



**Message from Neil Jensen MBBS FRACGP FAAETS (USA) Colonel (Retrd)
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What I believe I have to offer Craft Freemasonry in South Australia and the Northern Territory:

I have worked in and lived in many areas of our constitution in South Australia and the Northern Territory, and participated in multiple Orders in Adelaide and environs, Darwin and Alice Springs. I therefore have an **intimate knowledge of the hopes and aspirations** of a very broad cross section of our membership. This has enhanced my ability to **communicate** at multiple levels to develop **progressive strategy**.

My involvement in other community affairs and self-funded visitations to many interstate Installations, has given me the **experience to raise the standing** of our Craft in the community, and with other Grand Lodges throughout Australia. My work, as a practicing GP, keeps me **abreast of current thinking at all ages** allowing me to understand how **Freemasonry can blend comfortably** with **contemporary times**.

My military experience gives me **leadership capability** and reminds me of the duty we have, not only to our country but also to each other, in that great virtue, **mateship**.

What will I stand for:

I stand for a positive and constructive future!

I stand for better strategy, better administration; better support and opportunities for Lodges; more open communication; a greater voice for younger

members with emphasis on career progression within Lodges; a more rational use of time to balance the obligations men have; more less-formal visits by Grand Lodge Officers to Lodges to enhance more open channels of communication, and to listen and learn; to reinvigorate marketing and media activity and use this at Lodge level; open and transparent asset management; enhancement of our Philanthropic model.

I stand to ensure that all Master Masons of whatever rank are involved in the decision making.

What I will not stand for:

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Inaction and procrastination

Authoritarianism/Paternalism

Deficit Budgets

Negativity in all its guises

Planning to fail

Not respecting Master Masons who indeed own Freemasonry in the SANTC

What changes I will drive to better Craft Freemasonry in South Australia and the Northern Territory:

I will drive a formal review of: our actual reasons to be Freemasons, administration, governance and all committees, and present the findings to the **membership** for their **consideration and direction on action.**

I will involve all Lodges in the decision making process.

I will encourage a greater involvement of **young Freemasons** in all levels especially in the development of media, marketing and ritual discussions.

I will enable **better and more appropriate career progressions** within Lodges, between Orders and in Grand Lodge Offices, to fit family, business/retirement, Freemasonry involvement.

Please recall the inscription on a memorial tablet in North Terrace dated 1934 “ duties there are, imposed upon the present by the past, and not to be forgone”

This is our time, so let us not forgo our duty