



Ethos — EDITORIAL —

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FROM THE EAST

What a good night last month. This month we will have two (2) meetings to initiate new brethren. The first at Lodge William Ross No.76 on the First Tuesday in July (July 6), where Ethos will open Lodge

Ethos and initiate the first of our candidates, following our Fraternal visit. Then on our regular meeting night in Holt, we will receive Lodge Caledonia on their annual fraternal visit, and our officers will initiate the 2nd of our candidates.

Thank you to all who were able to join me for our Fraternal to Lodge Commonwealth of Australia which provided Bro Simon Van Holland with an opportunity to see their officers conduct an initiation. WM

FROM THE WEST

All the news from the Wicked Witch in the West. We now have to face the cold climes of the North on the 6th of July when we journey to Goulburn for our traditional visit. Keep up the good work and enjoy yourselves. SW

FROM THE SOUTH

Thanks again to all the brethren that brought a great selection of food for last months south. This month Lodge Caledonia will be along so we will need to ensure we have plenty on hand to feed the hungry masses from the Eastern Front.

I am planning to have a catered South in August please let me know if you are able to attend that night as I would like to ensure that we have an elegant sufficiency for everyone. JW

The Temple of Solomon

(Part 2)

Within the court of the Israelites, and separated from it by a wall one cubit in height, was the court of the priests. In the centre of this court was the altar of burnt-offerings, to which the people brought their oblations and sacrifices, none but the priests were permitted to enter it.

From this court, twelve steps ascended to the Temple, strictly so called, which as I have already said, was divided into three parts, the porch, the sanctuary, and the Holy of Holies.

The PORCH of the Temple was twenty cubits in length, and the same in breadth. at its entrance was a gate made entirely of Corinthian brass, the most precious metal known to the ancients. Beside this gate there were the two pillars Jachin and Boaz, which had been constructed by Hiram Abif, the architect whom the King of Tyre had sent to Solomon.

From the porch you entered the SANCTUARY by a portal, which instead of folding doors, was furnished with a magnificent veil of the universe.

The breath of the sanctuary was twenty cubits, and its length forty, or just twice that of the porch and Holy of Holies. It occupied, therefore, one half of the body of the Temple. In the sanctuary were placed the various utensils necessary for the daily worship of the Temple, such as the altar of incense, on which incense was daily burnt by the officiating priest; the ten golden candlesticks; and the ten tables on which the offerings

were laid previous to the sacrifice.

The Temple thus constructed, must have been one of the most magnificent structures of the ancient world. for its erection David had collected more than four hundred thousand millions of dollars, and one hundred and eighty-four thousand and six hundred men were engaged in building it for more than seven years.

In Masonry, the temple of Solomon has played a most important part. Time was when every Masonic writer subscribed with unhesitating faith to the theory that masonry was here first

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organized; and there Solomon, Hiram of tyre, and Hiram Abif presided as grand Masters over Lodges which they had established; that here were symbolic degrees instituted and systems of initiation were invented; and that from that period to the present Masonry has passed in unbroken succession and unaltered form. But the modern method of reading Masonic history has swept away this edifice of imagination with as unsparing hand, and as effectual a power, as those with which the Babylonian king demolished the structure upon which they are founded. No writer who values his reputation as a critical historian would now attempt to defend this theory. Yet it has done its work. During the long period in which the hypothesis was accepted as a fact , its influence was being exerted in moulding the Masonic organizations into a form closely connected with all the events and characteristics of the Solomonic Temple. So that now almost all the symbolism of Freemasonry rests upon or is derived from the "House of the Lord at Jerusalem. So closely are the two connected, that to attempt to separate the one from the other would be fatal to the further existence of Masonry. Each Lodge is and must be a symbol of the Jewish Temple; each Master in the chair a representative of the Jewish king; and every Mason a personating of the Jewish workman. Thus must it ever be while Masonry endures. We must receive the myths and legends that connect it with the Temple, not indeed as historic facts, but as allegories; not as events that have transpired, but as symbols; and must accept these allegories and these symbols for what the inventors really meant that they should be —

The foundations of morality.
Information taken from the Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry
By ALBERT G. MACKEY, M.D.

Source: <http://www.masoniclibrary.org.au/index>.

Submitted by W Bro Robin Parker

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Submitted by VW Bro Arthur Riley:

I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see.

I sought my God, but my God eluded me.

I sought my brother and I found all three.

Request from W Bro Rudi Koch:

W Bro Koch is looking to create a list of all the Lodge Ethos Brethren their contact details and to assist with organising social functions wives and girlfriends names. Please send details to rudi.koch@three.com.au or see him at this months meeting.

Fraternal Visits this month:

Lodge William Ross No. 76

Brethren are invited to meet at Yowani Golf Club – 6pm to arrange car pooling.

Social Events this month:

None yet scheduled.

Norman Snedden 12th, Phil Higgs 17th, Bill Brown 22nd, Craig Revell 24th, Karl Richardson 26th.

Initiation's this month

Bro Bill Palmer 15th July 2003 in Lodge Duke of Edinburgh No.76 by Lodge Ethos.