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## A word from the Grand Master

Happy New Year and welcome back for an exciting 2013. You will no doubt have seen details of the March Grand Installation and Quarterly Communication by now. This year, we have three days of celebrations, with variety designed to allow all Brethren and their families to be involved.

- Friday 22 March: Quarterly Communication and Grand Installation, Masonic Centre of Victoria, East Melbourne
- Saturday 23 March: Banquet, Melbourne Pavilion
- Sunday 24 March: Thanksgiving Service and Family Day, Como Gardens, The Basin

Of course, before we get to the Quarterly, we have the Australia Day March. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. Details are included below and you can contact Ben Quick in the Membership Team for more information.

## 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.

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.

Spaces are limited, so be quick!



## Membership database on its way

Last year, we let you know about the improvements that we're making to your membership system. In that update, we said that we would not go live with the new database until we were certain it was ready.

Because of the challenges we have experienced with data migration, we've had a few delays along the way. We remain committed to ensuring that your new database offers an improved user experience and easier access for all members. Some of the improvements that you can look forward to are:

- simpler login
- easier to read, easier to complete Lodge Meeting Reports and Masters & Wardens Returns
- the ability to create your own reports on your Lodge Members

Once the new database is live, all reports must be submitted electronically, to ensure that each member's data remains complete and accurate.

Once again, we thank you for your patience while we work to provide you with an improved membership system. For more information, contact Roger Schie via [rschie@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:rschie@freemasonsvic.net.au)

## Greensborough's all heart

In the South following Lodge of Orana No. 836's last meeting, Barry Dawson presented VVBro. Leigh Patullo, President of the Greensborough District Masonic Centre (GDMC) with a new defibrillator. Orana donated the equipment as a result of Charity Fund efforts over the last few years. Mainly our big \$5,000 raffle.



Barry did say as a Gynaecologist he doesn't get to use this item a lot and sincerely hopes he doesn't have to in the near future!

## Stan's Royal (Ark) presentation

RWBro. Stan Hartrick was honoured by his Brethren in Royal Ark Mariners last year, with a fifty year jewel and letter of appreciation from VVBro. Arthur Williams. Stan was elevated on 24 November 1962 and his contribution and support of his Lodge is deeply appreciated.



In particular, Stan's musical talents and proficient involvement in ceremonial tasks, along with his mentoring of newer members has contributed greatly to the prosperity of his Lodge.

## 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: Toora Lodge



## Become a Friend of Freemasons

Freemasons Victoria founded and supported the development of the Freemasons Hospital into one of the finest hospitals in Australia.

Epworth Freemasons Hospital is now seeking the continued support of Freemasons Victoria as we provide the best care possible.

You can become a Friend of Freemasons Hospital and provide assistance by volunteering to help around the hospital:

- Driving patients as part of the volunteer transport scheme
- Providing basic administrative assistance
- Selling raffle tickets to raise funds and help provide the best patient care possible

The first Freemasons Auxiliary was established and led by Lady Brunton, as published in The Age on 3 October 1935, and played a major part in the establishment and development of the hospital. The hospital still needs a lot of help and support, and a Friends of Freemasons group will play a key part in the East Melbourne landmark's development.

The hospital invites you to a morning tea, to discuss the formation of the Friends of Freemasons Hospital:

10:00 Tuesday 5 February 2012  
Basement Meeting Room, Epworth Freemasons Hospital

To register your interest, or for more information please call Vanessa Dannock at the Medical Foundation Office on 9426 6572.



### Melbourne 'Ladies' Auxiliary Formed.

More than 100 people, representing the various Masonic lodges which meet at the Masonic Hall, in Collins-street, were present at the first general meeting of the newly-formed Melbourne ladies' auxiliary for the Freemasons' Hospital, held yesterday afternoon. Lady Brunton, who is president of the committee, presided. Additional members appointed were Mesdames O. Benn, Cornwell, Grosser, Clement, Fowler, Hollins, B. Walker, H. Guest, Henriques, W. Morris, Fitzgerald, Bleach, White, Chisholm, Aitchison, Nelson, Stephenson, Spencer, Okey, Christie, Williams, Surrum, Duncan, Barnard, Crow, Quick, Bartling, Cook, Parker and P. Read. Members of the auxiliary have decided to work towards the equipping of the new hospital, and arrangements were made to hold a bridge party in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, 20th November. The hon. secretary of the committee is Mrs. E. H. Richmond (W5975).



## Vale John Billing

The 'life of the party' and the heart and soul of the 1985 Ceremonial Grand Team, RWBro. John Billing PJGW, passed peacefully to the Grand Lodge Above on 1 December.

Nearly 100 Freemasons attended his memorial service in Swan Hill, where the Masonic graveside commemoration was delivered by his best mate and team mate, VWBro. Doug Hawke.

John was a country lad both by birth and by heart. He was made a Freemason in Kerang in 1965 and served as Master of that Lodge twice in 1975 and 1994. He joined Castle Donnington Lodge in Swan Hill, his home for many years, and again served as Master twice in 2003 and 2009.

He was an active member of the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team as 1985's Grand Steward. He was always 'available'!

JB was loved for his sense of humour, his immense generosity and his love of the basic tenets and principles of the Craft - Brotherly love, relief and truth. His fishing stories are a legend. He will be sadly missed.

RWBro. Jim Mitchell PDGM

## Jasmine Hodge: Not Left Behind

7-year-old Jasmine started school this year. She runs around like normal kids, she plays games like normal kids, but underneath all this, Jasmine needs a team of specialists to help her maintain her relative normal lifestyle.

When Jasmine was just one day old she had a stroke, which left her with Cerebral Palsy and left sided weakness. She needs an ongoing team of physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists and the rehab clinic at the Royal Children's Hospital to assist her with everyday things that we all take for granted.

Jasmine's parents are dedicated to her treatment and have found therapy in Alabama, USA to help her strength and use her left hand. As you can imagine, this is an expensive process. It means time off work for both of them, along with the cost of treatment, travel and accommodation.

The family are holding a trivia night on Saturday 2 February 2013 at Williamstown Masonic Centre, to raise funds to ensure Jasmine's treatment will not be an ongoing financial struggle for them.

For details, or to offer support, please contact Jasmine's Aunty Jo Taylor on 0410303155 or [jazzienotleftbehind@gmail.com](mailto:jazzienotleftbehind@gmail.com)

Jasmine Hodge: Not Left Behind  
Trivia Night Fundraiser

6.30pm Saturday 2 February 2013  
Williamstown Masonic Centre  
21 Electra Street, Williamstown

\$30/person, tables of 10  
BYO Alcohol, food and snacks or  
order an antipasto platter for \$50.

Auction items include a NASCAR  
experience at Calder Park Raceway!



## 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.

## Special Shabbat Service

WBro. Ron Arrons invites you all to a special Shabbat (Sabbath) Synagogue Service to honour Freemasonry.

Saturday 1 June 2013  
Temple Beth Israel  
76-82 Alma Road, St Kilda

All Victorian Freemasons, their partners and families are invited, regardless of their faith. A Kiddush (light refreshments) will follow the service.

For further information, please contact Ron via [paparon@optusnet.com.au](mailto:paparon@optusnet.com.au)

## Task Force Volunteers

Merv and the Task Force will be calling for volunteers in the near future, to help with clean-up efforts following this summer's bush fires.

Further details will follow.

## Get Involved!

The Membership Team at Freemasons Victoria are looking for volunteers with skills and experience in multimedia, television and radio production and presentation, editing and other marketing and media skills.

Send your details, along with a brief run-down of what you can help with, to the team via [media@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:media@freemasonsvic.net.au)

## CBD Luncheon

Our first CBD Luncheon for the year will be on Tuesday 12 March 2013 at Morgan's 401 on Collins Street, Melbourne.

Contact Donna for more information:  
[delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au)

## Freemasons: The Inside Story

This March will see the launch of *Freemasons: The Inside Story*, our new television program. Screening at 8.30pm, for 26 weeks from Monday 4 March 2013, the program is the first of its kind.

As well as showcasing the organisation, this is a great opportunity for you to share your fraternity with family and friends.



## 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   | ✓ |
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| 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> |   |
| Volunteer to help out on the 2013 Good Friday appeal at your local 7/11 store   |   |
| Become a Friend of Freemasons Hospital and volunteer your time and skill to help patients and staff at Epworth Freemasons   |   |
| Contact Ben Quick to register your interest in the 2013 Australia Day March   |   |
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## 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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# 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  
using attached booking form

For more information:

t: (03) 9411 0111

e: [installation@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:installation@freemasonsvic.net.au)



# UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA – GRAND INSTALLATION 22-24 MARCH 2013

## REGISTRATION RETURN – GRAND INSTALLATION 22 - 24 MARCH 2013

Registration No.   
Office Use Only

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| Wife / Partner                      | <input type="text"/>     | Preferred Name                          | <input type="text"/>           |                                |                               |                              |
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| Seating Preference (not guaranteed) | <input type="text"/>     |   |                                |                                |                               |                              |

Any additional registration names please list overleaf

### EVENTS RESERVATIONS

| EVENT  | No. Attending | Cost per Person                                 | Total   |
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| QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION & GRAND INSTALLATION<br>Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2013 Seated by 6.30pm<br>Dallas Brooks Centre (includes Supper)<br>(Quarterly 6.30pm Grand Installation 7.30pm Supper 9.30pm)                      |               | \$ 15.00  | \$      |
| GRAND BANQUET<br>Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 6:30pm for 7.00pm<br>Melbourne Pavilion, Flemington (includes Drinks)   |               | \$110.00  | \$      |
| FAMILY DAY & SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING<br>Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Service commences at 11:00am<br>Como Gardens . The Basin<br>(Includes BBQ food & soft drink)<br>BYO Picnics welcome – but no cooking / BBQs allowed onsite |               | \$ 15.00 Adult<br>\$ 5.00 Child<br>\$ 40 Family | \$      |
| * <b>EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION - For 10% discount, return your application by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013</b>   |               |   | \$( - ) |

### PAYMENT DETAILS

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## ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION

For registering additional attendees please print the names for which payment is being made and the number attending that event.

| Names | Lodge No. | Grand Installation | Grand Banquet | Family Day & Service of Thanksgiving |
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The Melbourne Pavilion began life as the Burge Bros Factory in Flemington. It was constructed in 1945-46 to a design by C.T Gilbertson with application to build rushed to meet urgent need from government to manufacture materials for defence purposes. Step outside and observe a rectilinear style reminiscent of the work of Dutch modernist Willem Dudok. Step inside and the curved roof of the large factory is supported on glue-laminated (now the oldest and earliest known example of this method in Australia) arches spanning 30 metres. The arches are made up of 29 laminated sections of coachwood, and form a large column free factory area – making this a space of scientific and architectural importance to the State of Victoria.

GETTING THERE - **The Melbourne Pavilion is located on the corner of 135-157 Racecourse Road and Stubbs Street, Flemington** (enter via Stubbs St). If travelling northbound along Citylink, take the Racecourse Rd exit, turning left at the Racecourse Rd exit and immediate left into Stubbs St. If travelling north via Flemington Road, turn left into Racecourse Rd. Ample street parking is available. For more info [www.melbournepavilion.com.au](http://www.melbournepavilion.com.au)



**The Como Gardens is a 35min drive from Melbourne CBD at 79 Basin - Olinda Road, The Basin.** After discussions between the Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne and other interested organisations, The Garden Plant Conservation Association of Australia was inaugurated under an historic oak tree, claimed to be one of the first in Australia, in 1989. Como Gardens at that time was a thriving Nursery which held two collections of plants, Magnolia and Prunus.

The Car Museum houses many cars, some of which have an early historic significance as they have played a major role in pioneering what we enjoy today in modern motoring. Making mention of one, an 1896 Benz Velo, was purchased by phone hook-up in 1982 to a London auction house, after its return from the Netherlands Motor Museum.

Como Gardens also has a miniature railway track and train station, where the 650 meters extends over 6 acres of formal gardens, traversing over three creek trestle bridges, through an extended laburnum arch then back to the "Como Gardens" station, on a 7 1/4" track. While it was essential that steam power be used for propulsion, it also requires diesel for entertaining small groups and in addition, each engine needed to be capable of carrying five carriages and a total of 30 passengers.

We'll also have a jumping castle, face painting and many other activities to keep the young and young at heart entertained. For more info [www.comogardens.com.au](http://www.comogardens.com.au)

### PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO:

GRAND SECRETARY PO BOX 553, EAST MELBOURNE VIC 8002, AUSTRALIA  
 Telephone: (03) 9411 0111 Website: [www.freemasonsvic.net.au](http://www.freemasonsvic.net.au)  
 For 10% discount return your application by **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013.**  
**Bookings close Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

Email: [installation@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:installation@freemasonsvic.net.au)