

enewsletter No. 37  
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## A Word from the Grand Master

We're now less than a week from the September Quarterly Communication and right in the middle of a very busy period. I'm sure I'll break a record in a few weeks, when I conduct two Installations and a Re-Consecration, in three different Lodges, spanning 300km, all within 21 hours.

It's fantastic that we have so many Lodges engaged and active, particularly when it comes to Open Events. Please remember to get in contact with your District Coordinator and the Grand Secretariat before you start planning. Spreading events out across the year gives the public more opportunity to come along and experience Freemasonry and allows the Grand Secretariat more time to offer you the best support with planning, ceremony and promotion.

Given that you're all so engaged this month, I'm looking forward to seeing more 'Pink' events scheduled for October. We already have Central District and Queenscliffe powering head and the fund already has benefitted from the generosity of guests at the recent CBD Luncheon and Combined Teams Dinner, with the pot already holding \$1,500. We'll celebrate everyone's efforts at our Big Pink Party (details below). What will you do to raise funds as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month? Whatever you plan, make sure it keeps us racing toward the future.



## Paint your Town Pink!

All throughout October, Freemasons across Victoria will be painting their towns pink to raise funds for The Think Pink Living Centre and Epworth Freemasons Oncology Department.

Get into the spirit of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and paint your town pink!

Central District are well on their way, with Pink Yum Cha on Sunday 14 October – see the back page for details.

Then, on Friday 19 October we will all get together and celebrate your fundraising achievements with

*The Big Pink Party*

## Building a LEGO Shrine

Melbourne Shrine Club have kicked off Freemasons Task Force's LEGO collection with its first donation. Nobles Merv Dyer and Nick Clifton were delighted to hand over the haul to Robert Deakin of the Melbourne Brick Club.



Merv Dyer, Robert Deakin and Nick Clifton

"We're happy the LEGO is going to a worthwhile cause," said Noble Nick. "LEGO has given me great enjoyment and I hope the kids find the same pleasure that I did. That's the whole spirit of the Shriners: helping kids."

To contact Melbourne Shrine Club, contact Merv via [pickford@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pickford@bigpond.net.au) or Nick via [ntclifton2001@yahoo.com](mailto:ntclifton2001@yahoo.com)

## Mark (and Chapter) Unity for Mark

VWBro. Mark Eadon PGDC recently qualified for a Unity Badge, presented to Craft Masons who are also members of Mark and Chapter in Victoria. Mark qualified for his Unity Badge by being exalted in the Whitehorse HRA Chapter, having already been a long-serving member of the Craft and Mark Degrees.



Mark with VWBro. Roy Alderton Grand Treasurer, RWBro. Kerry Grills PSGW (PGM in Mark), WBro. Graham Duff PJGD, RWBro. Keith Hill PSGW (PGZ in Chapter) and Ringwood Lodge Worshipful Master, VWBro. Colin Wolf PGIWkgs.

## Friday Freebies Week One Winner

Our first Friday Freebies Facebook Caption Competition winner was David Veles, with 'So grape it be!!'

Remember to log in to Facebook each Friday for your chance to win.



## Towards the Future

Freemasons Victoria is producing a publication called *Towards the Future* featuring case studies of exemplary Lodge programs or strategies. The book will serve as a state-wide guide of useful tips and lessons in how to operate a successful Lodge.

Examples of Lodge success stories:

- Lodge Integrity recruited 12 members in one year and have maintained a good retention level – how did they do it?
- My Fair Lady Ball – a professionally run social and charity ball that attracted members, dignitaries and corporates. What were the keys to developing and running such a successful event?
- The average age of Bendigo Reunion Lodge is 49. How have they managed to attract members so young? What is a perfect balance of MM and PMs?

Send your submission describing the 'success' and how it was achieved (with images) to Lena Way, Manager Membership Services by Friday 5 October 2012 via [way@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:way@freemasonsvic.net.au)

*Towards The Future* will help Lodges learn from each other's successes and hopefully form a bit of a recipe book on how to run a thriving Lodge.



## It's all a Game

This May once again saw Freemasons Victoria volunteers helping out at the Veneto Club for the 2012 State Games of Special Olympics Victoria.



MWBro. Vaughn Werner PGM, WBro. Merv Dyer PJGD and RWBro. Keith Morgan PJGW

MWBro Vaughn Werner PGM was on hand to assist with the Opening Ceremony, speaking about the importance of volunteering.

Melbourne will host the 2014 Special Olympics Australia National Games. Find out more at [www.specialolympics.com.au/vic](http://www.specialolympics.com.au/vic)

## Stars in the North

Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation has awarded \$12,000 to Northern Health, to assist in purchasing Waveform Capnography equipment for their Emergency Department.



The Waveform Capnography equipment will be used in all medical emergency calls at The Northern Hospital for patients experiencing cardiac arrest or requiring assisted breathing with a tracheal tube or to determine the patient's oxygen level. The units are small and portable with no maintenance and easy plug-in, with direct measurement and no time delay.

## Masonry a Staple of the Family

Bro. Grant Stapleton may have been the first Mason raised to the third degree in the new Campaspe Valley Lodge No. 937, but he is far from the first Stapleton. Grant's grandfather RWBro. Jim Stapleton PJGW, father RWBro. John Stapleton PJGW and uncle Bro. Ian Stapleton have a combined service to Freemasonry of about 170 years.



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

Jim was initiated in the Benambra Lodge No. 153 in 1939. He initiated his sons John and Ian in 1963 and has participated in each degree ceremony for his grandson Grant.

## Where's Grand Master?

Have a look at what your Grand Master has been up to over the past few weeks.

### Wednesday 29 August Combined Orders Team Dinner

The combined orders of Craft, Mark and Chapter Senior Grand Officers held a dinner, raising over \$300 for Breast Cancer Awareness.

### Saturday 8 September Royal South Street, Ballarat

The Grand Master accompanied his wife and the President of the Board of Benevolence to present the Freemasons Victoria Festival of Bands trophy.

### Tuesday 11 September CBD Business Luncheon



With Paul Little as guest speaker and 90 Freemasons and their guests, the event was a sell out. The next CBD Luncheon is on Tuesday 11 December, book now to avoid disappointment.

### Thursday 13 September ABC Radio



The Grand Master joined host Bruce Guthrie, co-host Adam Zwar and fellow guest David Marr for The Conversation Hour on 774 ABC Radio Melbourne. You can listen to the podcast via [www.abc.net.au/melbourne/conversations/](http://www.abc.net.au/melbourne/conversations/)

## 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 includes two course meal and drinks. Bookings essential via Donna De La Rue [delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au)

## Thomas-Wills Memorial Lecture

Lodge of Commerce 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

\$50pp includes pre-dinner drinks and two course meal. Bookings via WBro. Fred Shade [fredshade@westnet.com.au](mailto:fredshade@westnet.com.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)



## September Quarterly Live Streaming

Can't make it to the September Quarterly this year? The live stream will take you there. You can stream it at home by visiting [http://myvio.tv/Freemason\\_Live\\_Webcast\\_Sept\\_2012](http://myvio.tv/Freemason_Live_Webcast_Sept_2012)

Otherwise, view the stream in Mildura or Warrnambool

**Irymple (Mildura)**  
Sunraysia Masonic Centre  
2091-2095 Fifteenth Street

**Warrnambool**  
Warrnambool Masonic Centre  
Kepler Street

For more information, contact the Grand Secretariat.

## Open Events

4:00pm 15 September  
Duke of Richmond  
Open Re-Consecration  
Waverley Masonic Centre  
Contact: Neville Johnson  
9700 2729

5:00pm 15 September  
Myrtleford  
Open Consecration  
Myrtleford Masonic Centre  
Contact: Ben Quick 9411 0111

8:00pm 26 September  
Euroa Vega  
Open Night  
Euroa Masonic Centre  
Contact: John McKernan  
0407 860 684

5:00pm 6 October  
Brighton District  
Open Investiture  
Brighton Masonic Centre  
Contact: Greg Crew  
[gregcrew@ozemail.com.au](mailto:gregcrew@ozemail.com.au)

7:30pm 9 October  
Bellarine/Otway  
Open Night  
Colac Masonic Centre  
Contact: Neil Hayes  
0400 331 384  
[nmhayes@bigpond.com](mailto:nmhayes@bigpond.com)

4:00pm 13 October  
Lord Northcote  
Open Investiture  
Ivalda Masonic Template  
Contact: Eric Williams  
0404 034 683

All Open Events can be found on the Freemasons Victoria website, via the Calendar of Events. Just click the link on the homepage!





## Variety Christmas Party

Get into the Christmas spirit this year, by joining Freemasons Victoria Task Force to volunteer for Variety Children's Christmas Party 2012.

All volunteers need to have a valid Working with Children Check card visible on the day. You should make sure that the Icard lists Variety as an organisation you volunteer for.

You can register as a volunteer via the Variety website at [www.variety.org.au](http://www.variety.org.au)

For more information, contact the Task Force via [taskforce@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:taskforce@freemasonsvic.net.au)

## LEGO for ASD Aid

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)

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	
Get involved with Freemasons Victoria Task Force's LEGO collection and Variety Christmas Party work	

## 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)

## Book in to Book Club

Freemasons Victoria Library Book Club is underway!

Join the monthly meeting of book lovers, to review a book in an open forum. One Book Club member will even be invited to write a review, for submission to Freemasonry Victoria magazine.

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

## Promoting your Lodge

The Grand Secretariat's *Guide to Promoting your Lodge* presentation is available for Lodge Secretaries and District Coordinators, to assist in planning your public activities.

Contact the Publicity and Communications team via [media@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:media@freemasonsvic.net.au) for more information

## Stay informed!



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 [@freemasonsvic](https://twitter.com/freemasonsvic)

Central District  
invites you and  
your guests to

# PINK YUM CHA

*Join us for a fun and delicious event in support of  
Breast Cancer Awareness Month.  
Proceeds to Think Pink Living Centre and Epworth  
Freemasons Oncology Department, supporting breast  
cancer patients and their families.*

11:00am Sunday 14 October 2012

Shark Fin Inn  
50 Little Bourke Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

\$45.00pp includes Yum Cha banquet,  
Chinese tea and BYO corkage  
(Drinks at bar prices)

Payment by cheque or EFT in advance or  
cash on the day. Credit cards not accepted.  
EFT to: John R Pearson, BSB 013 355, ACC 5134 04406

RSVP: Sunday 7 October 2012 to  
John R Pearson  
102-104 Baker Road  
Harkaway Vic 3806  
T: 9707 2206  
E: [jpe81205@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jpe81205@bigpond.net.au)

Dress: Pink Neat Casual

Door prizes, raffle and prize for best pink apparel.



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