

Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia
Grand Council of Victoria

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MELBOURNE, C.I

5th March, 1968

The Town Clerk,
City of Ballarat,
Town Hall,
BALLAARAT. VIC.

Dear Sir,

Further to mine of the 22nd ultimo, reference: Attendance at Civic Reception, I attach hereto a list of the Federal Executive of the Society. The reply to the welcome will be made by myself as Federal President.

In regard to ceremony at the Reflective Bowl in the Gardens, the Worshipful Grand Master of Victoria, Mr. R. Chadband, supported by our Past Grand Master - Mr. E. A. Falloon (who carried out the presentation of the original Bowl in 1938, when Grand Master) will carry out the handing over in a small ceremony at 2.30 p.m.

Also enclosed herewith is a Summarised History and Development of the Society over our past one hundred years.

Trusting the above is of assistance to you and His Worship the Mayor.

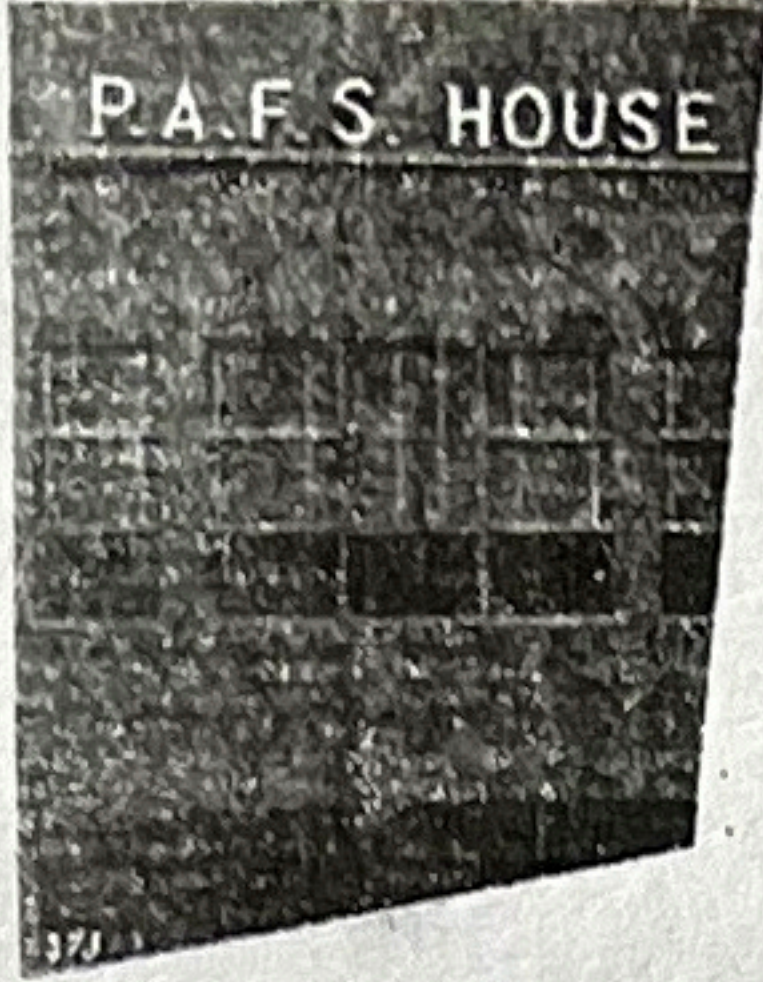
Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R.W. Sayer".

R.W. SAYER - GRAND SECRETARY

Enc:

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FEDERAL EXECUTIVE

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PROTESTANT ALLIANCE FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Sayer
Mr. & Mrs. J. Chandler

Mr. & Mrs. C. Richardson

Federal President - Grand Secretary of Victoria
Federal Vice President - Grand Secretary of
Tasmania

Federal Secretary- Grand Secretary of Queensland

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. & Mrs. Naylor
Mr. & Mrs. Tillott
Mr. & Mrs. Davis
Mr. & Mrs. Williams
Mr. A. B. Baxter
Mr. & Mrs. Reiman
Mr. & Mrs. Iles
Miss A. Mapstone
Mr. & Mrs. Fuller
Mr. L. Paulden
Mr. R. Chadband

Worshipful Grand Master - New South Wales
Grand Secretary - New South Wales
Worshipful Grand Master - Tasmania
Worshipful Grand Master - South Australia
Grand Secretary - South Australia
Worshipful Grand Master - Queensland
Worshipful Grand Master - Western Australia
Grand Secretary - Western Australia
Worshipful Grand Master - New Zealand
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Worshipful Grand Master - Victoria.

" *A Edwards* NZ

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The history of Friendly Societies goes back to the Seventeenth Century, when in England workers formed themselves into Guilds or Unions to provide relief and maintenance for Members and their kindred during sickness, depression and death.

Conditions on the gold fields in the Ballarat area in 1868 brought about the formation of the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Victoria, with the Holy Bible and Protestant Crown of England as the Emblems and with the motto "Fear God, Love the Brother, Honour the King". The Society set out to provide Benefits on a three fold basis:

- (a) by contributions and levies for Sickness, Funeral, Medicine and assistance when unemployed or in distressed circumstances.
- (b) by Ritual Meetings for the education and wider experience of the Members.
- (c) by Social and Sporting activities for the entertainment of Members and Families.

Although the first Lodge of the Society was registered in Melbourne in May, 1868 most of the early activities of the Society were in the Ballarat district when numerous Lodges were formed, today Lodge No. 5 still meets in that City.

In 1872 with the movement of Members to other parts of the Continent, Lodges were established in other States and the name of the Society changed to the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia. In New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania, Lodges were formed in 1872 and New Zealand in 1873 and South Australia in 1883 and in Western Australia in 1892, later Grand Councils were established in each State of the Commonwealth and New Zealand, followed by the formation of a Federal Council.

The Society today continues to provide a wide range of Sickness, Medicine, Funeral and Assurance Benefits under the Friendly Societies Act and Hospital and Medical Benefits under the Commonwealth National Health Act, both to our own individual Members and co-operation with other Friendly Societies through Groups at the Member's place of employment.

If we of 1968 are as diligent and purposeful as our founders in 1868, we can look forward confidently as we enter our second one hundred years of progress and service to our Members and influence for good in the Community as a whole.

"The race of mankind would perish did they not help each other"

Sir Walter Scott.

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