

FREEMASONRY IS ...

- one of the world's oldest and largest fraternal organisations.
- an organisation of men who adopt the fundamental principles of integrity, goodwill and charity as the foundations for an individual's life and character.
- a non-profit organisation that supports charity and community service.
- a fellowship comprising men of character, high ideals and worthwhile values who strive for excellence in everything they do.



FREEMASONS ...

- share a concern and respect for humanity, moral standards, the laws of the land and the rights of individuals.
- are involved in helping other people through charitable projects and service to the public.
- attend lodge meetings regularly and participate in Masonic activities.

FREEMASONRY'S HISTORY

The precise origins of Freemasonry have been lost in time. Its traditions date back to the Middle Ages.

It developed from the stonemasons who designed and built Europe's castles and cathedrals. These men were proficient in geometry, arithmetic and engineering.

They established "lodges" to protect the skills and secrets of their trade and to pass on their knowledge to trusted apprentices.

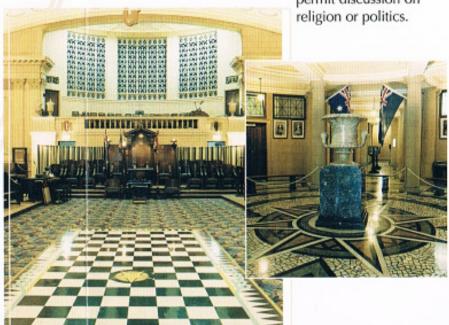
The movement flourished and progressively spread throughout the world.

Freemasonry has been practised in Australia since the early 19th century. It is believed that the first Freemason to set foot on Australian soil was Sir Joseph Banks, the botanist on Cook's voyages of discovery.

FREEMASONRY ...

- conducts ceremonies exclusively for its members but is not a secret society.
- consists of men of faith but is not a religion or a substitute for religion.
- supports those in need but is not a benefit society.

 emphasises universal harmony and does not permit discussion on religion or politics



How to Join

- · Talk with the person who gave you this brochure.
- · Contact the friendly staff at Grand Lodge office (refer to details overleaf).
- · Fill in and mail the form attached to this brochure.
- · All you have to do is ask!

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more about Freemasonry

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