

The Ailsa Craig

HMV

(His Master's Voice)

Brethren

The Amendments to our Bye-Laws have been finally approved and have been included at the end of this Ailsa Craig. These will also be bound for issuing to new members in the coming years.

Yours Fraternally

W. Bro. Bill Gartshore

Fixtures and Fittings

(Lodge Activities)

• This month's meeting will be an election meeting and as a number of key Brethren will be absent, there will be no working nor practice. However we do expect a very interesting lecture by Bro. Romani as to the activities of the P2 Lodge (Propoganda Duo) of Italy notorious for its Papal & Political connections. It hit the headlines in 1982 with the still unsolved murder of Calvi in London....

The Italian Masonic Lodge P2 "provided a means of furnishing anti-Communist institutions in Europe and Latin-America with both Vatican and CIA funds. Calvi [who was found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge in London in 1982] also claimed that he personally had arranged the transfer of \$20,000,000 of Vatican money to Solidarity in Poland, although the overall total sent to Solidarity is believed to have exceeded \$100,000,000. Prior to his indictment for murder [of an Italian investigator], Michele Sindona was not only P2's financier, but the Vatican's investment counselor as well, helping the church to sell its Italian assets and re-invest in the United States. His services for the CIA included passing funds to 'friends' in Yugoslavia, as well as to the Greek colonels prior to

their seizure of power in 1967. He also channeled millions of dollars into the funds of the Christian Democrats in Italy."

Juicy stuff – Come and hear the audio-visual inside info at the next meeting!

• We have revised the sequence of Workings for the next few months as follows:

Mar – Installation
Apr – 2nd Deg
May – 1st Deg
Jun – 3rd Deg
Jul – 3rd Deg
Aug – 3rd Deg
Sept – 1st Deg
Oct – 3rd Deg

The sequence of workings will be refined changed as necessary, as the year progresses.

Home and Away Games

(Visiting Brethren, Visits and Invitations)

• Many of the Brethren were treated to some delightful prose and uproarious humour at the Burn's Night at Ft. Canning on last month by Donald Finlay QC, Ken McLeod and Jim Manderson MBE.

The festivities went on well into the wee hours and there was a standing ovation for Bro Harry Martin due to his efforts in arranging the festivities and aiding the Singapore Breast Cancer Foundation.

The catering was arranged through the Hyatt Hotel by Bro John Beveridge.

• Further events planned for February '02 include:

Ailsa Lodge & Council Installation (20th)

Ailsa Cryptic Council Installation (20th)

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Tinkers Corner

(The latest gossip)

• Grand Master's Visit to Singapore

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Archibald D. Orr Ewing, B.A., will be visiting Singapore on the 24th and 25th February 2002.

Lodge Ailsa together with Lodge St Andrew will be hosting a lunch for him at the Masonic Club on the 25th February. Please make an effort to attend this lunch as it is the only possible time to meet him as they will be departing for Malaysia that evening.

The Classifieds

(Awaits your Ad)

- Lodge Ailsa Membership Directory needs to be kept up-to-date. Please forward any changes to the WJW and the W. Secretary so that you can be kept informed of the Lodge activities.
 - Contributions to The Craig are welcome but should either be of a general reference, educational nature, or specific to Ailsa fit for general consumption.
 - I have been given about 1,000 photos by Bro. Phillip Haeusler which take up about 450Mb. These photos were taken at various harmonies etc. They are un-catalogued. Any ideas as how to publish or distribute etc., without spending hours at the computer, would be welcome
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Bye-Laws

of

Lodge Ailsa, No. 1172

holding of

The Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland.

Introduction

1. Lodge Ailsa, No. 1172 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Lodge') shall be governed by the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and by these Bye-Laws.

Meetings

2. All meetings shall be held within the Freemasons' Hall, 23A Coleman Street, Singapore 179806.

3. The Regular Meetings shall be held on the fourth Thursday of each month from January to December inclusive, except when such day falls on a holiday when it may be held on the working day immediately preceding or immediately following the holiday. The time of the Regular Meetings shall be at 6:30 o'clock p.m. or at such other hour as the Lodge at a previous Regular Meeting may appoint.

4. The Annual Meeting shall be the Regular Meeting on the fourth Thursday in February. At that meeting the Abstract of Accounts and Balance Sheet shall be considered and the nomination and election of Office-bearers, members of the General Committee and members of the Committee of Enquiry shall take place.

5. The Installation of Office-bearers for the ensuing year shall take place at the Regular Meeting on the fourth Thursday in March.

6. All meetings shall be convened by circular delivered or posted to every Qualified Member at least seven days prior to the meeting.

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Office-bearers

7. The Office-bearers of the Lodge shall be the Master, Immediate Past Master, Depute Master, Substitute Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Almoner, Director of Ceremonies, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Bible-bearer, Sword-bearer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Piper, Standard-bearer, Inner Guard, Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Stewards, not exceeding six and Tyler.

8. The Master at his Installation shall appoint his Depute and Substitute Masters. All other Office-bearers except the Immediate Past Master shall be elected annually by the Lodge.

9. Any Office-bearer, the Master and Immediate Past Master excepted, absenting himself from three Regular Meetings of the Lodge consecutively shall be communicated with by the Secretary and should no reason for his absence satisfactory to the Lodge be given, the Lodge may declare the Office vacant and elect another Brother to it, as provided for in Law 139.

10. The Secretary, Treasurer and Tyler shall receive such remuneration as the Lodge at its Annual Meeting shall decide.

Committees

11. The General Committee shall consist of the Master, Immediate Past Master, Depute Master, Substitute Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Almoner, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, all ex officiiis, together with two elective members. All Qualified Members of the Lodge, including Past Masters and Office-bearers, are eligible for election.

12. The membership of the Committee of Enquiry shall be as specified in Law 150.

Fees

13. The fees exigible by the Lodge shall be as follows, namely:

- (a) Initiation Fee **\$750.00**
- (b) Affiliation Fee **\$175.00**
- (c) Fee for the Mark **\$50.00**

(d) In terms of Law 173 each Initiate and each Affiliate from another Constitution shall make a direct contribution to the General Fund of Grand Lodge. The amount of this contribution which is payable through the Lodge, is set forth in the First Schedule Item 16, being presently **\$125.00**

- (e) 1) The Annual Contribution (Test Fee) shall be payable in advance on the 1st January and the 1st July and be **\$40.00**

2) The Annual Contribution (Subscription) shall be payable in advance on the 1st January and the 1st July and shall be **\$300.00**

provided that -

(i) Any member who has ceased to reside in the Republic of Singapore for a period of twelve consecutive months shall be entitled to become a non-Resident Member and pay a reduced fee of **\$50.00**

(ii) Qualified Members who have paid their Annual Contributions for twenty-one consecutive years shall be exempt from further contributions.

(i) Qualified Members who have reached the age of sixty-five years and have paid their Annual Contribution for fifteen consecutive years shall pay a reduced Annual Contribution (Test Fee) of **\$20.00** and Annual Contribution (Subscription) of **\$100.00**

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(iv) Any Qualified Member may commute his Annual Contribution (Test Fee) by a payment of **\$600.00**

(e) Every member except non-Resident Members shall pay an Annual Dining Fee in addition to and payable on the same date as the Annual Contribution. The Annual Dining Fee shall be **\$40.00**

g) The fee for each Demit, Clearance Certificate, or Resignation Certificate shall be **\$50.00**

h) Any member who has resigned and is re-admitted shall pay a rejoining **\$100.00**

i) The payment required to restore a Brother in arrear of his Annual Contribution (Test Fee) & (Subscription) to Qualified Membership shall be the smaller of

a) the full amount of the arrears

b) or the Annual Contribution (Test Fee) & (Subscription) for the current year together with the sum of **\$680.00**

c) or, in the case of a non-Resident Member, together with the sum of **\$100.00**

Commutation Fees Fund

14) The sum to be withdrawn annually from the Commutation Fees Fund in terms of Law 127 shall be 7% of the amount of the Fund at the close of the Financial Year.

Benevolent Fund

15. The Benevolent Fund shall receive one-tenth of each Annual Contribution and a like proportion of the sum withdrawn annually from the Commutation Fees Fund.

16. The Benevolent Fund shall be administered by the General Committee.

17. The Master may give casual relief at his discretion, but in no case shall the sum given to any individual exceed **\$100.00**

Charitable Account

18. The Charity Account shall be a separate account and shall be maintained to provide for charitable assistance and relief to non-Masonic institutions, persons or causes.

19. The General Committee may approve withdrawals from the Charity Account of up to **\$1000** in a year without prior reference to the Lodge.

20. The total withdrawals in any one year shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the amount of the Account at the close of the previous Financial Year. However where sums are raised for a specific cause or charity they must be disbursed in full without delay.

Accounts

21. The Financial Year shall end on the 31st December annually.

22. Two auditors having the qualifications specified in the Fifth Schedule of the Laws shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting. They should complete their audit and report by 31st January.

23. Copies of the Abstract of Accounts and Balance Sheet with the Auditors' Certificate shall be sent to every Qualified Member with the circular convening the Annual Meeting.

General

24. In all ballots for membership two black balls shall exclude.

Amendments Approved by Grand Committee on 13th December 2001