

MARANGAN LODGE

Unveiling of Honor Board

On Tuesday night an official visit was paid to the Marangan Lodge, Benalla, by 35 members of the "Victory Year Masters' Association," which is a body consisting of masters and past masters of lodges. The purpose was to unveil an honor board, also a fine large beautifully-framed portrait of Worshipful Bro. Walker, who had occupied the position of secretary for nearly 20 years. There were altogether upwards of a hundred members and visitors present. Official visits were also paid by the worshipful masters and officers of the Windsor and City of Caulfield Lodges. The following lodges were represented:—Combermere (E.C.), Yarra Yarra, Windsor, Ad. Collingwood, King Solomon, South Yarra, St. Clair, Robbie Burns, Vic. Kilwinning, Gordon, New Frankston, Glenhuntly, City of Caulfield, Preston, West Melbourne, Concord, Clarke, Lord Carlington, Wangaratta, and some 30 odd apologies were received from Wor. Masters who had been prevented by various reasons, chiefly the prevailing epidemic, from being present.

The party left Melbourne by the Albury express, and a car was specially reserved for their use. Dinner was served at Seymour, and a table was also reserved at the refreshment rooms. At Benalla the distinguished visitors were met and welcomed by representatives of the Marangan Lodge.

After the usual business of the lodge had been transacted Wor. Bro. Hull, W.M., welcomed the largest number of visitors that had ever assembled in the lodge room. He said the lodge was particularly honored by the presence of a representative of the English Constitution, and he was very pleased it was such a distinguished member of the craft as the I.P.M. of the Combermere Lodge.

Wor. Bro. T. Morton, of the Glen Huntly lodge, before the board was unveiled, was called upon by Wor. Bro. T. Seely, of the Yarra Yarra lodge and president of the Victory Year Masters' Association to make a few remarks.

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Wor. Bro. Morton, at the outset, spoke of the brethren who had gone to the front to fight for us all, and the thanks and gratitude which was due to them. Those men who had returned, and are about to return, could be assisted by repatriation work, and he urged the members to get on the committees and do all they could for these men. Unfortunately, there were some who would never return, and the board, which was about to be unveiled, would permeate the atmosphere of the lodge, and keep the memory of their fallen brethren fresh in the minds of the brethren on every occasion on which the temple was used and so long as it lasted.

Wor. Bro. T. Seely then unveiled the honor board, which was made of Australian blackwood, with designs of the British and Allied flags, and is a very handsome piece of work. The board bore the following inscription:—

ROLL OF HONOR.

Marangan Lodge, No. 64, V.C.

In Honor of our Brethren who Served the Empire in the Great War, 1914-1919.

A. Copeman*	C. Polzen
L. Brooks	P. Richmond
C. Burley	F. Sunderman
R. J. Green	F. Walker*
C. Green	E. A. Walker
E. V. Hiscock	R. H. Ingamella
J. Kissiok*	Jas. Morgans
C. Carwardine*	J. Nicholls

*Made supreme sacrifice.

Volunteered, not accepted:—S. Dunlop, F. Green, G. Hamilton, P. B. Hiscock, F. G. Jater, W. M'Coll Say, F. Wilson.

Served (in Boer War only):—F. Wallace, A. C. H. Welch.

After the National Anthem had been sung, and the Last Post sounded on the horn by Mr. Matthews, assisted by Bro. W. Fieldsend with the kettle drum, Bro. Mills of the Windsor Lodge, on behalf of the members of the Marangan Lodge, made the presentation of a handsomely-framed portrait of Wor. Bro. Geo. Walker, P.G.S.D., in regalia,

Bro. Mills, in performing the ceremony, said from what he had heard of Wor. Bro. Walker, he had done a lot for the Marangan Lodge, of which he had been secretary for many years, and it was mainly through

many years, and it was mainly through his efforts that the lodge had progressed so well.

The president, on behalf of the visiting Masters, next presented the Marangan Lodge with a most handsome silver baton stand, together with a beautiful velvet cushion, bound with silver cord and adorned with silver tassels. These generous gifts were accepted on behalf of the lodge by the W.M., who expressed the deep appreciation of the members. He said the value which the recipients would place on them was far greater than that of silver and gold, viz., the wealth of love and esteem which prompted the generous action.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Bro. J. Weatherill, and the usual loyal and masonic toasts were honored, and harmony prevailed; a most pleasant evening having been spent. The following was the toast list and musical programme:—The King, W.M.; song, Bro. Holt; Our W.M., Wor. Bro. A. Shaw (King Solomon), supported by Wor. Bro. L. Harmsworth (Vic. Kilwinning), and responded to by the W.M.; recitation, Wor. Bro. A. Shaw; song, Wor. Bro. T. Ballie (Clarke); Brethren who Fought for Us, Wor. Bro. Rossell; song, Wor. Bro. D'Alton (City of Canfield); Candidates, Wor. Bro. Fieldsend; song, Wor. Bro. T. J. Sealy, president; Our Distinguished Visitors, Wor. Master; recitation, Wor. Bro. Wheeler (New Frankston).