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A word from the Grand Master

We are now less than a month away from March 2013, which promises to be the biggest March we've seen yet!

While the team at the Grand Secretariat, and your Grand Ceremonial Team, prepare for the Grand Installation celebrations at the end of the month, there's another exciting initiative going to launch in only three weeks.

Freemasons: The Inside Story is our exciting new initiative, in partnership with C31 Melbourne. Beginning on Monday 4 March and screening at 8.30pm every Monday for six months, the show will continue our journey of revealing the secrets of Freemasonry. Namely, that there are no secrets.

The program is the greatest innovation in Freemasonry to date and will go a long way in sharing our story with the general public. From Freemasonry's benevolent works, to the personal stories of Masons from around the state. From conversations with the beneficiaries of our work, to insights into the history and symbolism of our fraternity. This program will change the face of Freemasonry in Australia.

Your task is to make sure we have the biggest impact possible. Tell your friends about the program. Share the details via your social media. All those questions that your friends and family have asked you for many years will now be answered. Just tell them to tune in to C31 at 8.30pm on Monday 4 March.

Let's celebrate our fraternity and keep it racing toward the future.



Help the Hospital at the Quarterly

In the lead up to our 2013 Good Friday Appeal, the Task Force will have appeal collection tins at the sign in desk during the March Grand Installation and Quarterly Communication.

Support the Children's Hospital and help the Task Force start this year's Good Friday Appeal with a bang, by offering any loose change you have on the night.

Remember, also, the challenge that the Grand Master has set for this year's appeal; to have a Freemason shaking their appeal tin at every 7/11 in the state! Speak to your District Coordinator for more details.

Queenscliff's Junior Citizens

Cosmopolitan Lodge No 96 is pleased to announce the winners of the 2012 Queenscliff Point Lonsdale Junior Citizen Awards, for year six students at Queenscliff, Point Lonsdale and St Aloysius Catholic Primary Schools:

- Point Lonsdale Primary School: Rachel Webb and Aidan MacKenzie (pictured top right)
- Queenscliff Primary School: Brendan Fahey and Elizabeth McKenzie Ebbels (pictured bottom right with Secretary Dick Clark)
- St Aloysius Primary School: Erin Edwards & Ron Ambrose (no photos available)



The winners were presented a cheque for \$100 along with a certificate.

Winners were chosen for their:

Leadership

- Consideration for others (Children and Adults)
- Willingness to assist others
- Cooperative nature
- Self-motivation

The Awards were made possible through joint funding by the Board of Benevolence and Cosmopolitan Lodge No 96.

Merebein's not Chaff

Chaffey Aged Care has a new mobile vital signs monitor, thanks to a \$400 donation from Merbein Lodge. The machine accurately and quickly reads patients' blood pressure, pulse and oxygen levels.

Chaffey Aged Care Executive Darren Midgley says they are very grateful for the Lodge's ongoing support. 'Merbein Lodge has supported us since our inception,' he said. 'These machines are anywhere up to \$6,000 and they are probably our most used piece of equipment.'

Merbein Lodge raised the money through various fundraisers throughout the year. The Lodge also supports Merbein P-10 College.



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?



Doing Rowley (Mor)well

History was created at the last meeting of Morwell Lodge No. 202, with their first ever presentation of a 70 year jewel.

It was also the first visit to the Lodge by a current Grand Master, with MWBro. Bob Jones GM and members of the Grand Team on hand to make the presentation.

98-year-old Bro. Eric Rowley MM was joined by members of his family for the presentation of his 70 year jewel.



Lloyd a Guiding Star for Lyndon

Bro. Llyod Jenkins of Guiding Star Lodge was thrilled with a surprise visit from nephew WBro. Lyndon Jenkins, WM of Roebuck Lodge in Broome, WA. Lyndon flew to Melbourne to witness his uncles 60 year jewel presentation.

His all-white garb caused quite a stir among members of Guiding Star Lodge, but Lyndon explained that it is the customary dress of his Lodge and relates to the pearl fishers that used to work the seas around Broome.



Bro. Llyod was initiated into Sebastopol Lodge in 1952. VWBro. David Pratt, District Coordinator and friend of many years, made the jewel presentation.

Thank you for the music, Bro. Hugh

Bro. Hugh Vallance, Past Grand Organist has attended 3300 meetings for 14 Lodges in his 60 years as a Freemason. Unfortunately due to his declined mobility, he must resign as Westgate Daylight Lodge's organist. His music and cheerful disposition will be sadly missed by his fellow Brethren.



Vale Arthur Venn

RWBro Arthur Richard Venn PJGW passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Friday 18 January 2013.

Arthur was a legend in his own lifetime for his work amongst the district Lodges creating an awareness of Royal Freemasons, better known to most of us as the Royal Freemasons Homes of Victoria. He was a foundation member of the inaugural Maroondah District Panel and was the very epitome of what each one of us would seek to be as members of this wonderful Craft of ours.

After his initiation to Doncaster Lodge in 1964, he worked tirelessly for Royal Freemasons Homes. He continually moved throughout the jurisdiction explaining the great features of the Masonic Homes to our members and reminding us of its massive benefit to the community generally and to the fraternity in particular, especially our widows. He was a special advocate for Centennial Lodge in Wantirna giving of his time daily to help the distressed with their midday meal.

Arthur Venn leaves behind very clearly defined footsteps for each of us to follow.

Old Melburnians Lodge No. 317 90th Birthday Celebration

12.30pm, Sunday 24 February 2013

Celebrate the Lodge's 90th Birthday with a three course meal at La Via 252-254 Glenferrie Road, Malvern

\$50.00 per person (purchase own liquid refreshments)

As well as on the street parking, there is car park opposite in Willis Street. There is also a small parking area in High Street – next to the Library.

All Lodge members, their partners and Old Melburnians who are also Freemasons. Widows of deceased members also invited.

RSVP: Thursday 15 February 2013 to Richard Burman, Secretary. 80 Asling Street, Brighton Vic 3186 or (03) 9596 4493

Ivalda Market

Ivalda Masonic Centre is hosting an arts and crafts market from 10am to 4pm on Sunday 17 March at 42 Salisbury Ave, Ivanhoe

Items for sale will include home wares, children's clothing, vintage stamps, jewellery, cupcakes and more.

IVALDA MARKET
Ivalda Masonic Centre
42 Salisbury Avenue, Ivanhoe
Sunday 17th March 2013
10am - 4pm

More information:
Penny Williams
littledivabowtique@gmail.com

Candles, Cupcakes, Jewellery, Greeting Cards, Hair Accessories, Homewares, Children's Clothing, Vintage Stamps, Handmade Items, Loose Leaf Teas and Many More.

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

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

CBD Luncheon

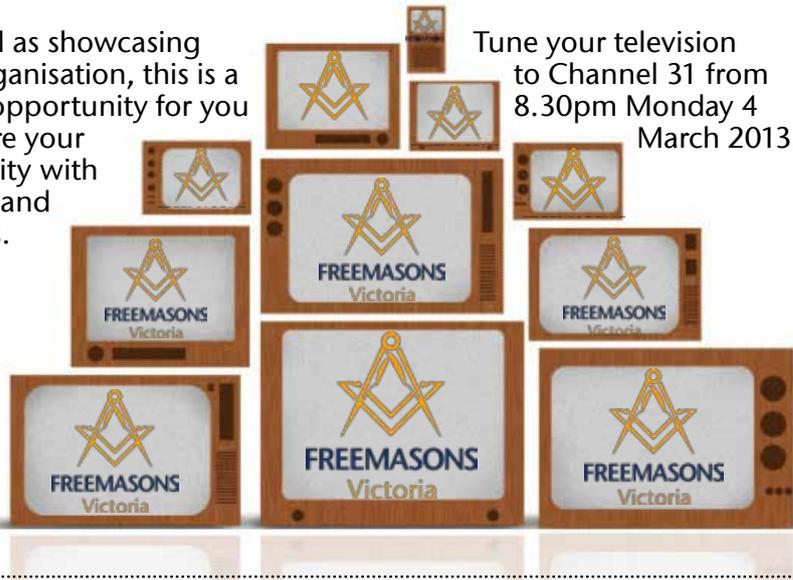
Our first CBD Luncheon for the year will be on Tuesday 12 March 2013 at Morgan's 401 on Collins Street, Melbourne.

Contact Donna for more information:
delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au

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.



Tune your television to Channel 31 from 8.30pm Monday 4 March 2013.

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

Action List	✓
Stay connected via social media by connecting with our pages on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Twitter • LinkedIn • Flickr • Google+ 	
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	
Mark Monday 4 March 2013 in your calendar as the launch of <i>Freemasons: The Inside Story</i>	

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

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



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