



## A word from the Grand Master

Brethren, welcome to the last issue of *engage!* for the year. And what a year it's been. From the moment of my Installation as your Grand Master this March, 2012 has proven to be just as exciting as time on the track.

I cannot let this message pass without offering a hearty congratulations to our Movember team. With nearly \$17,000 in donations registered and about another \$10,000 on the way, we've certainly made a splash with our first year of concerted effort. As it stands, we're leading the field of Masonic Teams across Australia, and our global network of Movember Freemasons. Our Australian Network even managed to make it to the Top 20 networks in Australia!

I urge you all to get involved in next year's efforts.

Our December Quarterly Communication will be held on Wednesday 19 December 2012 at the Dallas Brooks Centre, 300 Albert Street East Melbourne. We will have some exciting news to share with you and will decide the future of the Albert Street site.

I wish you, your families and your friends a safe and happy festive season, be it Christmas, Chanukah, Bodhi Day, Yaldā, Soyal, Mōdraniht, Saturnalia, Pancha Ganapati, Yuletide, Malkh or Sol Invictus. I look forward to seeing you all next year, as we keep racing towards the future.

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## Quarterly Communication Live Streaming

Next Wednesday 19 December 2012 is the December Quarterly Communication. It begins at 7:30pm at the Dallas Brooks Centre and, as well as our usual content, will include a vote on the future of The Masonic Centre of Victoria (Dallas Brooks Centre).

If you can't attend, we will once again stream the event live, so that all members can experience this important occasion.

You will also enjoy viewing the presentation of Certificates of Competency, an address by Grand Master MWBro. Bob Jones and carols led by the Victorian Freemasons Choir with the Grand Heralds Ensemble.

Just enter this link into your internet browser and follow the instructions.  
[http://tinyvio.com/Freemasons\\_Live\\_Webcast\\_Dec2012](http://tinyvio.com/Freemasons_Live_Webcast_Dec2012)

You can also join your Brethren at a special live streaming, at The Warrnambool or Mildura Masonic Centre, or at special functions in Shepparton and Wangarrata. Get in touch with your District Coordinator or the Grand Secretariat for details.

## Operation Support Swiftly

Lodge Liberation, a service Lodge founded by ex-POWs, has continued its support of our troops by forwarding parcels to the Special Operations Task Group serving in Afghanistan.

Operation 'Support Swiftly' was started by WBro. Neil Nyholm, whose son served in Afghanistan and has the strong ongoing support of the Lodge. This year, 30 parcels were sent, containing fruitcake, sweets and details of the Lodge.

Lt Col Langford DSC thanked the Lodge in an official letter to Worshipful Master WBro. Alan Reynolds.



## Parcels for the Troops

The Army Lodge has also sent their support to our troops, working with Victorian Naval and Military Lodge and United Service Lodge to send packages to Diggers in Afghanistan and Timor. The parcels include sweets, Christmas pudding, magazines or books, a hand-written Christmas card and a letter from The Army Lodge.

The extra support this year allowed The Army Lodge to send 116 parcels, just in time for the festive season. It's The Army Lodge's major charitable activity for the year.

The response from recipients has prompted Lodge members to break their target again next year.



## Christmas Close to Home

The Combined Lodges Christmas Party in Monash Gully District No. 114 was a great success for the local Lodges involved and their families.

Train rides were particularly popular. Pictured right is Jasmine Ng and her grandfather, Jack Ng.

Have you considered joining with a few of your neighbouring Lodges for a family Christmas celebration of your own? If you hold a combined Lodges event, remember to email your photos to [media@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:media@freemasonsvic.net.au)



## Make it a Good Friday

Next Easter, we will once again run our Good Friday Appeal, collecting donations at 7/11 stores around Victoria. The Grand Master has set a challenge for all Districts to try to secure as many stores as is humanly possible.

Talk to your District Coordinator about which 7/11 stores you would like to register to collect at. Let's see if we can have a Freemason shaking a tin at every 7/11 in the state.



## Guess What?

Can you guess the Lodge from the pictures below?



Answer: Sale Daylight Lodge

## Dallas Brooks Centre Announcement

The Board of General Purposes has entered into an agreement for the redevelopment of the Masonic Centre of Victoria site, conditional upon members ratifying the Board's decision.

Grand Master MWBro. Bob Jones has said that this is, 'good news for the future of Freemasonry in Victoria. The strategy also ensures the maintenance of a high standard of meeting places, which supports the Freemasons Victoria brand and recognition.'

Grand Secretary and CEO RWBro. Peter Henshall says that, 'This is perhaps the most exciting decision for establishing the future of Freemasonry in Victoria that any of us are likely to see in our days as Freemasons.'



Over 150 members attended the information sessions at Dallas Brooks Centre on 28 November and 12 December 2012 (pictured above and right). The vote on whether to ratify the redevelopment deal with Mirvac will take place at the December Quarterly Communication on Wednesday 19 December 2012.



Details of the redevelopment proposal, along with the information presented during the member information sessions, can be found on the members' section of the Freemasons Victoria website.



If approved, the redeveloped Masonic Centre will allow Freemasons Victoria to provide appropriate meeting spaces for members and efficiently utilise its facilities while maintaining its historic flagship presence in East Melbourne.

The New Masonic Centre will be a home for up to 20 Craft Lodges and 18 other orders in contemporary facilities. Freemasons Victoria will own its space, including car parks, under strata title.



## Australia Day March

The theme for The Australia Day March 2013 is We Are Family and you're invited! Come together with your fellow Brethren to celebrate our national day.

The March is a chance for everyone to reflect on our community as a whole by seeing the many facets that make up the character of our country. Freemasonry has a strong and unique culture, with a rich heritage and strong family values.

To register your interest in being part of the March, contact Ben Quick via [bquick@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:bquick@freemasonsvic.net.au) or 03 9411 0111.

## Festive Season Hours

### Grand Secretariat

Closes:  
Thursday 20 December 2012

Reopens:  
Wednesday 2 January 2012

### Dallas Brooks Centre

Closes:  
Thursday 20 December 2012

Reopens:  
Wednesday 2 January 2012

### Education Office

Closes:  
Friday 14 December 2012

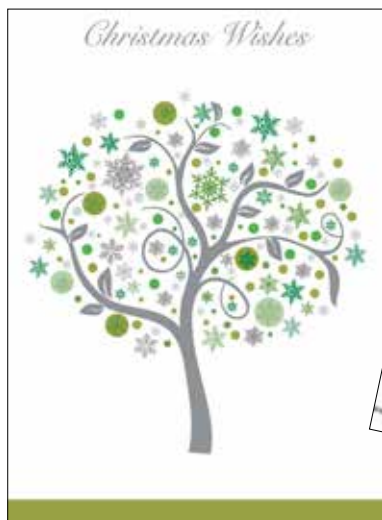
Reopens:  
Friday 1 February 2013

### Library

Closes:  
Friday 14 December 2012

Reopens:  
Friday 1 February 2013

## Royal Freemasons Christmas Cards



Four new Cards are now available from Royal Freemasons.

Cards are \$6 for a pack of eight.

Cards can be purchased using the order form at the back of this issue of *engage!* or by emailing [supportus@royalfreemasons.org.au](mailto:supportus@royalfreemasons.org.au)



## New Education Scholarship

The Education Committee has launched the Graeme Love Memorial Scholarship for research into, or related to, Freemasonry. The scholarship is open to tertiary students undertaking Masters or Doctoral studies where their research is significantly related to Freemasonry or Masonic activities in Victoria.

Applications are invited across a wide spectrum including benevolence, buildings, health and aged care to name a few. The Directors of Research Offices in universities around Victoria have been contacted and invited to publish the scholarship in their university. Details are also available from the Grand Lodge Education Office.

## The Rabble for Rabbie

Heartbeat Galen Lodge No. 515 will play host to a special event in January: The Rabbie Burns Night.

Born in January 1759 and initiated into St David's Lodge, Tarbolton in July 1781, Robert (Rabbie) Burns was an enthusiastic Mason and the national poet of Scotland.

Many of his poems are specifically Masonic and his *Auld Lang Syne* has become entrenched in the world's celebration of the New Year and the finale to every Lodge meeting around the world.

Celebrations will include the official salute to the Haggis by 'The Caledonians' pipe band.

**Rabbie Burns Night**  
**Monday 14 January 2012**  
**Kew Masonic Centre**  
**Strathalbyn Street, Kew**

4:30pm: Lodge Tyles  
6:00pm: Festive Board and Dinner

Freemasons, families and friends all welcome.



## Epworth Freemasons Volunteers

### Volunteer Drivers

Many cancer patients rely on volunteer drivers in order to get to their radiation appointments. You can help by volunteering five or six hours of your time, on a weekday, to transport these patients to their radiation treatment.

You can volunteer on a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly roster and lunch is provided.

All you need is a willingness to help and a few hours, and you can make a real difference to cancer patients and the Radiation Oncology team.

Volunteers are needed at Epworth Freemasons and Epworth Richmond. Phone Frances Yucedag for more information and to offer your time on 9426 6217.

### Lodge Pages

Have a look at some of the recently updated Lodge Pages on the Freemasons Victoria website. Congratulations to Melbourne High School Lodge No.759, The Army Lodge No. 478, Jonadab Lodge No. 771 and Seavic No. 8 for a well-informed and updated Lodge Page.



For information email Jessica at [jmckinnon@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:jmckinnon@freemasonsvic.net.au)

Action List	✓
Stay connected via social media by connecting with our pages on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facebook</li> <li>• Twitter</li> <li>• LinkedIn</li> <li>• Flickr</li> <li>• Google+</li> </ul>	
Use the instruction sheet at the end of this issue to log in to the upgraded membership database and make sure your details are up-to-date	
Volunteer to help out on the 2013 Good Friday appeal at your local 7/11 store	
Tune in to the live streaming of the December Quarterly Communication, if you can't attend in person	



### 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)

### Submissions 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](mailto:media@freemasonsvic.net.au)




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# CHRISTMAS CARD ORDER FORM



Date	
Name	
Phone	
Delivery address	
Subject	<b>Christmas Card Order</b>

CARD DESIGN	Cost per pack (8 cards)	Packs Required	TOTAL
	<b>\$6</b>		\$
	<b>\$6</b>		\$
<i>Christmas Wishes</i> 	<b>\$6</b>		\$
	<b>\$6</b>		\$
Mixed Pack (2 of each design)	<b>\$6</b>		
<b>+ POSTAGE</b>			<b>\$ 2.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PURCHASE</b>			<b>\$</b>

**Payment Details:**

Please attach a cheque payable to Royal Freemasons' Homes of Victoria or enter your credit card details below:

Please Circle:                      Mastercard      Visa

Name on Card:                      \_\_\_\_\_

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Expiry Date:                          \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_



# SCHOLARSHIPS 2013

**Applications for Freemasons Victoria 2013 Scholarships close on Thursday 31 January 2013**

Children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and legal dependents of affiliated Victorian Freemasons are invited to apply.

Regular awards:

- Post-secondary (one year tenure)
- Year eleven (two year tenure)
- Year 7, 8, 9 or 10 (one year tenure)

New awards for 2013:

- David Kay Award for student entering year 7 (\$400)
- Coppin Weston Street Award for a student entering year 12 (up to \$1,500)
- Freemasons Victoria Post Secondary Civic Award for a student at tertiary level (\$4,500)

All enquiries and applications should be directed to Heather McKinnon, Secretary Board of Benevolence via [mckinnon@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:mckinnon@freemasonsvic.net.au) or (03) 9411 0105



# 2013 Grand Installation and Banquet

The United Grand Lodge of Victoria invites  
you and your guest to the Re-Installation of

***MWBro. Bob Jones***

as Grand Master

**Friday 22 March 2013**

***Quarterly Communication  
and Grand Installation***

Masonic Centre of Victoria

**Saturday 23 March 2013**

***Grand Banquet***

Melbourne Pavilion

**Sunday 24 March 2013**

***Thanksgiving Service and Family Day***

Como Gardens

Tickets from Freemasons Victoria

t: (03) 9411 0111 e: [installation@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:installation@freemasonsvic.net.au)