



Dedication

of the

Masonic Temple

Lyons Street, Newstead.

on

Friday, February 27th 1987

by the

Most Worshipful

Bro. J. W. Connell, G.M.

Assisted by the Grand Officers of his 1986 Grand
Lodge Team.

MACKENZIE LODGE No. 15 V.C. NEWSTEAD

Among the many pioneers and brethren who, in the early days gave vigorous service to the support and nourishment of Freemasonry, and the building of solid foundations for its progress, none is better remembered than Wor. Bro. R.C. McKenzie. For it was after him that the Lodge was named; and it was with his permission that the first two meetings were held in the Maldon Court House.

There were other good reasons for special regard to the memory of Robert Cleghorn Mackenzie. His life loomed large in the early history of Maldon. Son of an Edinburgh doctor, he arrived in Adelaide in 1849 to seek fortune as a squatter. But he was attracted before long to Victoria - and to Maldon - when the exciting gold discoveries drew so many to the new fields. And, in due course, Mackenzie became a Goldfields Commissioner, serving at Bendigo, Castlemaine and Blackwood. In 1856, he was transferred to Maldon as Warden and Police Magistrate at the early age of 27. Very soon he made his mark as an energetic, public-minded citizen; among other things, he played a big part in the establishment of the Maldon Hospital and in its administration; in masonic affairs; and in sporting activities.

He was, indeed, a civic leader who gave much fine service to the people of the district. It is not surprising therefore, that the Mackenzie Lodge bore his name.

First Meeting

The story of Mackenzie Lodge over the years can be traced through the minute books and records which have been faithfully preserved. The earliest date found in the minutes is December 8, 1857; and this entry refers to a meeting which was held to settle details of the first meeting of the Lodge which was to take place in the Court House, Maldon, on December 11, 1857.

The meeting opened at 1.30pm and after the preliminary proceedings, R.C. McKenzie, who was in the chair, presented the gavel to Wor. Bro. Ball, W.M., Mt. Alexander Lodge. The latter, with the assistance of Bro. Hugh Barklay SW: R.C. Mackenzie SW; J. Brown, Tyler; and twelve other brethren, then conducted the ceremony of initiating five candidates. After this, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, in due form. Bro. Ball announced that he would proceed with the installation of the Worshipful Master Elect. The Lodge was then opened in the P.M.'s degree, and Bro. C.H. Hardy - a medical man - was duly installed, Bro. Ball being assisted by the Past Masters Mackenzie, W. Davidson and T. Staggs.

First Newstead Meeting

In May 1871, the first regular meeting of the Mackenzie Lodge was held at the Mechanics' Institute, Newstead. Bro. Garsed, a member of the Golden Lodge and W.M. of the Zenith Lodge, duly consecrated the room for Masonic purposes. He was assisted by Bro. Bond SW No. 692 who read the exordium, and by Bro. Dolphin in the ceremony of distributing the wine, oil and salt.

Present Lodge Room Purchased

Until February 27, 1907, the Mackenzie Lodge held its meetings in the Mechanics' Hall at Newstead. In 1906, it had been felt that to provide a new building suitable for Lodge purposes at a cost - in those days - of three hundred pounds, would be too much for the Lodge finances. Instead, it was decided to buy the Primitive Methodist Church building - the present Lodge room. This was duly done; and the first meeting was held there on February 27, 1907.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

The Lodge is opened in the First Degree by the Master and Officers of the
MacKenzie Lodge No. 15 V.C. at 6.00 pm.

Entry of Most Worshipful Brother, J.W. CONNELL, Grand Master, accompanied
by Grand Officers.

GRAND HONOURS

Grand Officers are appointed to the Chairs

The Most Worshipful Grand Master addresses the Brethren on the object of the meeting.

Introductory Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

HYMN

(Houghton)

All hail to this morning that bids us rejoice,
The Temple's completed, exalt high each voice,
The copestone is finished, our labour is o'er
The sound of the Gavel shall call us no more.

Almighty Jehovah, descend now and fill
This Lodge with Thy Glory, our hearts with Goodwill;
Preside at our meeting, assist us to find
True pleasure in teaching Goodwill to mankind.

Come, Bretheren, assemble on this joyful day,
The occasion is glorious, the Keystone is lay;
Fulfilled is the promise by the Antient of Days
To bring forth the Copestone, with shouting and praise.

The Bretheren of the MacKenzie Lodge rise and the Master of the MacKenzie Lodge
addresses the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master replies.

The Plans of the Temple are presented.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master replies.

The Deputy Grand Master addresses the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master replies.

HYMN

(Melita)

To Heaven's High Architect all praise
All praise and gratitude by given,
Who deigns the human soul to raise,
By mystic secrets sprung from Heaven.
Sound loud the Great Jehovah's praise,
To him the dome, the Temple raise.

SUPPLICATORY PRAYER

(Tune: Nicaea)

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy work shall praise Thy name in earth
and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and Mighty, who wert
and art and evermore shall be.

The Grand Chaplain reads I Kings, Chapter 8, versus 10 - 22.

THE INVOCATION

(Rockingham)

HYMN

Supreme Grand Master, God of Power,
Be with us in the solemn hour,
Smile on our works, our plans approve,
Fill every heart with joy and love.

Let each discordant thought be gone,
And love unite our hearts in one;
May we in union strong combine,
In work and worship so divine.

The Lodge Board is uncovered.

First Procession, the Brethren singing:

(Melcombe)

Spirit of Masonry descend
And with thee bring thy spotless train;
Constant our sacred rites attend
While we implore thy constant reign.

CORN IS PRESENTED

Grand Herald

Grand Honours.

Second Procession, the Brethren singing: -

(Melcombe)

Bring with thee Virtue, spotless maid,
Bring Love, bring Truth, bring Friendship here,
And social mirth will lend her aid
To soothe the wrinkled brow of care.

WINE IS PRESENTED

Grand Herald

Grand Honours

Third Procession, the Brethren singing: -

(Melcombe)

Bring Charity and Goodness crowned,
Encircled in Thy heavenly robe;
Diffuse Thy blessings all around,
To every corner of the globe.

OIL IS PRESENTED

Grand Herald

Grand Honours

Fourth Procession, the Brethren singing: -

(Melcombe)

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

Perambulation by Grand Chaplain with censer.

The Grand Master Dedicates the Temple.
Proclamation by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

HYMN

Our Temple is finished, our labours are ended;
Success has been ours and rewarded our plan;
We joy that our time and our means are expended
For Glory of God and the welfare of man.

Our Temple is finished and humbly we pray Thee
Accept this our homage and tribute of praise;
Whatever we offer we cannot repay Thee
Thou God of our fathers - the Antient of Days.

DEDICATORY PRAYER

Oration by the Grand Chaplain.

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; 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; Strong Deliverer;
Be Thou still our Strength and Shield.

BENEDICTION

(End of Dedication Ceremony)

TOASTS AND HARMONY

The Queen and the Craft.

The Worshipful Master,

Wor. Bro. H.G. JONES

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

The Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers

(Present and Past)

The Worshipful Master

Wor. Bro. H.G. JONES

Response

Most Wor. Bro. J.W. CONNELLL, Grand Master

supported by

Right Wor. Bro. The Hon. MR JUSTICE WILLIAMS, P.G.M.

Harmony

Our Guests

Bro. K.P. ROBINSON :

Harmony

Response

Wor. Bro. Dr. ERIC BOURNE

Tyler's Toast

(Bro. ARTHUR SAINSBURY)

MEMBERS

M.J. ARCHER
J.C. ARMSTRONG P.J.G.W.
E.J. ADAMS
L.V. ASKEY
G.H. BILETT
G. BININI
D. BOAL
T.P. BOURKE, P.M.
J.H. BUTLER, P.M.-O.A.M.
R.M. BUTLER
J.C.M. BURNETT, P.G.St.B
R. CALLISTER
G. CAMPBELL, J.W.
N.L. CUY
K.J. DARE
T. DELMENICO
D.H. DeGARIS
E.D. DOLPHIN
H.W. EVANS, P.M.
E.C. EYERS
K. FYFFE, P.S.G.D.
I.L. GALAGHER, P.M.
G. GRAY, P.M.
A.J. HARTUP, P.M.
R.J. HAMPSON
D. HILL, P.G.I.W.
K. HICKS
K.D. HILL, P.M.
G.T. HILL, P.M.
M. HOLDEN, P.M.
J.D. HOOPER

R.B. IRVINE, P.M.
H.G. JONES, W.M.
J.F. KERVILLE, P.M.
R.C. LINDSTROM
R.T. LANGDON, M.B.E.
D.A. MacLEOD, P.M.
R.I. McNABB, P.M.
F. MICALLEF, S.W.
E.L. MILNE
N.E. MORAN
L.E. MUIR
W.N. NICHOLLS, P.M.
R.F. PASSALAUQUA, P.J.G.D.
V.J. POLLARD, P.M.
F. PRIEST
G. RALPH, P.M.
T. REILLY
G. REDFEARN
K. P. ROBINSON
L.L. SELLS, P.M., P.G.Sw.B.
A.H. SAINSBURY
W.A. SEMPLE
F.L. SHEEHAN, P.M.
G. SHILL
E.J. THOMPSON, P.G.I.W.
P.J. THOMPSON
H.R. THOMAS
G. WINTER
W.R. WRIGHT

Regular Monthly Meeting of the MACKENZIE
Lodge, No. 15, V.C., was held in the Hall, on Wednesday,
27. day of February 1907

PRESENT.

Geo. Jenkins	W. M.
Geo. Jenkins	I. P. M.
Geo. Jenkins	S. W.
Geo. Jenkins	J. W.
Geo. Jenkins	CHAPLAIN.
Geo. Jenkins	TREAS.
Geo. Jenkins	SEC.
Geo. Jenkins	S. D.
Geo. Jenkins	J. D.
Geo. Jenkins	I. G.
Geo. Jenkins	TYLER.

VISITORS.

Herbert Smith
St. Lawrence St. 177.

MEMBERS.

Wm Jenkins P.M.
W Jones
Alex Cameron
H. Leasly P.M.
W. Swanson

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Frank LaRoc

Chas A. Johnson

W. M.

1. P. M.

S. W.

J. W.

CHAPLAIN.

Geo. McKay, P.M.

TREAS.

Geo. Swanson Rec.

SEC.

Robt. Gourley

S. D.

W. G. Willoughby

J. D.

Clumachen Hill

I. G.

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TYLER

VISITORS.

Herbert Smith
St. Paul's Church, Cambridge E.D. 177.

MEMBERS.

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W Jones

1. Alex Cameron

J. Cassidy P M
D. Swanson

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