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2016 Grand Installation of RWBro. Don Reynolds



Grand Installation Update – No. 1

Registrations

Registrations close for the Grand Installation and associated events on Tuesday 15th March.

You can register online at www.hpe.com.au or you can fax a form into (03) 9596 6668 or mail a form to High Profile Events, Box 2027, Brighton North, Vic, 3168.

Accommodation

There are only a few rooms left at the special rate at the *Rendezvous Hotel* for either the weekend or the night of the Grand Banquet.

Buses will run from the Rendezvous Hotel to the Grand Installation and the Grand Banquet venues. There will be no other pickup or drop off points.

Accommodation must be booked directly with the accommodation venue.

Rooms at the special rate will finish on Monday 29th February.

Rendezvous Hotel, 328 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

Contact Natalie on 03 -9250 1888 or

email reservations.melbourne@rendezvous-hotels.com and quote "Freemasonry Victoria".

Quarterly Communication and Grand Installation

Please note that the Quarterly Communication will commence at 6pm and the Grand Installation at 7.30pm.

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION AND THE GRAND INSTALLATION

A light supper, tea and coffee will be served between 6pm and 6.45pm. For those attending the Quarterly Communication a light supper will be served between 6.45pm and 7.10pm.

There will be a small bar to purchase drinks after the Grand Installation but the supper will only be between the Quarterly Communication and the Grand Installation.

Ladies, family and friends are ALL welcome to attend the Grand Installation (please ensure you register for everybody).

Tea and coffee will be available for ladies, family and friends during the Quarterly Communication.

Regional Buses

Buses will be running from regional areas to the Quarterly Communication and Grand Installation. If the regions can FILL a bus then the cost of the hire of the bus will be subsidised by 50% by Grand Lodge. The buses MUST be full however and it will be on a first come first served basis. Once the bus is full there will be no further subsidised buses.

Buses will run as below from regional centres and make stops all the way to Melbourne. Regions who have expressed an interest and are running buses are:

Gippsland

Contact Darrell Traplin on 0418 177 196

Bus will leave from Lakes Entrance, stopping at all Lodges to Melbourne. There are still seats available on this bus.

Shepparton

Contact Geoff Thompson on 0409 298 394

Bus will leave from Shepparton, stopping at any Lodges requiring transport.

Camperdown, Colac, Geelong, Lara

Contact Bob Pullin on 0410 497 600

Bus will leave from Camperdown through Colac and up to Geelong stopping at Lara.

Please contact the Brethren mentioned if you would like a seat on a bus.

Regular fortnightly updates will be issued through this medium until the Grand Installation.

For information regarding the Grand Installation and associated events please contact our Event Coordinator:

High Profile Events

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Baden Powell Celebrates in Blazing Colour

More than 200 guests attended the Baden Powell Founder's Night Celebration on Monday, at the Waverley Masonic Centre. The South was decorated with every type of scarf imaginable making for a very colourful evening.

Proceedings began with a welcome to the Grand Master MWBro. Hillel Benedykt and his Grand Officers including WBro. Marc Law who provided the fan fare for the Grand Master's Escort.

VWBro. Russell Bradd introduced the evening's guests that included the Assistant State Commissioner for Human Resources Mrs Jan Kerr (representing the Victorian Chief Commissioner), Victorian Rover Council Chairman Mr Daniel Ingamells and State Commissioner of Rovers Bro. Jody Freeman.

Victorian Rover Council Chairman Mr Daniel Ingamells presented the Grand Master with the Victorian State Community scarf and his very own 'I want to be a Rover' woggle.

Eight of the Odonata Rover Crew were presented with 2015 Rover Service Award certificates, including Suzanne Clark (Rover Advisor), Bro. Aden Dowell, Sarah Gent, Jessica Berton, Ryan Gorick (Crew Leader), Em Angell, Jacqui Smith and Regi Jensen (Rover Advisor).



Moving into the South, Grand Master MWBro. Hillel Benedykt addressed guests with a speech that put scouting and Freemasonry in perspective, highlighted the similarities between the two groups, and the values and principles that both groups share.

“Scouting and Freemasonry have a lot in common”, he said. “Not only do we share ritual, structure and a hierarchy, but the values and principles of both groups are very similar”.

“Young people today are searching for higher values, values they don’t seem to find in everyday life, and to mix with like-minded individuals where respect is earned, discipline is shown and life skills like preparedness and independence are learned”.

“Both Scouting and Freemasonry offer this outlet”.

Long-time scouting advocate David Elliott made the toast to scouting, saying that he has been involved in scouting since he was young cub at 8 years old. He said scouting taught him skills in building teams, managing relations and leadership.

This was followed up by a presentation by Assistant State Commissioner for Human Resources Mrs Jan Kerr who started by stating some very impressive figures.

WOSM (World Organisation for the Scouting Movement) now has 40 million members world-wide. Australia has 70,000 members and of that, 23,362 are Victorian. This is a growth of 30 per cent”, she said.

“There are a number of exciting events taking place this year – the Cub Scouts Certificate Celebration recognising 100 years since Lord Robert Baden Powell of Gillwell introduced Cubs (originally known as Wolf Cubs), which will culminate with a birthday party in December, the World Scouts Board Meeting which will include a medallion presentation, visits to schools, sailing expeditions and a leadership forum, and a Youth Program Review to

ensure that Scouts Australia meets its mission statement and commitment to its member and wider community.”

Later in the evening the Odonata Rover Crew presented the Baden Powell Lodge with its official scarf to hang with the Lodge’s already remarkable collection.

An event like this would simply not be ‘an event like this’ without singing some classic songs – Ging Gang Gooli, B.P. Feeling, Make New Friends, Back to Gilwell, and By The Blazing Council Firelight, led by Su Perrins.

Foundation Supports Law Enforcement Torch Run



L-R: Snr Sergeant Jacqi Robertson, LETR Board; Stuart Sutton, Special Olympics for the Disabled Board; Graham Ashton, Chief Commissioner Victoria Police – Patron; RWBro. Frank Fordyce, Director Freemasons Foundation; Acting Snr Sergeant Nicole Williams, Vice President LETR Board.

Director of the Freemasons Foundation, RWBro. Frank Fordyce was proud to hand over a \$10,000 cheque towards the Victoria Police’s Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The presentation took place in the Chief Commissioner’s office at the Victoria Police Centre in Flinders Street. Torch Run Committee members and Special Olympics Athlete Leadership representative Stuart Sutton were present for the cheque presentation.

The funds will be used to support Special Olympics programs in the Southern Region in 2016.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a partnership between Special Olympics Victoria and Victoria Police to develop awareness, support and fundraising activities to assist people with intellectual disabilities to participate in sport.

It also seeks to raise awareness throughout the police, law enforcement agencies and the greater community about the nature of the Special Olympics movement and the work it does.

The first Law Enforcement Torch Run took place prior to the 2002 Special Olympics National Games, when in a prelude to the Opening Ceremony, police from Tasmania, Victoria and New South Wales participated in a torch run from Hobart, Tasmania to Sydney, New South Wales visiting a number of Victorian towns on the way.

Following this, the LETR committee was formed by a number of serving and retired police officers. The LETR continues to raise awareness and spread the word about Special Olympics throughout Victoria.

For more information about Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run visit:

<http://www.specialolympics.com.au/index.php/letr/vic>

A Sneak Peak inside the DBC

Thanks to VWBro. Peter Shellie GSuptWks, let's take a sneak peek inside....





By this stage, you might all be wondering about the status of the demolition of the Dallas Brooks Centre.

From the outside driving past, scaffolds and fencing have been erected to cordon off entrance and pathways into the Centre, but the exterior is largely still intact.

We've heard that large amounts of asbestos has been removed before anything else could be done, and that the rooms we once worked in, rehearsed in or performed in, have now been 'gutted'.

This work will keep going until August, at which time the main structure will start to be dismantled.

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