

FREEMASONRY

**WHAT'S
IT ALL
ABOUT?**

*GRAND LODGE
OF
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
& NORTHERN TERRITORY*

SIX MILLION REASONS

There are 3,000 Freemasons belonging to 102 Lodges in South Australia and the Northern Territory throughout Metropolitan and Country Areas.

Worldwide, the figure rises to six million Freemasons, all with their own special reasons why they enjoy Freemasonry. For some, it's about making new friends and acquaintances. For others, it's being able to help deserving causes – making a contribution to family and society. But for most, it is simply an enjoyable hobby.

Every Freemason has his own reason for joining.

What's yours?

PRINCIPLED

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Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organisations. For many, its biggest draw is the fact that members come from all walks of life and meet as equals whatever their race, religion or socio-economic position in society.

“FREEMASONRY DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON GROUNDS OF RACE, COLOUR, RELIGION, POLITICAL VIEWS OR SOCIAL STANDING.”



The Grand Lodge of South Australia was built in 1924.

Located at 254 North Terrace, Adelaide.

FRIENDSHIP

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Freemasonry provides a unique environment for people from all backgrounds to learn skills, make lasting friendships, achieve their potential and, above all, have fun.

What is more, the organisation provides a valuable forum for discussion between members in an open environment, helping to build trust.

“I WANTED TO BECOME A FREEMASON TO MEET A CROSS SECTION OF PEOPLE, MAKE LONG LASTING FRIENDSHIPS, AND HAVE FUN!”



The Young Freemasons Network (YFN) is a South Australian organisation that helps new and younger Freemasons connect socially.

OPENNESS

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Freemasonry prides itself on its transparency. Not only are Freemasons completely free to acknowledge their membership, they are *encouraged* to do so.

There are no closed doors in Freemasonry – anyone can visit its headquarters at Freemasons’ Hall in Adelaide. Lodges throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory regularly open their doors to visitors. For everyone, Lodges offer a place of harmony and tranquillity.

“IN RECENT TIMES WE’VE ENDEAVORED TO OPEN UP FREEMASONRY TO THE PUBLIC. WE NOW HAVE GUIDED TOURS THROUGH THE FREEMASON’S HALL EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:00PM.”



The Entrance Foyer, also known as the “Hall of Fame”, in the Freemason’s Hall, Adelaide, is often used for Wedding Receptions and various styles of Private Functions.

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Freemasons make a major contribution to society through their own charities, and through donations to charities in South Australia and the Northern Territory, as well as Australian and Worldwide disaster relief funds with members playing an active role in their communities.

GIVING

“WE DO NOT UNDERTAKE ANY EXTERNAL FUNDRAISING – ALL MONEY DONATED COMES FROM OUR OWN EFFORTS”



The Freemasons Foundation exists to ethically and proactively support, promote, fund and drive men's health issues, and to provide charitable works and funding in the community.

PURPOSE

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Freemasonry is more relevant and important to society today than ever; as it encompasses and embraces all the fundamental principles of good citizenship.

Many of these are learnt through traditional rituals that involve a series of formalised and symbolic presentations that use drama to highlight the codes of conduct by which a Freemason strives to live, leading to increased self-esteem and confidence.

“WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF TALENT, IT’S VITAL THAT YOU GIVE THEM THE SUPPORT AND OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF THEIR LIVES.”



Grand Master Bob Parsons presenting recipient of the
Noel Fairweather Scholarship.

Jenna is from Mount Gambier and planning to be a paramedic serving
in rural and remote communities.

Jenna is accompanied by her sister (on left).

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Every Freemason embarks on his own journey of self-discovery when he enters the organisation.

With three levels of Freemasonry, the progression through to senior roles within a Lodge can be seen in much the same way as a person progressing in his career – each promotion bringing greater understanding and responsibility.

GROWTH

“FREEMASONRY HAS HELPED BUILD MY CONFIDENCE, ENABLING ME TO TACKLE CHALLENGES I USED TO SHY AWAY FROM.”



Whether you want to meet up at a local Lodge to find a quiet haven from the rest of the world or push yourself to your limits, Freemasonry has a breadth that will appeal to anyone who wants to broaden his horizons. It is up to the individual to make his own journey and to find his own understanding.

FIND YOUR REASON

There are many reasons for joining the Freemasons.

We can answer any questions you might have about our history, our future, what we believe in, the kind of work we do, or where your nearest Lodge is.

If you want to find out further information, please start by visiting our website at www.santfreemasons.org.au

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