



LODGE DEVOTION No. 723

Consecrated on 20th August, 1952

Worshipful Master
WBro Aret

SUMMONS and NOTICE PAPER

GREETINGS:

Worshipful Master Aret extends his Fraternal Greetings.

SUMMONS:

By command of the Worshipful Master you are summoned to the **MARCH** Meeting of your lodge. To be held at The Collingwood Masonic Centre **141 Gipps Street Abbotsford 3067 (Map 2C H11)**

THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2013 @ 7.30PM PUNCTUAL

W Bro DM Austin PJGD Secretary

REHEARSAL:

TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2013 @ 7.30 PM SHARP.

WORK ALLOCATION –

As per official summons

If NOT able to attend rehearsal or perform your allocated work please notify:

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A MASONIC MOMENT

ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS OR REGIUS POEM

The Halliwell Manuscript, also known as the Regius Poem, is the first known Masonic text. It consists of 64 written pages in poetic form. The poem begins by evoking Ueclid and his invention of geometry in ancient Egypt and then the spreading of the art in "divers lands". This is followed by fifteen points for the master concerning both moral behaviour (do not harbour thieves, do not take bribes, attend church regularly, etc.) And the operation of the work on a building site (do not make the masons labour at night, teach the apprentices properly, do not take on jobs that you cannot do etc.) There are then fifteen points for craftsmen which follow a similar pattern.

The general consensus on the age of the document dates its writing to between the late 1300s and the middle of the 15th century, and from internal evidence its author appears to have been a West of England clergyman. The manuscript was recorded in various personal inventories as it changed hands until it came into the possession of the Royal Library, which was donated to the British Museum in 1757 by King George 11 to form the nucleus of the present British Library.

During this time, the document was generally described as a poem of moral duties. The significance of the document as relating to Freemasonry was not realised until it was featured in an article on Freemasonry by James Halliwell in 1840.

The text of the document states that freemasonry was brought to England during the reign of King Athelstan from 924 to 939.



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Business: Thursday 14th March 2013

AGENDA

1. Opening
Minutes Meeting #661 February 2013
Business Arising
2. Correspondence:
Grand Lodge
General
Business Arising
3. ADMIT MEMBERS
4. GENERAL BUSINESS
5. REPORTS:
Treasurer
Accounts for Payment
Membership and Education:
Social & Benevolence
Planning & G. Purposes
5. ADMIT VISITORS
6. OPEN in Second Degree
7. Questions Before RAISING;
Pass Given and Received
Candidate retired
8. RAISE: Bro Stuart
9. Close 3rd Close 2nd Resume in 1st
10. *First Time of Rising*
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION
Friday 22nd March 2013 6.30pm
11. *Second Time of Rising*
12. *Third Time of Rising*
13. Close in Peace Love and Harmony
14. Retirement

Our Principles Make a Difference

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