

## The District Grand Lodge of North Queensland

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News Letter

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Brethren,

A warm welcome to the 11th edition of the NQ Compass for 2023. I hope that you and your families continue to remain in good health as we close in on the festive season for 2023. As we are now at the end of our Lodge Installations for 2023, with only one Installation held this month, our DGLNQ Teams had a somewhat quieter month when compared to September!

It was pleasing to receive an invitation from **Unity Lodge** to attend their meeting on **Thursday 19th October** to pass **Bro. Chaise Smith** to the Second Degree and also to present **V.W. Bro. Claude Wilder with his 50 year service Jewel**. I was supported by a DGLNQ team of 4 and there were 14 Unity members on hand for the well conducted meeting. It was a privilege to present Bro Wilder with his 50 year service jewel and after the meeting, we adjourned to a harmonious, enjoyable and well attended festive board.

*Congrats to the Unity brethren on a great night!*

*On Friday, 20th October, I, as Dist*

### Aims of The N.Q. Compass.

- To promote those values and virtues we as Freemasons profess.
- To provide articles of interest to Members.
- To promote discussion and debate amongst Brethren.
- To highlight the activities of the Lodges in this district.
- To recognise individual achievements.
- To inform

**GM** attended the **Harmony Daylight Lodge Installation** where **R.W. Bro. Peter Morris, P.J.G.W.** was installed as WM! I was supported by an excellent team of 9 DGLNQ / UGLQ officers. The meeting was well attended with 12 members and 1 visitor in the lodge room! Immediate PM Wor Bro Blue Milham was presented with his PM's Jewel and RW Bro Bill Radcliffe was presented with a plaque in appreciation of his support to the Lodge! A well attended and harmonious Banquet was held at The Townsville Yacht Club. *Well done to all brethren on a great day out!*

Andrea and I were proud to represent Freemasons NQ at **Millican Lodges' residents BBQ at Qld Freemasons Village for Leukaemia Patients at Douglas in Townsville on Sunday 22 Oct 2023!** 21 volunteers incl 11 Freemasons provided an excellent and much appreciated BBQ lunch plus some items of harmony from **Kate Woodford** (grand daughter of Lodge Secy VW Bro Bill James) for 10 residents of the village. The lodge is hopeful of making a donation to the Leukaemia Foundation as a result of the function! *It was a great afternoon and we thank Millican Lodge for this great community work and wish all patients at the Village all the best!*

Freemasons NQ held an informal morning tea last **Tuesday 24 Oct** at 10.00 am to watch the livestream of **Hand Heart Pocket - Charity of Freemasons Queensland - Annual review for 2023!** We had a smaller number of DGLNQ brethren present for an informative meeting. We wish to thank all staff at HHP for their on-going support of our Lodges fundraising efforts and for their substantial giving / donations and grants of over \$5M into our communities and partnership's over the last 12 months!! *Thanks to all for your attendance on the day!*

I was proud to be **Installed as Ven Preceptor of Nth Qld Preceptory No 2** at our meeting on **Thurs 26 Oct 2023**. The meeting was very well attended with 17 NQ Preceptory Knights and 4 Great Priory of Queensland Knights including **ME Kt Ted Ruska our ME & Supreme Grand Master** and visiting EM Knights from Cairns & Mackay! We adjourned to a very enjoyable and harmonious festive bd in the south. Our ladies entertained our visiting ladies at a dinner at the West End Hotel. *It was a special night and I thank my brother knights of the NQ Preceptory and all visiting brother knights for your support!*

We have several **Date Claimers** to hand for you to mark in your calendars:

- **Mon 13th Nov 23 —AIF Memorial Lodge—Tyles 7.00 pm. 2nd Degree Ceremony for Bro Dan Cracknell.** Additionally, the WM will present his **Remembrance Day Address, integral with the Vacant Chair Ceremony.**
- **Fri 17th Nov—Freemasons NQ Fish & Chip Night from 5.30 pm at 50 Ingham Rd —all welcome to attend!**
- **Sat 18th Nov—DGLNQ Officers Training Day—Tyles 8.15 am to 5.00 pm at 50 Ingham Rd. UGLQ Gr Dir of Educ & Dev, RW Bro Rodger Klopp, will be in attendance!**
- **Sat 9 Dec—DGLNQ Dec Qtrly Communication at Kennedy Lodge Bowen—Tyles 11.00 am— X'mas luncheon to follow. Please register and support Kennedy Lodge and our final DGLNQ QC for 2023! John Playford, D.G.M.**

# District Grand Lodge

## Training Date Claimer.

### GRAND LODGE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION!

**EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING  
SESSION**

**18 NOVEMBER 2023**  
**0815 – 1700H**



**ALL DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OFFICERS  
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE !**

## Proposed Program.

Serial	Timings	Activity	Presenter	Location	Remarks
1	08.15 - 08.30	Administration, Registration		Foyer	Coffee, tea.
2	08.30 - 08.40	Welcome		Lec. Room	
		Welcome by District GM, Introduce Presenters			
		Orientation : programme outline, facilities, breaks, timings			
3	08.40 - 09.20	Grand Officer II	GDED	Lec. Room	RW Bro Rodger Klopp
		Attitude, Image, Expectations			
4	9.30 - 10.15	Importance of teamwork			
		Brief Lecture	GDC		
		Perambulating (sic marching) in step.			Tips on keeping in step
		Cornering - 'swinging the gate'			
		Performing Cross-overs			
		Handling Wands - Deacons & Stewards			Practice in teams / pairs
		Spacing the 'knocks'			Interaction w/ Jnr GW

	<b>10.30 - 11.45</b>	Daughter Lodge Visits			Demo and practice
		... Lining up			
		... Entry			
		... Occupying the East			
		... Retiring			
		Protocols - positioning on march-in; saluting; acknowledging (D)DC; sitting; looking up; stepping up & down; paying attention -(no) talking;			
		Practicing AGDC announcements			Dist GDCs, Dist AGI
	<b>11.50 - 12.30</b>	<b>Lodge Ceremonial - demo &amp; practice</b>		Lodge Rm	For Lodge DCs/DDC
		Tips for DCs - posture, bearing, holding baton			
		Controlling the floor - Dir. of Ceremonies			
		Opening the lodge			DC & Deacon move
		Summoning and seating brethren			
		Prompting in the lodge-room			
		Moving in tandem around the lodge-room			
		Presenting minutes for signing			
		Reducing the lodge			DC & Deacon move
8	<b>12.30 - 1.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>			Arranged by Dist. NQ
9	<b>1.30 - 3.30</b>	<b>Installations</b>	GDC / GDED		
		Working an installation			
		Signing the Attendance Register			
		Taking Station			
		Collecting, exchanging collars			
		Presenting the Working Tools			
		Revision - Installed Master's Secrets			
		Investitures - positioning (Installing Officer and Officers being invested)			
		Deacons' positioning for investitures.			
		GOs Returning to the East			
		Standing: Who stands ? When?			
10	<b>3.30 - 3.45</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>			Arranged by Dist. NQ
11	<b>3.45 - 4.15</b>	<b>Aspects of 3rd Degree</b>	GDC		
		Perambulations around the Gravesite			
		The 5 Points of Fellowship			
		Closing the 3rd Degree			Master-Wardens interac
<b>Plenary Session</b>					
<b>Closing Remarks, Dispersal</b>					

# A Lodge Goes Into Darkness.



There was once an old Mason who hadn't attended his lodge for 20 years. One day he thought he'd go and see what had been going on with his lodge in his absence. When he arrived he found boards on the windows, and a padlock on the door with a sign saying **CLOSED**.

As he stood, staring at this sad lonely building, a younger man walked up and looked along with the old man.

The old man said; I was a member here for many years.

The young man replied; I was the secretary.

I just can't understand how this lodge could have gone dark. I paid my membership for over 50 years said the old man.

To this the young man replied that nearly every member there were long term members as well.

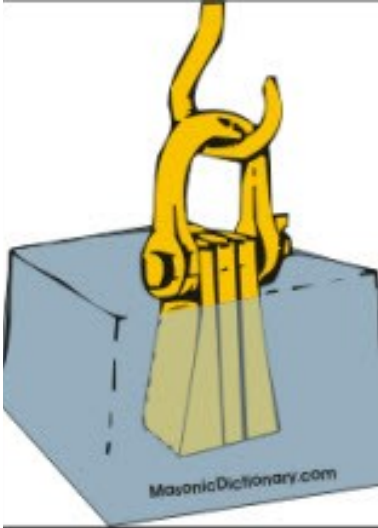
Puzzled the old man said; if everyone had long memberships, then what happened? How did it go dark?

The young man replied; **no one attended the meetings or became involved.**

# Is Unity Lodge Unique?

In order for us to answer this question it may be opportune to examine once again the definition of a Lewis by asking, What is a Lewis? .

Old English Tracing Boards of the Entered Apprentice degree illustrate the Lewis; a peculiar tool of Operative Masons. The instrument is made of a pair of dovetail wedges, pro-



vided with a hook or ring. When it was inserted in a hole in a large stone, the hook or ring spreads and locks the wedges securely in the stone so that it may be raised by derrick without putting a rope or chain around it. The heavier the stone, the more securely the Lewis locked into it. From this operative tool came the speculative tool as the Lewis became a symbol of strength in Old English rituals. In Speculative Masonic language, the son of an English Mason is called a Lewis, but in our country the use of this term is not as well known in modern times as it was in the past. This despite it being mentioned in the delivery of the first degree tracing board.

“Lewis” denotes the concept of a son following in the footsteps of his father and that upon the Lewis rests the strength and responsibilities of being a Lodge member and in providing support to the Lodge. In some traditions the responsibility of being a Lewis came with the privilege of being allowed to petition a Lodge at the age of eighteen instead of waiting until the age of twentyone. This tradition no longer applies in Queensland as all can now petition to join at aged eighteen. A Lewis still has the right to be made a Freemason before others irrespective of rank or station.

On Thursday, 21st. September Unity Lodge conferred the first Degree on Bro. Justin Trinder, the son of Bro. Glenn Trinder the Lodge Almoner. Congratulations Brethren.

Now, this is where it becomes unique. At least **seven current members** of Unity Lodge are Lewis Masons and of those seven, two have grandfathers who were Masons. Of these two, one has claim that both his grandfathers were Freemasons up until their death.

Further, another three separate Members can boast that even though their fathers were not Freemasons their grandfathers were. This is a statistic known to the editor of The N.Q. Compass and there may be one or two other Lewis in the Lodge. One other is the S.I.L. of a Past Master.

Is your Lodge missing an opportunity for potential membership?



# What Are Their Meanings?

We are taught that freemasonry is “a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols”. But what is an allegory and what is a symbol? There are Brethren who cannot give a clear and lucid explanation of their meaning and purpose, and it is to enlighten such Brethren that the following interpretations are offered :-

**Allegory** :- From Latin “Allegoria”, meaning a description of one thing under the image of another; a figurative sentence or discourse, in which the principal subject is described by another subject resembling it in its properties and circumstances. The real subject is thus kept out of view, and we are left to infer or deduce the intentions of the writer or speaker by the resemblance of the secondary to the primary subject. The legend of the Third Degree is an allegory, evidently to be interpreted as teaching a restoration to life. All the legends of Freemasonry are more or less allegorical.

**Symbol** :- From a Greek verb which signifies “to compare one thing with another”, hence a symbol or emblem since the two words are frequently used synonymously in Masonry. Mackay, in his “Encyclopedia”, argues that the connection of the two Saints — St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist — with whom the Masonic Institution is rather of a symbolic than of a historical character, and he considers it to be an instance of the worship of symbolisation of the sun which has already been an important part of Free - masonry. Of the symbols of Masonry perhaps there are none more important in their expressiveness and impressiveness or more extensive in their application as the sun, which is presented to us in Freemasonry as a symbol of light.

**Legend** :- From Latin legendus, to be read. That which is appointed to be read, especially a chronicle or register of the lives of saints. Any wonderful story coming to us from the past, but not verifiable by historical record is a legend. According to one Masonic legend, the Queen of Sheba was so sincerely attached to Hiram Abiff that at his death she became so inconsolable that she spent the greater part of her time mourning over the tomb which contained his ashes. Another legend says that a marriage had been arranged between King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, but that when the Queen beheld the builder of the Temple, her admiration was transferred to him, which so enraged the monarch that the murder of Hiram Abiff was the result of a conspiracy initiated by King Solomon himself.

**Tradition** :- From trades, to hand over. The unwritten or oral delivery of information, opinions, practices, rites and customs from father to son, or from ancestors to posterity — that which is handed down from age to age by oral communication. There is a Jewish tradition that the stones for the Temple were not so squared and polished by human hands, but by a worm called Shamir which God created for the purpose. They also state that the

Stones came to the Temple of their own accord, and were put together by angles. The word “Shamir” (known in Masonic lore as the insect “Sharmah”) signifies a very hard stone that can be cut and polished to great perfection. It is asserted by the Rabbins (Jewish scholars of former times) that Solomon was enabled to finish the Temple without the use of axe, hammer, or metal tool, for the stone Shamir, which had been presented to him by a demon, possessed the quality of cutting any other substance as a diamond cuts glass. The tradition is that Moses engraved the names of the twelve tribes on the stones of the breastplate — part of the Jewish high priest’s vestments — by means of the blood of the worm “Shamir”, whose solvent power was so great that it could corrode the hardest substances. It is supposed that the tradition is based on a corruption of the word “Smiris”, the Greek for energy which was used by antique engravers, and that the name “Shamir” is merely the Hebrew form of the Greek word — “FIAT LUX”. ***Circa 1975.***

***References: Wrights “Legends and Traditions”, Mackay’s Encyclopedia”.***

## Ingham Road Improvements.

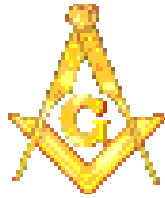
Those of you who have had occasion to visit our premises at 50 Ingham Road recently will have noticed that new signage has appeared on the Church Street side of the building as the result of The Townsville Masonic Fundraising Committee’s efforts. This committee has also recently had the 48 Ingham Road premises treated for termites and the floor of the building polished and as reported in August had security cameras fitted to show both Ingham Road and Church Street. Congratulations to this very small band of volunteers.



It is with a sigh of relief that we can report that all the heavy earthmoving equipment has now moved on and that the intersection of Ingham Road and Church Street reopened.

**One thing worrying business men is the number of unemployed on their payroll!**

## A Famous Freemason.



## Adolphus Appleroth

Adolphus Herbert Frederick Norman Appleroth (1886-1952), jelly manufacturer, was born on 30 December 1886 in West Melbourne, third surviving child of William Appleroth, a Russian-born driver, and his wife Emma, née Audebart, daughter of a Melbourne wine merchant. William had reputedly been a Russo-Finnish sea captain who jumped ship. The family moved to Sydney where Bert began work in 1902 as a messenger-boy at the Lipton's Tea agency, then took a job as a tram conductor. He began experimenting with mixtures of gelatine and sugar in the bath in his parents' home at Paddington, and hawked the jelly crystals that he produced door-to-door, using trams as transport. At St Michael's Anglican Church, Sydney, on 19 February 1910 he married a 19-year-old dressmaker Ferri Marion Wotzasik.

Leaving the tramways in 1917, Appleroth rented premises at 10 shillings a week in which to manufacture his jelly crystals. He marketed some jellies under the name 'De-Luxe'. In 1926 he formed a company, Traders Ltd, and was joined by a partner Albert Francis Lenertz (1891-1943) who became managing director. The business operated from Sussex Street in the city before moving to Alice Street, Newtown, in 1927. Inspired by feats in aviation, that year Appleroth named his product 'Aeroplane Jelly'.

In 1930 Lenertz wrote the words and music of the Aeroplane Jelly song which was to become the longest-running advertising jingle in Australian history. It was first recorded in 1930, sung by Amy Rochelle, an actress who did child imitations. The song was again recorded in 1938, sung by Joy King, a young girl chosen as the result of a competition. Her recording was used for more than fifty years. Lenertz produced and announced radio programmes over Sydney stations 2KY and 2SM, and used the song as the signature tune. Eventually, the jingle was broadcast over commercial radio one hundred times each day:

I like Aeroplane jelly,  
Aeroplane jelly for me,  
I like it for dinner, I like it for tea,  
A little each day is a good recipe . . .



It was the quintessential radio-advertising campaign.

After Lenertz left the firm in 1934, Appleroth chartered a Tiger Moth aeroplane, emblazoned with his product's name, to make deliveries to rural areas. This caper proved particularly popular with children, his jelly's greatest consumers. In 1935 he held a model-aeroplane display in Centennial Park, Sydney, and in the late 1940s sponsored radio broadcasts involving prisoners at Goulburn gaol which were rounded off with an exhortation to buy 'Aeroplane Jelly'. By 1949 Appleroth's factory had an annual turnover of £170,000. His publicity stunts, and the song, made his product a national icon.



Appleroth was a Freemason. He gave money to the Federation of New South Wales Police-Citizens Boys' Clubs and to the Hospital Saturday Fund. In 1950 he bought a race-horse, Typhonic. Appleroth suffered from hypertension and died of a coronary occlusion on 17 July 1952 at his Croydon home; his wife and son survived him. He left an estate valued for probate at £9025 and appointed the formidable Ferri as governing or managing director of several family companies.

## Did You Know.

That on the 26th. October, 1863 a meeting was held at the Freemason's Tavern in Great Queen Street, London which resulted in the drafting of the Football Association's (soccer) rules.

That you can convince a man, persuade a woman, **but** you have to ignore a teenager!

That all books donated to The Townsville University's charity arm, "Brighter Lives" are stamped inside the covers with an annotation that they were donated by The Townsville Masonic Fund Raising Committee which has now acquired a new stamp. A big thank you to V.W. Bros. Norm Souter-Smith and Noel Leroy for their ongoing work over a number of years which puts the name of Freemasonry into many homes in the district.

***Brethren, you are reminded to log into your Facebook page and in the top left hand corner [Search Facebook] type in [The N.Q. Compass](#) then hit return to view photographs of events taking place through out the District or other wise having an effect on this District.***

The N. Q. Compass welcomed the following members  
to the Craft during September.

**Name**

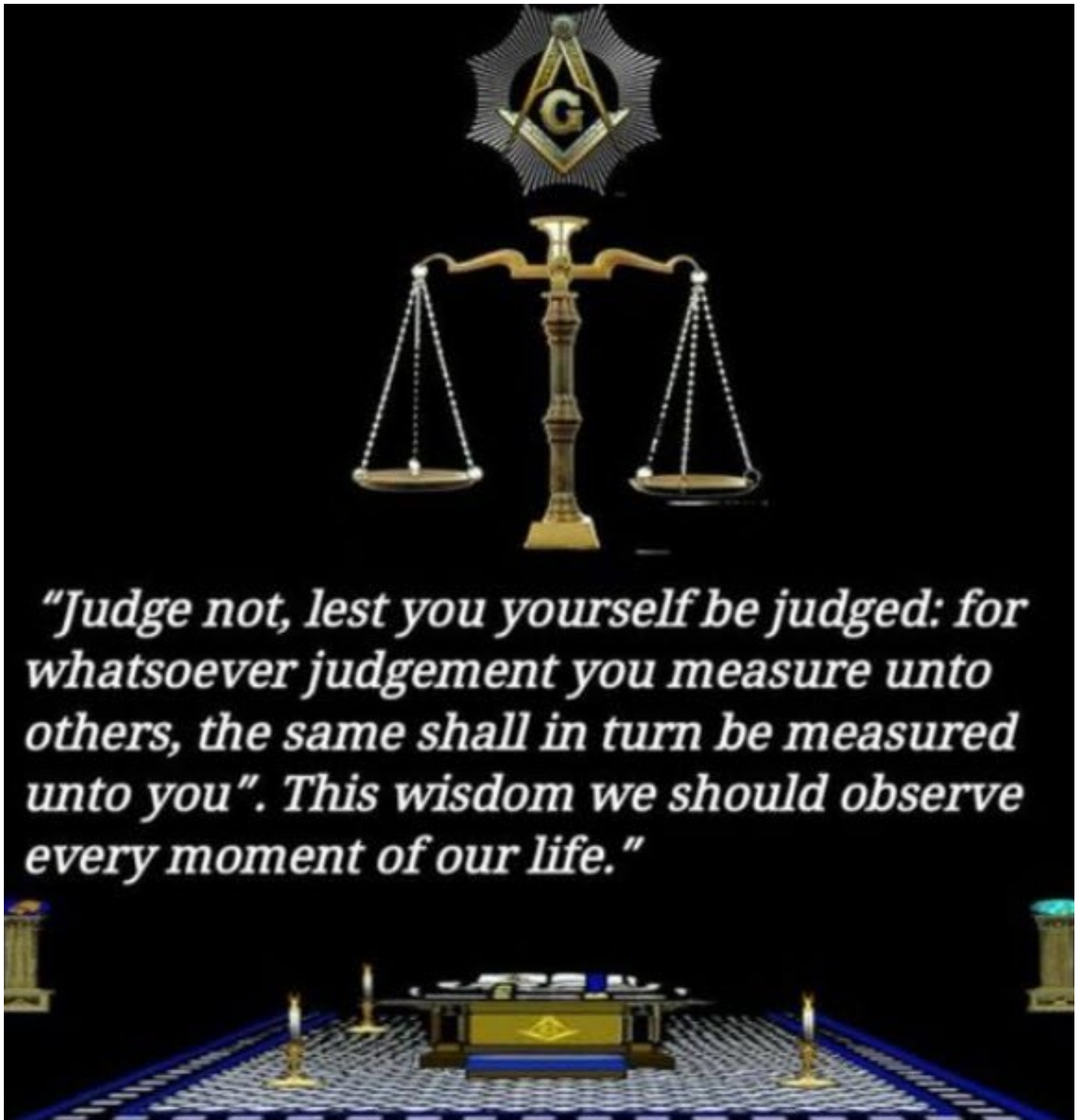
**Lodge**

HARTON, Jason

Townsville A.I.F. Memorial Lodge No. 377

TRINDER, Justin

Unity Lodge, No. 300



*"Judge not, lest you yourself be judged: for whatsoever judgement you measure unto others, the same shall in turn be measured unto you". This wisdom we should observe every moment of our life."*

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Please help to popularise it.