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A Word from the Grand Master

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and we've been Painting the Town Pink all month. Congratulations to those Lodges and Districts that have presented me with cheques or sent their money in to support the Paint Your Town Pink campaign. So far we've raised over \$10,000 to support Think Pink Foundation's Living Centre and Epworth Freemasons Oncology Unit.

The Big Pink Auction is well underway on our Facebook site, with footy jumpers, wine, theatre tickets, jewellery and many professional services being offered. There's even a dinner with me! Get online and have a look at what's available. The auction will wrap up at The Big Pink Party on Friday night, so jump on board and get yourself a bargain, at the same time raising money for a great cause.

While I'm on the subject of the party, make sure you get in touch with Donna to book your tickets. Don't come by yourself, bring your family and friends as well. The plans for entertainment and decorations are turning Donna's office into a Big Pink Whirlwind - make sure you don't miss out on what's sure to be a great night out.

My wife Kerry and I, along with The Grand Team, are carrying on a great tradition started by previous Grand Masters, their wives and Teams. This is an important cause and our major Women's Health fundraising event for the year. Tickets are only \$45, to ensure that it's accessible to everyone. Finger food and beverage is included, so come dressed in pink and help us celebrate life.

I'll be there to welcome you all along and accept cheques from Lodges and Districts that have been busy painting their towns pink. If you haven't managed to raise any funds, don't worry, I ask you to come along anyway and support us on the evening.

Let's all work together to keep Freemasonry racing toward the future.

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.

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

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

**Racing Toward the Future**

First Initiation in 23 years

Last month the Talbot Lodge No. 42 Initiated its first candidate in 23 years. Kevin Geyer from Daisy Hill had attended several Masonic functions as a guest, meeting Grand Master Bob Jones, Past Grand Master Vaughn Werner and members of the 2011-12 Grand Team.

Kevin showed an interest in the Lodge and on 26 September 2012, he became the Lodge's first new initiate of the millenium. Kevin says that the ceremonial aspects of Freemasonry were much more involved than he had imagined. "I am keen to learn more," he said.



Bro. Kevin Geyer and members of Talbot Lodge No 42 at Kevin's Initiation

100 Years in Myrtleford

Myrtleford Freemasons celebrated their Lodge's 100th Anniversary on 25 September, with the Installation of WBro. Laurie Larsen as Master of the Lodge.



MWBro. Bob Jones Grand Master was on hand to perform the Installation.

Laurie Larsen moved to Whorouly East with his family in the early 60s and joined the Myrtleford Masonic Lodge, transferring from Chelsea. He has been very active in this Lodge, having been Master in 1978, 1997 and again in this Centenary Year 2012.

Alexandra Media Win

Albert Edward Lodge No. 59 had a win with the local media, when their Pink Tea Dance was featured on Page 5 of the Alexandra Eildon Marysville Standard. The Lodge got in touch with the media team at the Grand Secretariat, who organised a media release. Congratulations, Albert Edward Lodge.



Social Media

Did you know that our Facebook page is our largest non-Masonic source of traffic to the Freemasons Victoria website? By liking the page and sharing Facebook events with your friends, you can make a real impact on the number of people who hear about Freemasonry.

Our website reaches about five thousand people a month, with Facebook finding its way to about four thousand. The more you like and share our Facebook posts, the more your networks will get to know about Freemasonry.

Submission for Print

If you have a jewel presentation, special visitor, Open Installation or other special event in your Lodge, please remember to send us a photo (no grips in the picture, please!) and the details of your special happening.

Email your submission to media@freemasonsvic.net.au

Guess What?

Can you guess the Lodge from the pictures below?



Ross is Smiling Broadly



Ross Broad was one of the weekly winners of our September Friday Freebies Facebook Caption Competition.



He's let us know that, because he already has a Freemasons license plate frame on his car, his son Bro. Max Broad MM will take the new one for his car. Congratulations again, Ross and thanks for being part of our September competition.

There'll be more Facebook freebies in the future, so make sure you like our page and check back regularly for updates.

Morwell remembers the Unknown Soldier

Morwell residents were treated to the moving and historical Unknown Soldier Ceremony last month. The ceremony tells the story of the selection of the Unknown Soldier, buried in the crude battlefield cemeteries of France and removed to Westminster Abbey in London.



The ceremony also honours the Unknown Australian Soldier, representing all Australians who have been killed in war. The ceremony first took place at the Australian War Memorial in 1993.

Social media on the rise

Our internet presence continues to grow, with our Facebook page reaching nearly 4,000 viewers each week. When we get to 6,000 likes, we'll have cause for a little celebration.

Our Twitter profile is also gaining popularity, with new Tweeters following us each week, with 811 followers.

Make sure you connect with our social media and share it with your friends. There's more to come!

Total Likes⁷ 5,947 ▲0.2% Friends of Fans⁷ 3,346,988 ▲0.54% People Talking About This⁷ 285 ▲67.65% Weekly Total Reach⁷ 3,731 ▲51.11% Total Subscribers⁷ 2 ▲0%

Posts⁷ People Talking About This⁷ Weekly Total Reach⁷



Where's the Grand Master?

Here's a look at what the Grand Master has been up to in recent weeks:

Monday 1 October
Footscray Wyndham Installation

Saturday 6 October
Brighton District Open Installation

Sunday 7 October
Hearts of Oak Church Service

Wednesday 10 October
Fairfield Installation

Wednesday 10 October
Eastern Business Luncheon



Saturday 13 October
Radio Interview: ABC Central Victoria, Bendigo



Saturday 13 October
Bendigo City Open Installation and Masonic Centre Opening

Tuesday 16 October
Chirnside Installation and 70 year Jewel Presentation

Combined Lodges Christmas Party

11:30am Sunday 25 November 2012
Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria, Rowans Road, Moorabbin

Trains run 1:00 – 4:00pm; Santa arrives 3:00pm

\$15 per child (12 years and under) covers present, lollies and drinks. All others free.

Bring your picnic, family and friends for a fun afternoon on the trains. Remember your raffle money! BBQ facilities are available.



Please remember that open-toe shoes are not allowed on the trains (for adults and children).

The Big Pink Party

Friday 19 October 2012
Coppin Hall, Royal Freemasons
45 Moubay St, Melbourne
\$45pp
Bookings: delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au
Dress: Pink Cocktail

We've already raised \$15,000 for Think Pink Foundation's Living Centre and Epworth Freemasons Oncology Department. Help us get to \$60,000!



Paint Your Town Pink!

Pink Breakfast

10:00am Sunday 21 October
South Eastern Masonic Centre, Keysborough
Bookings: Ian Brown t: 0425 701 470 e: iebrown@optusnet.com.au

Pink Tea Dance

3:30pm Sunday 21 October
Alexandra Masonic Centre, Nihil Street, Alexandra
Bookings: 5772 2474

Open Events

20 October
Baden Powell
Open Investiture
Mount Waverley Masonic Centre

7:00pm 26 October
Camberwell Open Night
Camberwell Masonic Centre
Contact: Graham Dines
0400 893 483

5:00pm 27 October
Wimmera Lodge
Open Installation
Horsham Masonic Centre
Contact: Philip Nicks
0409 417 032

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



Web Working Group

Our new Web Working Group had its first meeting recently, to begin the revamp of Freemasons Victoria's website.

Thanks to Stewart McArthur, Mark Vincent, Harry Vagianos, John Millar, Jessica McKinnon, Roger Schei and Jennifer Piper for their contributions.

The group is hoping to have some news for you all soon.

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Get on the Bus

Kew Gardens Aged Care is looking for volunteer bus drivers. They already have volunteers from Admiral Collingwood Lodge, but would like to increase the number of outings available to their 100 residents. Group outings are for 12 residents and one staff member in a specially modified bus.

All expenses on trips are covered by Kew Gardens – all you need to provide is a heavy vehicle license and bus permit. Please contact Vicki Fraser, Lifestyle Team Leader via vfraser@kewgardens.com.au or 0408 404 093



Royal Freemasons Charity Golf Day

This year's charity golf day is 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

Action List

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Become our Facebook friend via www.facebook.com/freemasonsvic so that you can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spread the word about The Big Pink Party • stay up-to-date with what is happening in the Grand Secretariat • read about what the Grand Master's been up to • bid on items in The Big Pink Auction 	
Log in to the member database and check that your contact details are up-to-date	
Make sure your Lodge details have been sent to jmckinnon@freemasonsvic.net.au so that we can update your Lodge Page	
Get your outfit and tickets for The Big Pink Party on Friday 19 October	
Register for the charity golf day	

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

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 for more information

November

Have you thought about becoming a MoBro. before?

November becomes Movember for Freemasons across the world. Keep an eye to Facebook and engage! for details of how you can get hairy for a cause.



Stay informed!



 www.facebook.com/freemasonsvic

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



Executive Officer CHAMAR Pty Ltd

Following the resignation of our current Executive officer, the Directors are now seeking applications for the position of Executive Officer for Chamar Pty Ltd. Expressions of interest are invited from members of Chapters and Lodges to secure an appropriate successor to this position.

Preferably, because of the nature of the position, the selected person should possess sound management and inter-personal skills, together with general background knowledge in accounting systems, MYOB and computer operations.

Interested persons should, as a pre-requisite, be members of the Chapter, Mark and Ark, and ideally be conversant with all aspects of the relevant ritual and ceremonials of each degree.

The attainment of the principal Chairs in each of these degrees would also be an advantage, or alternatively, a demonstration of progression towards achieving these objectives, would be acceptable.

Expressions of interest marked strictly confidential should be directed to:

The Chairman of Chamar Pty Ltd
L.G. Patterson
11 Golf Drive
Waverley Country Club
Rowville 3178

These should be received no later than Friday 9 November 2012.

Applications from interested parties should include character and family profiles and highlight career achievements, awards and any professional qualifications attained.

Details of any Civic, Masonic or Personal achievements and interests should also be provided.

Interviews for this position are expected to be conducted as soon as possible after receipt of applications.