



My thoughts, Bill Merrill

What do I believe I have to offer the Order as Grand Master

We are on the cusp of significant opportunity and renewed relevancy. The benevolence and charitable direction of our Order is about to take on new horizons of the magnitude we have not envisaged before. I offer you a steady hand to navigate our future challenges and relevance in today's society.

What I will not stand for

I believe we should contain our Landmarks and business within Freemasonry and resolve any differences of opinion in the manner of Freemasons. We should never be exposed to the likes of what has happened in recent times, a public exposure of differences both on air and in print by Freemasons is non Masonic.

What I will stand for

As a result of my three years on our Board of Management I better understand the complex challenges ahead, the need to improve our membership, finalise the MHL issues and have the MCL operational. I envisage a forward plan for Freemasonry including the Freemasons Foundation and our benevolence. This will require changes; this will take time, we cannot burn our bridges before building new ones. You will all be involved in the review of our Regulations in the near future and I look to you for a considered input.

What changes I will drive to better the Order

There is a need to strengthen our communication in all areas, including with the Community. Separation of the Ceremonial and Administration will pave the way to an improved management structure. Greater emphasis on the financial management and setting of realistic targets that are reviewed regularly should improve our finances. The engagement of younger Freemasons in our Committees, augers well for our future.

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