

What is Lodge Phoenix

Lodge Phoenix is a regular Masonic Lodge and is number 92 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania. The name therefore is usually depicted as "Lodge Phoenix N° 92 TC".

Lodge Phoenix N° 92 TC is the first Lodge consecrated in Tasmania this century. It was consecrated on Monday the 13th of March 2006. The ceremony of Consecration and Installation of the Foundation Master was carried out by the then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, Most Worshipful Brother Julius E Kearon, assisted by a team of Grand Lodge Officers.

Each year a new Master (rather like a chairman) is installed, at a special ceremony. The Masters of Lodge Phoenix N° 92 TC have been: 2006 Ian Green, 2007 Ian Blair, 2008 George Hambly, 2009 John Wilson, 2010 Will Murrell, 2011 Peter Watson, 2012 Chris Pedersen, 2013 Greg Parkinson, 2014 Richard Stacpoole, 2015 Leon King and 2016 Grant Carter.

Lodge Phoenix N° 92 TC is the first European style masonic lodge in Tasmania. This means that at the conclusion of the formal masonic business at each meeting, we then retire to a quality local restaurant for dinner. Our friends and partners are also usually able to join us as guests for dinner, the cost of the guest's dinner to be paid by the inviting member.

How does a man become a member: rather simple, he tells a member of Lodge Phoenix N° 92 TC. The member will then discuss with him the necessary administration matters that need to be completed (eg an interview with a couple of Lodge members, completion of an Application Form, payment of the \$100 Application fee).

How much does it cost to be a member of Lodge Phoenix N° 92 TC; rather less than membership of a golf club! The current costs are:

- One-off Application fee of \$100.00
 - Grand Lodge fees: \$106.30 (if not paid through another lodge)
 - Lodge Phoenix fees: \$158.35 (includes 6 suppers)
 - Dining: \$450.00 (1dinner @ \$10, 1 @ \$90, 5 @ \$70)
 - Masonic Homes contribution \$2.00
- Total per year: \$716.65

How many times does Lodge Phoenix N° 92 TC meet each year? We have an Installation meeting (first Saturday in March, 5.00pm) and 6 regular meetings, on the even months of the year, on the second Tuesday, each being followed by a dinner. The regular meetings start at 6.00pm and conclude at 7.45pm, followed by dinner commencing at 8.00pm.

We also have a Board of Management meeting and Masonic education, to which all members are invited, on the second Tuesday of the odd months, followed by a supper.

Our Lodge meetings and Board meetings and Masonic education are conducted at the Launceston Masonic Centre, 39 Brisbane Street.

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What is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry is:

A voluntary, non-sectarian organization which has some secrets and which is open to men of undoubted moral integrity and mature age to consider joining.

Freemasonry stands for: Belief in a Supreme Being

Immortality of the soul

Brotherhood and benevolence

Truth

Loyalty to one's family and country

Freedom of political and religious thought

The dignity, importance and worth of the individual

Personal freedom within the law

And: We follow certain ceremonies and rituals which are partly religious and which are basically intended to teach fine moral principles and universally esteemed qualities of character.

As described by the Lodge in Rabaul, PNG

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true.

The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry. In my heart are wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask.

Upon my altars is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God. My sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man.

My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widow's tears, and the pain of the old and destitute.

I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbour and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life.

I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, **I am a way of life.**

I am Freemasonry.