, No. 777."

Lodge Account.

He shall make no disbursements until particulars of amounts have been passed for payment in open Lodge, except as provided for in By-law No. 29.

Payments.

He shall keep a book of receipts and expenditure which shall be open at all times during the meetings of the Lodge for the inspection of members. All payments shall be made by cheque signed by any two of the following: The Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary, and if the Lodge by resolution so determines also by a Trustee appointed by the Lodge for that purpose.

Secretary.

25. The Secretary, in addition to the general duties pertaining to his office, shall prepare and issue, at least seven days before every regular and emergency meeting, summonses containing full particulars of every proposition for Initiation or Membership made at the previous meeting. He shall preserve all Grand Lodge quarterly communications and all petitions for charitable aid, and carefully index the Minutes of the Lodge. He shall prepare a balance sheet for the annual audit. He shall be exempt from all dues, and shall receive as

honorarium such sum as may from time to time be determined by the Lodge.

Tyler.

26. The Tyler shall not allow any Brother, whether member or visitor, to enter the Lodge until he shall have signed the Appearance Book. He shall receive such remuneration as the Lodge shall from time to time determine.

Auditors.

27. A committee of not less than two members shall be appointed at the regular meeting in August to audit the accounts of the Lodge, and shall present the balance sheet and their report on the state of the finances to the regular meeting in October.

INSURANCE.

Insurance.

28. The regalia, jewels, furniture and other Lodge property shall be insured in the names of the Master and Wardens who for the time being shall hold them in trust for the members of the Lodge. An inventory of the entire property of the Lodge shall be taken annually by the Deacons, and presented to the Master on his Installation.

BENEVOLENCE.

Fund.

29. An account entitled "Jonadab Masonic Lodge Benevolent Fund" shall be opened in the books of the Lodge, to which shall be credited quarterly the sum of threepence for each member of the Lodge, and all moneys credited to this fund shall be applied solely to the relief of distress amongst the Brethren of the Lodge in the following manner:—

Committee.

(a) This fund shall be administered by a Committee of Benevolence, consisting of the

Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Almoner of the Lodge; this Committee is empowered to investigate all applications or recommendations for relief that may be brought under its notice either by the Lodge or by individual Brethren, and to disburse forthwith any sum not exceeding Ten Pounds in each case; if a sum in excess of this amount is deemed necessary for the proper relief of any particular case the Committee shall report the matter to the Lodge at the first available regular meeting, and the Brethren present at that meeting may by a majority vote authorise the Committee to expend such further sum or sums as it thinks fit for the additional relief of the case.

Urgent Appeals.

(b) The Master shall have the power to distribute from the fund a sum not exceeding Five Pounds without the sanction of the Committee, and shall report the same at its next meeting.

Records.

(c) Proper records shall be kept of the proceedings at the meeting of the Committee and a report thereof made at the next regular meeting of the Lodge and duly entered in the minutes; such report shall not be required to furnish the name of the Brethren to whom relief has been given.

Quorum.

(d) The Committee shall meet at call, five to form a quorum.

Appeals.

(e) All appeals to the Lodge from Hospitals, Charitable Institutions, etc., for donations shall also be referred to the Committee of Benevolence, which shall have power to distribute a sum not exceeding Five Pounds per

annum for such purpose, or such further sums as the Lodge may sanction on the Committee's recommendation, provided that such donations shall be paid out of the general funds of the Lodge. A report of all such donations made by the Committee shall be made to the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

BY-LAWS.

Infringement.

30. Any infringement of a By-law or departure from the principles of the Craft shall be visited upon the offending Brother in such a manner as may be permitted by the Book of Constitutions.

Matters not Provided For.

31. Matters not provided for by these By-laws shall be decided in accordance with the Book of Constitutions by a majority of the members at a meeting of the Lodge.

32. Notwithstanding anything contained in these By-laws, the Lodge is prohibited from making any distribution, whether in money, property or otherwise howsoever, of any assets belonging to the Lodge, to its members. Provided, however, that this By-law shall not prevent payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Lodge or of benevolent payments for which provision is made in the By-laws.

Amendment.

33. No new By-law and no suspension, alteration or repeal of any existing By-law shall be made except at a regular meeting of the Lodge in pursuance of notice signed by three members given in writing at a previous regular meeting. It shall be inserted in the summons for the meeting at which it is to be con-

sidered and agreed to by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, and shall be subject to confirmation by the Grand Master.

Approval.

Ernest J. Calvert

Arthur J. [unclear]
W. Master
Secretary,

Approved.

George B. Beauchamp Pro. Grand Master.
[Signature] Grand Secretary.

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