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## A Word from the Grand Master

Welcome to another edition of *engage!* that sees us racing around the state, as well as towards the future.

In the last fortnight or so, I've seen an old Masonic Hall be given a new lease on life as a Men's Shed, joined the Car 321 Team at the start of the Variety Bash and welcomed a renewal of our relationship with Epworth Freemasons and Royal Freemason Homes.

The details of our plans for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and 'The Big Pink Party' are included in this issue. As promised, we have opened up the celebrations to allow every District to organise their own event in support of this very worthy cause.

Please do remember, as you plan your events, to get in touch with the Publicity and Communications team. It is the best way we have to ensure that Freemasonry presents a unified, positive and consistent message to the Victorian public.

This will be vital as we Race Towards the Future.

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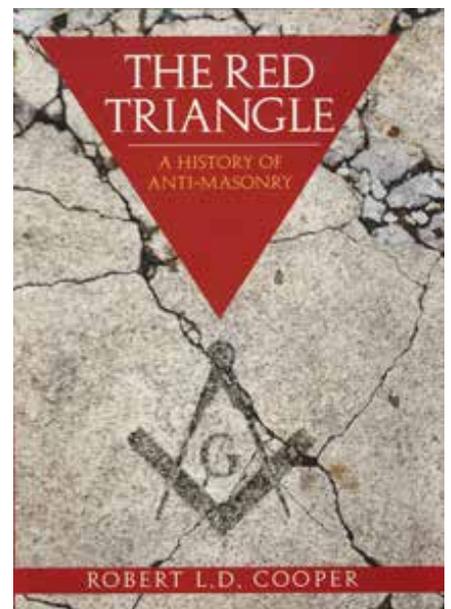
## Book in to Book Club!

Grand Librarian Jim Spreadborough has just announced the start of the Freemasons Victoria Library Book Club.

All Brethren are invited to join this monthly meeting of book lovers. Each book will be reviewed in an open forum, with one member invited to write a review for submission to *Freemasonry Victoria Magazine*.

The first Book Club book is Robert L.D. Cooper's *The Red Triangle: A History of Anti-Masonry*.

Email Jim for more information via [library@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:library@freemasonsvic.net.au)



## No Rush Needed for Jubilation

Jubilee Lodge have celebrated their 125th anniversary with a supper for Masons and guests, hosted by Worshipful Master Henry Hoornweg.

The Lodge has met at Rushworth Masonic Centre since 1894.



## Royal Freemasons Charity Golf Day

This year's charity golf day will be on 12 November at Kingswood Golf Club. Royal Freemasons are seeking sponsors for the event, to raise money for the homes. Sponsorship options include:

- **Major sponsorship**, (including naming rights) for a suggested \$5,000, which includes extensive publicity via *Freemasonry Victoria Magazine*, *engage!* and all event promotion.
- **Sponsor a hole** for \$500 each
- **Auction goods**
- **Winners' prizes**

All sponsorships are made as donations to the Homes, so are also tax deductible. For more information contact:

- WBro. Graeme Wallace via 0418 248 983
- Linda Frassen via 03 9452 2250 or [lfrassen@royalfreemasons.org.au](mailto:lfrassen@royalfreemasons.org.au)



## Open Installations

**Francis Ormond-University Lodge** (formerly Francis Ormond and Athenaeum-University Lodges) will Install their Worshipful Master at an exciting day's ceremonial on Saturday 8 September, tiling at 4:00pm, followed by an Open Investiture and Grand Banquet at 7:45pm. Freemasons, partners and friends welcome. Banquet \$65pp.

For more information or to make a booking, contact WBro. John Kelly, via [kellycon@ozemail.com.au](mailto:kellycon@ozemail.com.au) or 0419 578 061 before Monday 3 September 2012.

**Brighton Grammarians Lodge** will Install their Worshipful Master on Wednesday 12 September at 6:00pm. This event will take place at the Brighton Grammar School Hall, 90 Outer Crescent, Brighton.

For more information or to make a booking, contact WBro. Andrew Biggin, via [abiggins@brightongrammar.vic.edu.au](mailto:abiggins@brightongrammar.vic.edu.au) or 8591 2272.

## Home is Where the Hall Is

Regional Arts Victoria's *Home is Where the Hall Is* initiative celebrates the importance of regional community halls.

Masonic Hall Management Committees can partner with a local group or artist to run an event. Events can be anything from art exhibitions, to theatre performances, dance competitions, bake-offs, film nights and more.

Find more information at [homeiswherethehallis.com](http://homeiswherethehallis.com) and let the Publicity and Communications Team know your plans!

## Foundation Fights Cancer

Freemasons Public Charitable Fund have donated \$3,800 to Fight Cancer Foundation for the purchase of a wheelchair for patients in our North Melbourne accommodation centre to be able to easily access medical appointments at one of Melbourne's local treating hospitals.



*MWBro. Bruce Bartrop from The Freemasons Public Charitable Fund with Eric Wright Managing Director of Fight Cancer Foundation*

Lyn Elford, Business Development Manager said, "We sincerely appreciate the support of the Freemasons and look forward to further assisting people living with cancer."

## Family is a Staple of Campaspe Valley

Campaspe Valley Lodge No. 937's August meeting was a special event for the Stapleton Family. Bro. Grant Stapleton was raised to the third degree, joining his grandfather, father and uncle. The family's combined service to Freemasonry spans around 170 years.



Grant's grandfather, RWBro. Jim Stapleton PJGW was initiated in 1939 and raised to the third degree in 1940. He had the pleasure of Initiating his two sons, RWBro. John Stapleton PJGW and Bro. Ian Stapleton in 1963, and has participated in each of Grant's degree ceremonies.

Bro. Grant became the first member raised to the third degree in the new Lodge, after being the last Initiated in the former Echuca Lodge No. 577.

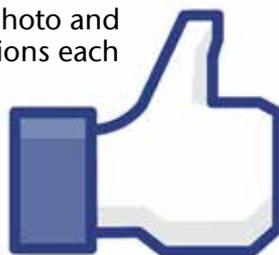
*RWBro. Jim, Bro. Grant and RWBro. John Stapleton*

## Friday Freebies

All through September, we will be running a caption competition via our Facebook page.

Log on every Friday to have a look at the photo and come up with your caption. The best captions each week will be published in *engage!* and after six weeks the Grand Master will choose an overall winner.

Weekly winners will receive a Freemasons sticker and gloves and the overall winner will receive a lapel pin or brooch. So, log in and like for your chance to win!



## The Lego Task

Freemasons Victoria Task Force is collecting LEGO for ASD Aid, to help children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) including Asperger's Syndrome.

Over 1 in 70 boys has an ASD. LEGO therapy has been proven a highly effective way for these children to improve their social interaction and communication skills.

So dig out your old LEGO blocks and get in touch with the Task Force via [taskforce@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:taskforce@freemasonsvic.net.au)



## Eastern CBD Business Luncheon

MWBro. Bob Jones will feature as guest speaker at the Eastern CBD Business Luncheon, for businessmen who work in and around the Eastern Suburbs.

**12:00pm - 2:00pm**  
**Wednesday 10 October 2012**

Nelson 382  
382 Burwood Highway,  
Wantirna South  
\$50pp

Bookings are essential. Please contact Donna De La Rue via **9411 0103** or [delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au)



## This Friendship Mayflower

Mayflower was very pleased to receive Freemasons Public Charitable Fund's \$5,000 grant for the purchase of over-bed tables at their Reservoir aged care facility, which will allow those with limited mobility the freedom to read, write and eat in bed.

This will improve inner health and activity, while retaining residents' dignity and independence.



## Ballarat's Having a Ball

Last Wednesday 29 August 2012 saw one of the biggest Open Nights in Freemasons Victoria's history, with over 80 people attending the Ballarat Masonic Centre.

RWBro. Jim Puohotaua was guest speaker for the evening and says that the audience was one of the most receptive he has ever seen.

"It's really great to be able to speak to the public, face-to-face," Jim said. "After I'd finished answering everyone's questions, we had about 30 of the 37 non-Masons ask for information about joining the Fraternity."

For information on how to run your own Open Night and help with promotion and media, contact the Grand Secretariat.

## Facing Facts: Social Media Reach

Our Facebook reach continues to grow, with more than 40,000 Facebook users reached this week.

Remember to Like the page and share our posts, to increase Freemasons Victoria's profile in the electronic community.

Total Likes?	Friends of Fans?	People Talking About This?	Weekly Total Reach?
5,835 ↑0.92%	3,256,946 ↑1.47%	2,241 ↑149%	57,865 ↑48.93%

## Got a Collection?

Freemasons Victoria Magazine is searching for Masons with collectable curiosities to feature in upcoming editions.

Collections don't need to have a Masonic element – the more strange, obscure, interesting and quirky the better!



Get in touch with us via [editor@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:editor@freemasonsvic.net.au)

## Emergency Services Night

The Guiding Star Lodge No. 922 extends an invitation to all interested Brethren to attend the Emergency Services Night.

7:30pm

Wednesday 3 October 2012

Ballarat Masonic Centre  
616 Barkly Street, Ballarat

Emergency Service Brethren are asked to wear their uniform.

Please register for catering purposes by contacting WBro. Ron Fleming via 5341 3225 or [rj\\_ljfleming@bigpond.com](mailto:rj_ljfleming@bigpond.com)

## Noble Dinner Dance

Lodge Noble invites all members and guests to join them for a Dinner Dance with entertainment provided by 'The Kingpins'.

7:00pm

Saturday 15 September 2012

South Eastern Masonic Centre  
270 Hutton Rd, Keysborough  
\$25pp

Get your tickets by contacting David Balder prior to the event via 0410 663 441 or [dbalder@ozemail.com.au](mailto:dbalder@ozemail.com.au)

## September Quarterly Live Streaming

Following the successful live streaming of the 2012 Grand Installation, the Quarterly Communication on 19 September 2012 will be streamed live from Dallas Brooks Centre.

You can log in from home, or visit one of the regional centres streaming the event.

More details to follow.

## Vale RWBro. FredTubb PJGW

6 June 1919 – 16 July 2012

Fred Tubb was a Freemason for more than 70 years and an active contributor to many community organisations in the Euroa-Longwood district.

He joined the militia at 15 and when the war started he joined the 2/2 Pioneers, serving in the Middle East before being captured by the Japanese. He spent three and a half years as a POW in Changi and on the Burma railway.



After the war he returned to farming and married Marjorie Wilson who, like Fred, was an active supporter of her community.

Fred was initiated on 30 September 1941 into Euroa Lodge No. 185. He was passed a week later and raised a further week later on 14 October 1941. He served in all offices of Euroa Lodge and was installed as Worshipful Master in September 1963. In 1953 he joined Lodge Liberation, founded by former POWs. He was always an active supporter of Freemasonry and served as chaplain of Euroa Vega Lodge for the past 25 years.

For his continuous and active service he was awarded Grand Rank, with the senior rank of PJGW in 2007. He received his 70 year jewel in 2011.

Fred Tubb was a great leader, worker, friend and listener who lived respected and died regretted.

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## Masonic Misprint

Tom Stirling would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused by a misprint in the March – September Masonic Guide.

The address is 29 Clarke Avenue (not 28) and is correct in the current Masonic Guide.

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Action List	✓
Become our Facebook friend via <a href="http://www.facebook.com/freemasonsVIC">www.facebook.com/freemasonsVIC</a> and take part in our Friday Freebies competition	
Log in to the member database and check that your contact details are up-to-date	
Paint your Town Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plan your event</li><li>• Engage your District Co-ordinator and his committee</li><li>• Contact the Publicity and Communications Team to talk about how to get the word out</li></ul>	

## Order the 2012 Grand Installation DVD

You can relive the 2012 Grand Installation of Grand Master Bob Jones on DVD and BluRay, with three hours of highlights from Installation Week, including the banquet, thanksgiving service and farewell luncheon.

Purchase your own copy by calling the Grand Secretariat on **03 9411 0111**.

For a preview of the DVD visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXOVSBriN8k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXOVSBriN8k)

## Thomas-Wills Memorial Lecture

Lodge of Commerce proudly present the Thomas-Wills Memorial Lecture:

### 'Freemasonry and Religion'

7:00pm

Thursday 18 October 2012

The Conservatory Restaurant  
Pump House Hotel  
128 Nicholson St, Fitzroy

\$50, includes pre-dinner drinks and two course meal.

Book before 4 October 2012  
WBro. Fred Shade via 9459 2670 or  
[fredshade@westnet.com.au](mailto:fredshade@westnet.com.au)

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