

e-newsletter No. 28

Engage!



A word from the Grand Master

Dear Brethren All,

Welcome to Issue 28 of *Engage!* What a great initiative this electronic newsletter has been and one in which I have been pleased to offer my contribution on a regular basis in fact I do not recollect having missed a single edition.

In this issue as my term of office draws to a close I take this opportunity to urge each and every one of you to support our busy and exciting March Program. It is still not too late to register but you do need to get on to it quickly. These events are listed elsewhere in this issue. In particular please give serious thought to attending if not all at least some of the Grand Installation events and help launch our Grand Master elect RWBro Bob Jones on his term of office in a truly fitting manner. From my knowledge so far of the events they will be both innovative and spectacular.

Last Monday I spent an enjoyable evening at the Baden Powell Lodge which meets at the Waverley Masonic Centre. The occasion was the Lodge's annual "Founders Night" and the special guest for the night was Robert Taylor the Chief Commissioner of Scouting for the State of Victoria. Brethren, I spent some time talking with Bob and I am amazed how close the philosophies of our two organisations are and the synergies between our two organisations.

I close this introduction by mentioning my delight, with the commitment and vitality of the younger members of the Craft I have had the pleasure to meet over the last two years - to see a number of younger members introduce their friends is particularly encouraging to me. This infusion of new blood into the organisation is just what "the doctor ordered". The enthusiasm they bring with them is infectiously motivating for us all to continue our endeavours in promoting Freemasonry to men looking for a decent and wholesome way of life – one that they can carry in their personal and professional environments.

Yours Fraternaly,
Vaughan Werner
Grand Master

Grand Lodge Open Day

This Labour Day (March 12) all members and their guests are invited to attend the Freemasons Victoria Grand Lodge Open Day.

This is an excellent opportunity for members to show their friends and families around Grand Lodge and have them participate in the interactive exhibits. Needless to say, it's a great

way to give the public the opportunity to see what is behind our doors.

Open Day activities include BBQ, morning tea, children's entertainment, vintage car display, live music, guided tours, ceremonial exhibits, wine tasting and much more.

The Open Day flyer is attached to this newsletter. Please distribute to friends that may be interested in attending.



The Open Day will be held at Grand Lodge.



L to R: VVBro. Frank Fordyce, MWBro. Vaughan Werner, RWBro. Keith Thornton, VVBro. Graham Flaherty, WBro. Stuart Thompson present a cheque to Waverley Industries Director Frank Cresia.

New wheels for a great cause

Seavic Lodge recently presented a cheque of \$27,300 to Waverley Industries, a not-for-profit Australian Disability Enterprise that provides real job opportunities and supported employment to people with disabilities in the City of Monash and the City of Casey.

They specialise in packaging, labeling, manufacturing, hospitality and catering, as well as providing educational and volunteering programs. It is certified in food safety and standards, Disability Support and is a Quality Endorsed Company.

Waverley Industries provides external catering throughout the Melbourne metro area, however with only one vehicle, they were having difficulty servicing clients during peak times. Thanks to this substantial donation from Seavic Lodge, which also included a contribution from the Board of Benevolence, a second van will now be purchased.



L to R: Pat Stewart, MWBro. Carl Stewart and Ray Nathan enjoying the reunion lunch.

30 years of friendship

Last month, 31 members of the 1982 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team met for lunch to celebrate 30 years since their formation. The lunch was attended by Mrs Ray Nathan, widow of MWBro. Henry Nathan (Grand Master of the day), the GDC of the Team (Carl Stewart) and his wife Pat. Other members came from across Victoria and included one couple from Queensland. Many old friendships were renewed and many commented that forming the Team "felt like yesterday".

Freemasons in the CBD Quarterly Luncheon

Freemasons and their guests are cordially invited to the next CBD Luncheon on Friday 9th March (12:30pm - 2:30pm) on the floor of Grand Lodge at 300 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

The luncheon will feature special guest speaker Dr Kathy Alexander, Chief Executive Officer, City of Melbourne, who will speak about "Planning for Future Growth."

Assoc Prof. Alexander has qualifications in psychology and public health management and has more than 20 years experience in leading service organisations. Her work has been recognised with several national best practice awards and leadership positions on a number of boards.

Tickets are \$55 and includes a two-course lunch and beverages.

Don't miss out on this event!

Bookings are open now. Please contact:

Donna De La Rue, 9411 0103 or delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au

2012 Grand Installation and associated functions

Ensure your calendar is marked for the 2012 Grand Installation of RWBro. Bob Jones, Grand Master Elect.

Key dates:

Quarterly Communication

Wednesday 21st March, 7:30pm

Guests Reception

Thursday 22nd March, 6:30pm

Grand Installation

Friday 23rd March, 6pm

Ladies Brunch

Saturday 24th March, 10am

Grand Banquet

Saturday 24th March, 6:30pm

Church Service (FREE)

Sunday 25th March, 11am

Farewell Luncheon

Sunday 25th March, 12:30pm



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Bro. Clive Mason, WBro. Lance Maguire and WBro. David Game paint some window frames.

With the right working tools

On Friday 10th and Saturday 11th of February, a total of 11 volunteers from Oakdale Lodge, Lodge Observance and Henty Lodge were rallied by WBro. Lance Maguire to carry out some much-needed maintenance on a widow's home.

Bro. Michael Daly, a plumber from MD Plumbing arrived early Friday morning with a trailer mounted with a high pressure washer which saved countless hours of hand washing. Michael then checked all plumbing fixtures in the unit, replacing as required.

Morning teas was supplied by Monash Gully District, with the widow also providing toasted raisin bread, nut loaf and sandwiches.

During the two days, a total of 71 hours labour had been donated. Bro. Chris Hoare from Lodge Observance took annual leave, and Tushar Nathan replaced his ill father, WBro. Swami, from Lodge Observance.

Donations of equipment and materials from several sources kept costs down, with Lodge Liberation covering the cost of all painting supplies. Retired painter, WBro. Tom Sullivan from Oakdale Lodge assisted with logistics and advice and also loaned several ladders and trestles.

Lockfast Fencing in Rowville supplied and fitted a new colour bond side gate free of charge.

VWBro. Andrew Foster, who worked right into Saturday evening said the look of joy on the lovely lady's face made the whole task very rewarding and worthwhile. WBro. Lance Maguire thanks all who gave up their time to help.



MWBro. Vaughan Werner and WBro. Jim Crouch at the celebration.

Centenary Celebration

Grand Master Vaughan Werner recently attended the 100th birthday celebrations of WBro. Jim Crouch at Chirnside Lodge. Jim was born in England in 1911. Upon leaving school he was involved in the building industry and enlisted in the army in 1941 where he spent most of his active service in Italy. He was initiated into the Leyspring Lodge in London in 1957 and migrated to Australia in 1977 where he has remained an active member of Freemasonry.

New Initiates' Cocktail Function

Were you initiated after December 2009?

Freemasons Victoria's Grand Master Vaughan Werner and Bob Jones, Grand Master Elect invite you and your partner/guest to join other new members to meet and share experiences in a fun and social setting.

When: Friday 2nd March, 2012

Where: View Rooms,
Dallas Brooks Centre
300 Albert Street,
East Melbourne

Time: 7pm for 7:30pm start
Evening concludes at 10pm

Tickets: \$40.00 (includes finger food and beverages)

Bookings essential. Contact Donna De La Rue, 9411 0103 or delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au

'In the Footsteps of Freemasonry' Tour 2012

Due to the demand for spaces on this tour the capacity has been expanded.

Following the success of the 2010 Voyage of Discovery Tour, the United Grand Lodge of NSW and ACT are inviting interested members and their friends and family to the 2012 Footsteps of Freemasonry Tour.

The all inclusive tour of Israel will include Masonic guides and an optional side trip to Jordan and Eilat.

For more information, contact Joe Haffner: cosimex@bigpond.net.au

Want to learn to play the organ?

WBro. Robert Moore conducts a course for existing and aspiring Lodge Organists at the Kew Masonic Centre each Saturday. Expressions of interest are now being sought for new applicants to join the course. Please express your interest by emailing Donna De La Rue - delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au



WBro. Max Paulet's grandchildren L to R: Jay 13, Mitch 12 and Brittney 8, have their photo taken in the Lodge chairs.

Traralgon opens up

Traralgon Lodge hosted a Gippland East district Open Day on Sunday 19th February. Around 75 people attended including partners and children, Lodge members and 15 potential candidates with their families. A BBQ lunch was provided and was enjoyed by all. VWBro. David George gave a talk on Freemasonry and answered questions in the Lodge Room.

WBro. Max Paulet's grandchildren (above) occupied the Chaplin Worshipful Master and Immediate Past Master chairs. All three children expressed their interest in joining, even Brittney! The WM and IPM chairs were used by their great great grandfather William Paulet in 1940 great grandfather Keith Paulet in 1956 and grandfather Max Paulet.



Soccer club President Terry Quirk (left) and WBro. Philip Nicks (right) at the Wimmera Lodge.

Kicking Goals for Wimmera

Thanks to sponsorship from the Wimmera Masonic Lodge, Horsham Falcons Soccer Club President Terry Quirk is hoping to kick some new goals this season as a participant of the Leadership Wimmera Regional Leadership Skills Program.

The program aims to enhance the leadership skills and capabilities of people working in business, community organisations, government agencies and local government authorities.

As part of the Lodges contribution to their community, they chose to sponsor Terry as they believe the wider Wimmera community stands to benefit from what he learns through the program.

Terry Quirk commented, "Small clubs like ours don't have funds to cover leadership training for volunteer members and I can't thank the Freemasons enough for their valuable contribution".

Calendar of Events

LODGE OPEN EVENTS

Tuesday 6 March, 7:30pm

Broadford Open Night

Broadford Masonic Centre
Murchison Street, Broadford.

Contact: David Blake, 0407 745 329

Monday 12 March, 10am - 4pm

Grand Lodge Open Day

Masonic Centre of Victoria
300 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

Be our guest and bring the family to our fun and informative Open Day.

Enjoy a BBQ, morning tea, children's entertainment, vintage cars, live music, guided tours, ceremonial exhibits, wine tasting and much more!

Contact: Erin Olsen, 9411 0102

Friday 16 March, 7:30pm

Shepparton Open Night

Shepparton Masonic Centre
Welsford Street, Shepparton.

Contact: Barry Bolitho, 5826 0393

If you would like your event to appear in *engage!* please email your details to: media@freemasonsvic.net.au

Good Friday Appeal

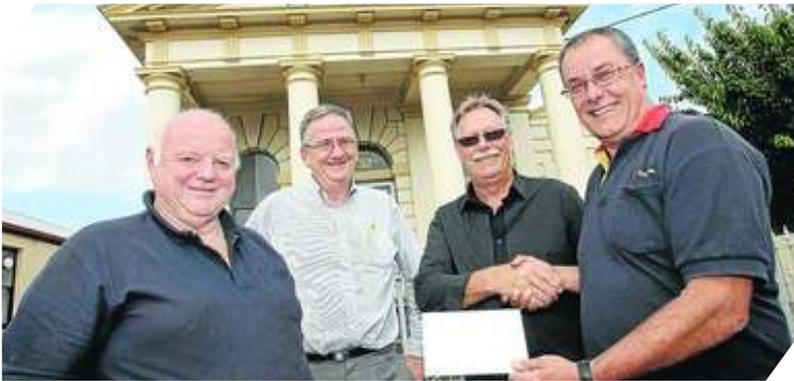
The Freemasons Victoria Task Force urgently requires volunteers for the upcoming Good Friday Appeal. Volunteers are needed to undertake collections on Good Friday at 7/11 stores and 19 independent APCO Service Stations.

Volunteers in the Metro area are also needed to assist the Uncle Bobs Club at their 34 intersection collections by taking on the important role of administrators, by setting-up the corners with the necessary signage, registering volunteers, issuing collection tubs and collector vests, and communicating with the UBC counting room at Etihad Stadium.

If you can assist please contact Graeme Kitney on 0408 590 089 or gkitney@myone.com.au



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Prostate Cancer Support Group members Bruce Beal and Peter McInerney (left) accept a donation from WBro. Russell Porter and Bro. Allan Main (right).

Warrnambool Donation

A donation from the Warrnambool Lodge to the Warrnambool Prostate Cancer Support Group will make a big difference to the south-west men affected by the disease.

Like many other Lodges, Warrnambool has members who have been affected by prostate cancer. Most recently the current Worshipful Master, WBro. Allan Main diagnosis subsequent surgery delayed his Installation two months. WBro. Allan announced at his Installation banquet that he would like the Lodge to support the group who had supported him, and many other newly diagnosed sufferers. He has since pursued this aim with vigour.

Prostate Cancer Support Group facilitator Sheryl Murray said the donation would be used to cover the costs of an information night to be held mid-year for men and their families.



WBro. Jim Hood with his jewel certificate.

Jewel in the community

Past Master WBro. Jim Hood PGSTB was presented with 50 year jewel at the Traralgon Lodge meeting held last month. Many masonic members and their partners, along with Jim's family joined the celebrations. Long time friend and masonic brother Allen Charter presented Jim with his jewel. Jim has been an involved and an active member in both Freemasonry and his community. As well as being a Master of his Lodge, treasurer and member of the Task Force, he has a long list of civic involvements including councillor for the City of Traralgon for seven years, spent one year as Mayor and is currently president of Central Gippsland Honorary Justice of the peace. Jim hopes Freemasonry grows in strength for many years to come.

Roll Call for Tertiary Educators

Our Grand Superintendent of Education, Dr Ruary Bucknall, would like to develop an email correspondence forum with the Brethren who are employed in the tertiary education sector.

If you are so employed and can make suggestions regarding possible interface projects between Freemasons Victoria and tertiary institutions, please express your interest to: masonic@bucknall.id.au

Camp Diversity

Camp Diversity caters for the needs of young people with intellectual or challenging behaviours and offers these individuals a wonderful opportunity to be actively involved in programs aimed at improving self-esteem.

The camp is run by Lord Somers Camp and Power House, a not-for-profit youth leadership group. Camp leader Bro. Daniel Jade said the camp would not survive without volunteers, which they are in need of. "The camp is designed to give young people and their parents and carers a break from their daily routines," he said. "It's also an opportunity for young people to interact with other like-minded people in an environment of good food, good fun and good fellowship."

For more information about volunteering please visit:

www.lordsomerscamp.org.au

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- 4PM

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Freemasons in the CBD

Quarterly Luncheon

MWBro. Vaughan Werner Grand Master & RWBro. Bob Jones Grand Master Elect invites you and your guests to the Quarterly 'Freemasons in the CBD' Luncheon for Freemasons who work or live in the CBD.

Special Guest Speaker:
Dr Kathy Alexander,
Chief Executive Officer, City of Melbourne

Kathy joined the City of Melbourne as Chief Executive Officer in April 2008 bringing with her over 20 years' experience in leading service organisations. Since taking up the position, Kathy has focused on improving the City of Melbourne's operational efficiencies through initiating Toyota's famous "lean" approach to process design and customer satisfaction, and a comprehensive community engagement approach to policy development.

Kathy has also launched COM Green, a program of staff-lead sustainability initiatives, and the Future Melbourne Community Plan which saw 15,000 individuals contribute to the vision for Melbourne as a bold, inspirational and sustainable city by 2020. Prior to Kathy's appointment at Council, she ran her own management consultancy company and was well known as the former CEO of Women's & Children's Health.



Guest Speaker: Dr Kathy Alexander

When: Friday 9th March 2012

Where: On the floor of Grand Lodge
Dallas Brooks Centre
300 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Time: 12:30pm for 1:00pm

Tickets: \$55.00 (includes two-course lunch and beverages)

This event is open to all Freemasons and their guests. You will have an opportunity to briefly introduce your guests at the start of the function.

Bookings essential
RSVP by 2nd March to Donna De La Rue:
delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au or (03) 9411 0103