

e-newsletter No. 31

engage!



A word from the Grand Master

Welcome to *engage!* Since the last edition, there have been some very busy Brethren who have been organising fundraisers and cheque presentations all of which have been very inspiring. Acts of benevolence and showing kindness towards our fellow man is what Freemasonry - at its very core - is all about. We can sometimes get wrapped up in other matters but we should always keep this sentiment at the front of our mind.

Thank you to all the Brethren and their Ladies who regularly organise, fundraise and donate to charities in their local and wider community. To the Lodges who are not featured here, I assure you that your efforts do not go unnoticed. If your Lodge is currently stepping up fundraising activities and requires publicity assistance, let the Secretariat know – they're happy to help. We will endeavour to publicise your efforts in a future issue of *engage!*

I had the pleasure of recently attending the Board of Benevolence Scholarships Night where we gave out over 100 scholarships worth in excess of \$260,000. I also listened to inspirational young people talk about their dreams and hopes for the future. One young woman, Dr. Candice Waldhauser, spoke so inspirationally; I'm so glad that Freemasons Victoria played such a pivotal role in helping her achieve her goal.

Candice said that she will always remember the generosity Freemasons have shown her and I'm positive that all who heard her speak on the night won't forget her either.

Until next time; let's keep Racing Toward The Future

You're invited to the CBD Luncheon!

Larry Sengstock, former CEO of Basketball Australia and four-time Olympian will kick off our CBD Luncheon series for 2012 on June 19. Larry has had a distinguished basketball career and after his first game in 1979, he was a stand-out player. In the 1979 Grand Final, Larry took home the 'Most Valuable Player' award and the first of his five NBL championship rings. Twenty years later, the award was renamed the 'Larry Sengstock Medal' in his honour. Larry went onto represent Australia at four Olympic Games and is a member of both the Basketball Australia and NBL Hall of Fame. Members are encouraged to invite a guest who is interested in Freemasonry. Download the registration form from www.freemasonsvic.net.au and return it by June 13 to Donna De La Rue, delarue@freemasonsvic.edu.au



Larry Sengstock will be the guest speaker at the CBD Luncheon on June 19.



MWBro. Bob Jones and Rt. Wor Bro. Ian Ewing and his wife Margaret

Swords Society

Once a year, Brethren who have held the office of Grand Sword Bearer in a Grand Team, gather with their Ladies for a Swords Symposium. The Secretary of the Swords Society, Rt. Wor Bro. Ian Ewing PJGW, who along with his wife Margaret, have been organising these functions for over 10 years, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Grand Master, MW Bro. Bob Jones (a proud Swordsman himself) and flowers from MWBro. Vaughan Werner (also a Swordsman) for their valuable contribution, not only to the Swords Society, but as a District Co-Ordinator of great skill, as well as a valued member of the Grand Mark Ceremonial Team. Bro. Ian, sadly, has been in poor health. We wish him the best and trust he and Margaret enjoy their well-earned retirement.



Dr. Candice Waldhauser, Sydney George Manefield Residential Scholarship recipient with MWBro. Bob Jones

Scholarship Presentation

For Candice Waldhauser, the elation of securing a last-minute university place in Queensland to study Veterinary Science was somewhat dampened by the worry that she wouldn't be able to support herself while studying. At the encouragement of her father, WBro. Peter Waldhauser, Past Master of Glenroy Lodge, Candice applied for a scholarship with the Board of Benevolence and based on her academic record, she was awarded the Sydney George Manefield Residential Scholarship. "Having my accommodation costs taken care of meant I didn't have to worry about working a part time job," says Candice, who has since graduated from university and has returned to Melbourne. "Freemasons Victoria played such a big role in helping me achieve and live my dream."

Order the 2012 Grand Installation DVD

We are accepting orders for the **2012 Grand Installation DVD** of Grand Master Bob Jones.

The three-hour DVD includes highlights of the Installation Week, including speeches from the Banquet, Thanksgiving Service and Farewell Luncheon. Secure your copy today for prompt delivery.

Download the order form from www.freemasonsvic.net.au or contact Donna De Le Rue on 94110111.

For a preview of the DVD visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXOVSBriN8k>

Second hand suits

Near-new, good quality suits are now available from Posh Opp Shoppe. They have a wide range of high quality men's dinner suits, lounge suits and outfits at low prices and in many sizes to meet your tastes and needs.

The shop is volunteer-run with proceeds going to the integration of children with disabilities into traditional schooling.

For more information call: 9572 2248

The POSH OPP SHOPPE is located at 1226 Glenhuntly Road (cnr Grange Road), Glenhuntly.

Roll Call for Tertiary Educators

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

If you are so employed and would like to put forward suggestions regarding possible interface projects between Freemasons Victoria and Victorian tertiary institutions, please express your interest by emailing Ruary: masonic@bucknall.id.au



The complete Engrit Adjustable bed: the complete bed frame, convoluted mattress, cot sides, and self help pole costs \$2909

Beds for Banksia

The Plenty Valley Masonic Lodge recently raised funds to purchase two engrit adjustable beds for Banksia Palliative Care Services. The electronic beds, which make it easier on carers backs and, of course, the patient, are valued at \$2909 each. They are suitable to be used in the home and will be loaned free of charge to clients on Banksia's program. The Lodge raised funds for the beds which the Board of Benevolence matched.



L to R: WBro. Norm Cutbush, PHH Business Services Manager Donna Nolan, WBro. Mike Hoole, VWBro. Graham Flaherty at the presentation night

Good Mornington

V.Wor.Bro. Graham Flaherty PGIWkgs was in attendance on behalf of the Public Charitable Foundation to present cheques to The Bays Hospital (\$5000), Andrew Kerr Aged and Frail Care Complex (\$5000), Peninsula Hospice Services (\$5000), Mornington Community and Information Centre (\$10,000) and Mornington Youth Enterprises (\$8,300). WBro. Norm Cutbush made a presentation to two local organisations, Biala (children with disabilities, \$300) and Mornington Sea Scouts (\$300) these were donations direct from The Mornington Lodge.

After each presentation, representatives of each organisation were invited to speak to everyone about the work they do in the local community. After a light supper, everyone was invited on a tour of the Lodge and Brethren were on hand to answer questions. "I am certain that they all left with an entirely different understanding of Freemasonry in general and the Mornington Lodge in particular," says WBro. Norm.

Ionic/Doric Coaching Services 2012

The Ionic Coaching Service has commenced classes at 'The Avenue' Uniting Church at 46 Blackburn Road, Blackburn and the Doric Coaching Service at 223 Watton St, Werribee (opposite the football ground).

Ionic and Doric are community-based coaching services that are dedicated to helping students in years 6–12 improve their performance in English and Mathematics.

For more information about the coaching services, dates and location, please visit www.ionic.org.au or phone Brian **9844 2938** for Ionic, or Ted for Doric on **9741 8193**

Want to learn to play the organ?

Grand Organist, WBro. Robert Moore conducts an organ course for beginners and rusty Lodge organists every Saturday morning at the Kew Masonic Centre, 31-33 Strathalbyn Street, Kew East.

Expressions of interest are now being sought for new applicants to join the course.

For more information or to sign up, please email Donna De La Rue: delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au

Monash Consecration

The Steering Committee of the new Monash Lodge wish to advise that, unfortunately, due to the restriction of numbers in the Waverley Masonic Centre attendance at the upcoming Consecration and Installation must be by invitation only.

For more information please contact: Kevin Fowler: kevfow@tpg.com.au



MWBro. Bob Jones hands over a cheque to Numurkah District Health Service CEO Jacque Phillips and board member Ernest Jones

Numurkah Hospital Donation

At the installation of WBro. Paul Moffatt, Grand Master Bob Jones presented the CEO of Numurkah District Health Service with a cheque for \$10,000 from the Freemasons Victoria Flood Relief Appeal Fund. The donation will be used to help with the re-establishment of the Numurkah Hospital. A temporary hospital has been opened in the car park to help meet the urgent care needs of the flood-affected community after major flooding in the town inundated the facility and caused significant damage.



Drouin Lodge presented a cheque to representatives from the West Gippsland Hospital

Drouin Lodge Donation

Drouin Lodge presented a cheque for \$2000 to representatives from the Oncology Department at the West Gippsland Hospital. The Lodge raised the money by holding a charity day. Members, family and friends participated in competitions, a wood raffle and wrapped gifts which were donated by members were auctioned. The funds donated to the Oncology Unit will go towards improved chair facilities, including treatment chairs. Several members of the Lodge attend the unit for treatment.

Open Lodge happenings

Saturday 2 June, 4pm

Macedon Ranges Open Investiture

Romsey Masonic Centre

73 Main St, Romsey

After the ceremony all are invited to a banquet dinner for \$25 p.p.

Places are limited, please RSVP by May 29. Please contact Wayne Harder: **5429 5871.**

Saturday 9 June, 4pm

Geelong Lodge of Unity & Prudence

Open Installation

Geelong Masonic Centre

25 Regent St, Belmont, Geelong

After the ceremony, all are invited to a two course buffet dinner for \$25 p.p.

Places are limited, please RSVP by June 2. Please contact Graham Berry: **0419 403 651.**

Saturday 23 June, 3pm

St John Lodge 150th Anniversary

Open Installation

Ballarat Masonic Centre

616 Barkley St, Ballarat

150th Anniversary Open Installation.

After the ceremony all are invited to a special banquet dinner and celebration to mark the 150th lodge anniversary.

Places are limited, please RSVP by June 18. Please contact Neville Telfer **5333 5560.**

Want your open event to appear in engage? Please email full event details (preferably one month in advance) to: media@freemasonsvic.net.au

Freemasonry Victoria

We're currently accepting submissions for the Winter issue of *Freemasonry Victoria*. We're interested in hearing from members who have interesting collections that could be featured, and, as always, want to know about Lodge happenings and news. Please email: editor@freemasonsvic.net.au



The team performing the Unknown Soldier Ceremony

Join the Unknown Soldier Ceremonial Team

For many years, there have been a number of Masonic-based teams formed to carry out various forms of the Unknown Soldier Ceremony within the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. The most noted of these groups was the team formed by a Past Grand Masters Group, the Corinthians in 1989. This group of dedicated Freemasons operated for 18 years raising \$66,066, of which \$34,099 was distributed to The Freemasons Homes; \$28,661 to Epworth Freemasons Hospital; and \$3,306 to The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation. RWBro. Merv Hallam, PDGM presented homes jewels to the team for the monies donated and the rank of PGStdB was conferred. To further recognise the excellent work done by the Corinthians, our then-Grand Master MWBro. Garry Sebo presented the team members with a plaque at the September 2007 Grand Lodge Communication. He also announced that the "Unknown Soldier" baton had been passed on to another team.

WBro. Bill Blood, PJGD (Equipment Officer & Guard), a foundation member of the new team developed the idea of establishing an Unknown Soldier Team using members of the 2004-2005 Past Grand Lodge Team (now part of the Evan's Fleet) as a recruiting base. Bill had been a member of a team based in Lilydale and sourced and built the equipment, artefacts and props needed to bring to life the performance.

WBro. Jim Puohotaua, DGSuptMem (Guard Commander & Narrator), another foundation member, carried out the research and developed the script and military ceremony. VWBro. Wayne Henry PGDC (Narrator) (RIP), another foundation member proof-read the script. Wayne had also been a member of the long-running Corinthians Unknown Soldier Team.

Foundation members include: RWor Bro. John Rodrigo PJGW (our foundation Guard Commander), RWBro. Milton Alexandrakis (Foundation Bugler), PJGW, WBro. Peter Bateman PGPurs (Foundation Guard), VWBro. Eric Green PGIWkgs (Foundation Guard), VWBro. Ron Goodburn, PGIWkgs (Foundation Guard), WBro. Greg Marshall PJGD (Foundation Guard), WBro. Paul Bailey PJGD (Foundation Guard & Bugler), Bro. Neil Chisholm MM (Foundation Piper), WBro. Hawthorn Agnew, PM (Foundation Piper), VWBro. David Seymour PGIWkgs (Foundation Organist & Narrator).

Members pay their own travel and accommodation costs to ensure all donations are passed to the Royal Freemasons.

To become a member, applicants must be or previously have been a Grand Lodge Ceremonial Officer (Pipers are exempt). Booking enquires and applications should be submitted to the Team Manager, John Wishart: **9782 9019** or johnw@alphalink.com.au

Freemasons Victoria website

The Freemasons Victoria website is currently undergoing some changes. We appreciate your patience while the updates are underway.

Many of the documents available on the intranet are now up-to-date, including the Grand Secretary's Bulletin, Board of Benevolence documents and Book of Constitutions.

If you have any suggestions regarding improvements to the website please email them to:

media@freemasonsvic.net.au



Dress Shirt SALE!

We're offering a great deal on our Michel Rouen high quality dress shirts. They were \$75 each, now \$50 each.

Many sizes are available but get in quick - they are only on sale until stock runs out.

Get in touch with reception to place an order on: **9411 01111**.

To view our full range of our Masonic merchandise, please visit the e-store which can be accessed by logging onto the Member's Area on our website.

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