

COMMENTS OF PRESIDENTIAL YEAR 1968

Although I am very confident the black book gives a very complete summary of the handing over of duties from President to President and I certainly do not propose to repeat those so adequately outlined by Past Presidents there are a few matters I feel I learnt during the year and trust my experience may be of benefit to you this year.

On the death of a Legatee it is the privilege and responsibility of the President to visit the widow at an appropriate time. The time can best be ascertained either from Ivan Layton or through a Legatee, who was a close friend of the deceased. The purpose of the visit mainly is to ascertain if Legacy can be of assistance and if a Legatee is required to maintain contact with the family. I found I was always most welcome, the widow, being more than grateful for Legacy's interest and my visit.

I suggest when attending a funeral that you acquaint yourself with the exact location of the cemetery as although you leave the Church with the cortege it is very easy to lose the cortege through being stopped by traffic lights. Also if the Service is at Springvale be advised of the Chapel at which the Service is being conducted. On one occasion last year after leaving the Church, I "lost" the cortege on the way to Springvale and joined the wrong funeral. Fortunately I discovered my mistake on arrival and by enquiry found the correct Chapel where I conducted the Legacy Service.

As I have mentioned previously be prepared for a "surprise" induction of a Legatee at an Annual Group Dinner - this happened to me more than once and I always carried a copy of the induction ceremony.

With Country Groups - and with Branches for that matter - I feel it most important to be adequately briefed by Liaison Officers and Chairman of Branches on the incoming Group President and Branch Chairman. The information submitted to you should be complete to make the installation interesting and impressive .

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Expenses. The expenses I incurred during the year visiting the Capital Cities Clubs, Sydney and Adelaide and the Annual Meetings of Country Clubs, including Mildura, were in excess of the allocation of \$500. I was accompanied by Norma on all occasions and this was not only a great help to me but I know was beneficial to Legacy generally, especially to the Legacy Wives Association. As I believe expenses will increase with increased costs and the visitation expected of the President the allowance was reviewed by the Past Presidents and increased.

Residences. I suggest you arrange these visits as early as possible with Chairman Residences Committee as you will find the demand on your time increases towards the end of the year with Boys and Girls Classes Activities.

As you know it will be my privilege to be of any assistance to you in any possible manner in which you think I can help.

John Cooper