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Consecration

of

East Ringwood Lodge

No. 669

A. F. and A. Masons of Victoria



MASONIC TEMPLE
STATION ST., BOX HILL
MONDAY, 15th AUGUST, 1949

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Consecration

of the Lodge

Ceremony Performed by
M. W. Bro. Richard Arnold Rowe,
Grand Master

And Grand Officers

*Masonic Temple,
Station Street,
Box Hill*

*Monday,
15th August
1949*

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CONSECRATION CEREMONIAL

MONDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1949

A Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees by
the Master and Officers of Ringwood Lodge
No. 382.

Entry of M.W. Bro. Richard Arnold ROWE,
Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Officers

GRAND HONOURS

Grand Officers are appointed to the Chairs.

Opening Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master addresses the Brethren on
the object of the Meeting.

The Grand Secretary addresses the Grand
Master.

The Grand Master directs the Petitioners to
stand.

Fourth Procession, the Brethren singing—

Now o'er our work this salt we shower,
Emblem of Thy conservant power;
And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,
Keep this new temple from decay.

Salt is Presented

Grand Herald

Grand Honours

The Grand Master Consecrates the Lodge

The Grand Chaplain with Censer perambulates the Lodge three times.

Consecratory Prayer

The Grand Master Constitutes the Lodge

HYMN.

Guide us, Oh, Thou Great Jehovah,
Pilgrims through the barren land,
We are weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold us with Thy powerful hand.
Light of Heaven!
Guide us now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing streams do flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Guide us all our journey through.
Strong Deliverer!
Be Thou still our strength and Shield.

Benediction

Election of Treasurer and Tyler

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Installation

of

Worshipful Brother

Arthur James Bromwich Aird

Master-Designate

and

Investiture of Officers

INSTALLATION

HISTORY

MEMBERS

INSTALLATION SERVICE

**The Installing Master addresses Grand Director
of Ceremonies**

The Grand Director of Ceremonies Replies

Presentation of Master-Designate

Great Architect, Whose will ordains
The powers on earth that be,
Our Master, chosen and elect,
We would present to Thee.

Obligation

O, help Thy servant, Lord, to keep
This obligation vow;
His heart incline Thy way to seek,
And to Thy will to bow.

Third Degree

"All Glory to the Most High"

Board of Installed Masters

**AFTER PROCLAMATION FROM THE
EAST—**

Lord God, our Master bless,
With health and happiness,
So mote it be.
May he our laws defend,
Our power for good extend,
Our Master, guide and friend,
So mote it be.

**AFTER PROCLAMATION FROM THE
WEST—**

May wisdom from on high
Bind fast our mystic tie,
So mote it be.
May our united bond
Greet him throughout the land,
With Apron, Heart and Hand,
So mote it be.

**AFTER PROCLAMATION FROM THE
SOUTH—**

Hail! Masonry divine,
Glory of ages shine,
Long may'st thou reign.
Where'er thy Lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land,
God bless our Lodge.

**WARRANT AND BOOK OF CONSTITU-
TIONS PRESENTED**

Support to our Master, who rules by the
square;
Let Sons of the Light to the East now repair;
With hearts true and faithful, united and free,
Obedient we labour and kindly agree.

INVESTITURE OF SENIOR WARDEN

Support to the Warden, installed in the West,
Who works by the level where sorrow may
rest,
With hearts for his aid, united and free,
Obedient we labour and kindly agree.

INVESTITURE OF JUNIOR WARDEN

Support to the Warden, by plumb still upright,
Whose sun in the South never hides its fair light,
With hearts for his aid, united and free,
Obedient we labour and kindly agree.

ADDRESS ON PILLARS

PRESENTATION OF PILLARS

INVESTITURE OF OTHER OFFICERS

ADDRESS TO MASTER

ADDRESS TO WARDENS

ADDRESS TO BRETHERN

Election of Committee to Frame By-laws

General

CLOSING HYMN

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thou our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
So mote it be.

Fidelity! Fidelity! Fidelity!

And May God Preserve the Craft

HISTORICAL NOTE



UPWARDS of one hundred years ago, beside a bush track, a man named Thomas built a rough timber shack which was the fore-runner of the Coach and Horses Hotel. This became the stopping place of the bullock wagons and it was the second stage for Cobb and Co.'s coaches, which provided the means of transport to and from the district and the goldfields beyond. The bush track became Whitehorse road—now Maroondah Highway. This road took its name from a model white horse erected outside a certain hotel. This model may now be seen on a pedestal on the roadway at Box Hill.

A few settlers acquired large blocks of land, but with the establishment of industries and the advent of other settlers these areas were cut up into varying sized allotments. The names of these original settlers are forgotten by all except, perhaps, a few of the oldest residents still living.

The closest settlement took place at East Ringwood. The opening of the antimony mine on the hill adjoining East Ringwood reserve provided employment for many, both as miners and hewers of wood. This mine is reputed to have been about 2,000 feet deep. Brick works were erected near the site of the East Ringwood railway station. Many good bricks were produced until (according to report) the works were acquired by some opposition business in the land boom period, about the 1890's. It was closed down and never reopened, though some of the structure remains after fifty to sixty years of idleness.

In the meantime the value of the land for fruit growing was realised, and many acres of orchards were planted. In fact, the locality became one of the best fruit growing districts in the State. Many who lost employment by the closing of the local industries turned to wood carting by horse and dray to places near Melbourne, but the local supply soon worked out and other employment became necessary. Others went into fruit growing and prospered, until they realized that their land was more valuable for building allotments. Now all the orchards within a reasonable distance of the railway stations have been subdivided into building allotments and homes erected thereon.

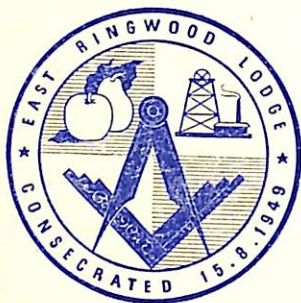
The combined effect of the ultimate closing of the East Ringwood industries and the opening of the Ringwood railway station in 1883 was to cause development in the vicinity of the new station. Churches were removed bodily to other sites nearer the station, the hall was burnt down, and the original store closed. The first school was opened at the top of Ringwood Hill (near Heatherdale road), and later the building now used as the Parish Hall in Ringwood street was erected. (Incidentally, this is the meeting place of the two lodges.) For many years the post office was situated about 200 yards west of Wamtirna road. Prior to being opened in its present position, it was conducted opposite the station for a few years.

Although this transfer from the original settlement and the development of Ringwood brought about a temporary decay of East Ringwood, it quickly revived with the advent of population to the district generally, and is now a thriving locality.

At a meeting of Past Masters of Ringwood Lodge reference was made to the large membership and inadequate accommodation of the Lodge, and as a result it was decided that a meeting of those interested be called to consider the formation of a new Lodge. Accordingly a meeting was called, and after the position was explained the following resolution was carried unanimously:—

“We, the members present at this meeting, acknowledge the necessity of a Masonic Temple in Ringwood, and with a view to bringing about that result as soon as practicable we further acknowledge the desirability of the proposed new Lodge and the Ringwood Lodge No. 382 working in co-operation with each other and together until the object is achieved.”

It was then decided to take the necessary steps to form a new Lodge, and to cement the association between the two lodges the founders adopted the name “East Ringwood.” Owing to the changing vicissitudes of that locality this short historical note has been written, and, to perpetuate the original industries, the motif shown hereunder has been adopted as the distinguishing mark of East Ringwood Lodge, No. 668.



EAST RINGWOOD, No. 668



FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Wor. Bro. A. J. B. Aird	Bro. A. M. Kofoed
Wor. Bro. J. F. Corr	Bro. E. R. McClean
Wor. Bro. R. C. Stoney	Bro. H. McDonald
Wor. Bro. F. B. Bennett	Bro. H. J. McLean
Wor. Bro. J. L. Skerrett	Bro. J. MacLeod
Bro. S. A. Brown	Bro. W. J. McPherson
Bro. J. Burke	Bro. H. E. Parker
Bro. S. J. Deakin	Bro. G. T. Price
Bro. J. Dewar	Bro. W. T. S. Prowd
Bro. L. H. Freedman	Bro. E. T. Purser
Bro. A. A. Fry	Bro. C. E. Rawson
Bro. J. I. Grenfell	Bro. C. A. Roberts
Bro. R. Guest	Bro. Rev. E. B. Robinson
Bro. R. F. Herzog	Bro. J. S. Whiffin
Bro. S. G. Horne	Bro. O. White
Bro. L. W. Hunt	Bro. C. R. Wright
Bro. A. J. W. Jay	

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FOUNDATION OFFICERS

Worshipful Master:

Wor. Bro. A. J. B. Aird

S.W.	Wor. Bro. F. B. Bennett
J.W.	Wor. Bro. J. L. Skerrett
Chaplain	Bro. Rev. E. B. Robinson
Treasurer	Bro. J. MacLeod
Secretary	Wor. Bro. J. F. Corr
D.C.	Wor. Bro. R. C. Stoney
Almoner	Bro. L. W. Hunt
S.D.	Bro. R. F. Herzog
J.D.	Bro. A. M. Kofoed
Organist	Bro. J. S. Whiffin
Choirmaster	Bro. J. I. Grenfell
I.G.	Bro. H. E. Parker
Steward	Bro. J. Dewar
"	Bro. A. A. Fry
"	Bro. E. R. McClean
"	Bro. W. T. S. Prowd
"	Bro. E. T. Purser
"	Bro. C. A. Roberts
Tyler	Bro. O. White

Coast List



The King
Worshipful Master

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Most Worshipful Grand Master
and Grand Officers Present and Past
Worshipful Master

RESPONSE

M.W. Bro. Richard Arnold Rowe, Grand Master

The Worshipful Master and Brethren
of the East Ringwood Lodge, No. 668
M.W. Bro. Richard Arnold Rowe, Grand Master

RESPONSE, The Worshipful Master

Ringwood Lodge, No. 382

Wor. Bro. R. C. Stoney

RESPONSE

Our Guests

Wor. Bro. Frank Corr

The Tyler's Toast

Bro. O. White