



A word from the Grand Master

All systems go! As I start my second year as your Grand Master, it has already shown that the fast pace set over the last 12 months is continuing!

The success of Freemasonry in the media through Channel 31 in particular, helps us display all our benevolent partnerships, show to our fellow Victorians that Freemasonry is alive and well, and portray the message that we will continue to support those in need in the community. It is vital, that we continue to open our Lodges and minds, to those in our communities, and foster and encourage enquiries and interest at local level.

Regionally, we have just celebrated the centenary of Freemasonry at the Kyabram Lodge. Congratulations to the Kyabram Lodge and Brethren in reaching this milestone. With well organised and executed plans for such events, we as a Craft, can ride the media wave and it is critical that we maintain positive standing to all.

The Campaspe Valley Lodge in Echuca recently donated a new car to the local hospital for their use, and the local media coverage again was strong, with myself and members of the Grand Secretariat media team in attendance for support. With the help of our Media and Membership department, driven by Justin White, we can continue to gain good media coverage for our charitable activities.

On Anzac Day, assisted by MWBro Maj Gen Frank Poke PGM, I was deeply honoured to lay a wreath at the Shrine of Remembrance on behalf of all Freemasons in Victoria. This occasion, with a number of other special events on and around Anzac Day, was the subject of a special episode of Freemasons the Inside Story on Monday 6th May. This episode was a fitting dedication and tribute to all servicemen and women and can be seen as always, at catch-up TV on the Channel 31 website www.c31.com.au

I trust you will enjoy this edition of your Engage newsletter.



We will remember them

Grand Master Bob Jones, MWBro. MajGen Francis Poke PGM and many other Brethren attended the 98th Dawn and Wreath ANZAC Memorial Service held at the Shrine of Remembrance.

Lodges throughout the state recently carried out the Ceremony of the Vacant Chair. This simple but sincere ceremony is performed in Lodges throughout the country at this time of year coinciding with Anzac Day. This allows members to reflect on the symbolic loss of brothers who otherwise would be seated among us were it not for his having made the ultimate sacrifice.

United in Memory



The 2013 Combined Lodges ANZAC Reunion Meeting proved that there is still a place for this annual reunion of serving, ex-service and other interested brethren. There was an excellent attendance to the commemoration ceremony in the Lodge room. Congratulations must go to the hosts, the United Service Lodge No.330, for a well-performed and moving commemoration ceremony.

The first combined meeting was held in 1983, hosted by The Army Lodge and with one exception, the meeting has been held every year since.

Freemasons Victoria drives Family Life



Family life operates in the South Eastern region of Melbourne and provides assistance and support to families, children and young people to improve their outlook on life – in particular by assisting the disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Freemasons Victoria through the Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation, the Bayside District Charitable Fund and Rotary Club of Brighton North have providing funding to acquire and fit out a brand new light truck to aid in the work that Family Life performs.

The vehicle will be used in family outreach and the collection of materials and clothing across the region and will greatly assist in the operations of Family Life.

CBD Luncheon

Freemasons and their guests are cordially invited to the next CBD luncheon featuring guest speaker Matthew Finnis.

Matt is currently chairman of Ladder – an AFL Players charitable initiative to tackle youth homelessness and a director of AFL SportsReady – the AFL industry’s group training company.

He is also a director of Surfing Australia and has been a director and company secretary of Surf Life Saving Victoria since 2002. Matt was also a founding director of HeartKids, a charity supporting children born with congenital heart disease.

When: Tuesday 11 June, 2013
Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Where: Morgans @ 401, 401 Collins Street, Melbourne
Cost: \$55 for Freemasons \$50 for non-Freemason guests (includes 2 course lunch and beverages).

Please contact Donna De La Rue on 9411 0103 or email delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au

Monash Gully Open Night

Monash Gully Open Night will be held on Friday 31 May, 2013 at 7pm.

An open night is a great opportunity to bring friends together and share your Masonic experience with those you think would make a great contribution to Freemasonry.

The Open Night will be held at the Waverley Masonic Centre, 318 – 322 Stephenson’s Road, Mount Waverley.

For more details, contact Graeme Dinn on 9802 2170 or email monash.open.night@gmail.com

Eastern CBD Business Luncheon



Bro. John Millar invites members and their guests to the Eastern CBD Business Luncheon on Tuesday 14 May at 12 noon, for businessmen who work in and around the Eastern Suburbs.

The luncheon will feature guest speaker Phil Stenhouse. Phil is the CEO of Bridge Builders Youth Organisation and has an inspiring vision; to assist young people in developing the necessary skills to achieve their dreams and become an asset to their Community.

The luncheon will take place at Nelsons 382, 382 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South at a **cost of \$50 p.p.** Bookings are essential. Please contact Donna De La Rue before Wednesday 8 May on 9411 0103 or email delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au

Goldfields Group helps Golf day



The Maryborough Districts Health Service (MDHS) Cancer Care Unit recently conducted its inaugural Charity Golf Day at the Maryborough Golf Club.

The Charity Day attracted 24 and raised in excess of \$13,000 in aid of the Cancer Care Unit, the major prize was a new Toyota for a Hole in One at the 18th Green. In its continued support of community projects, the Central Goldfields Masonic Group were called upon to act as Marshals at various points around the course.

The MDHS Cancer Care Unit is assisted by many volunteers who support the unit in many various ways from volunteer drivers of the unit's patient car, taking patients to and from Treatment Centers and fund raising.

Special Shabbat Service

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

The special service will be held at 9:30am on Saturday 1 June, 2013 at Temple Beth Israel 76-82 Alma Road, St Kilda.

All Victorian Freemasons, their partners and families are invited to attend, regardless of their faith.

A Kiddush (light refreshment) will follow the service.

For further information, please contact Ron via paparon@optusnet.com.au

Pink Trivia Night

The Monash Gully region is holding a Pink Trivia Night on Saturday 1 June to raise funds for Cancer. All funds raised will go towards the Monash Gully Regions grand total.

Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Ferntree Gully

Masonic Centre

111 Station St, Ferntree Gully

Cost: \$10.00 entry, Children under 13 free

Finger foods supplied. BYO drinks and munchies. Prizes for the winners.

A FUN NIGHT IS GUARANTEED

Bookings are essential.

Please contact Mark Lavale

on 0438596502 or email

mark_27@live.com.au

Open Events

All Open Events can be found on the Freemasons Victoria website - [Events Calendar](#). Just click the link on the homepage!

Campaspe Valley Lodge makes their mark



Echuca Regional Health will now be available to assist ERH to provide essential service to assist members of the Echuca-Moama community.

Grand Master Bob Jones visited Echuca on Monday to officially hand over the keys to the new vehicle to June Dyson, ERH's Executive Director of Nursing and to thank the members of the Campaspe Valley Lodge for their tireless fundraising efforts.

The car is adorned with both the Freemasons Victoria and 'Make Your Mark' campaign logos. The clearly identifiable Toyota Corolla will be seen visiting members of the Echuca-Moama and surrounding community to assist ERH in meet the increasing demand for community based services such as district nursing, hospital in the home, cancer supportive care, palliative care and speech pathology in schools programs.

Salesforce Handy Hints



Having trouble logging in to the members section of the website?

If you have old logins bookmarked do not use these as they will take you to wrong page.

If you use Google to find the login and get the screen below you must click on the words 'Freemasons Victoria' and not 'Member & Lodge Secretary' or any other link as they all take you to old pages. It is important to note that Google control these not Freemasons Victoria.

To log in use www.freemasonsvic.net.au and click on member log-in section.

This will take you to the correct members login page, where you enter your username and password. Your username is your member number followed by '@freemasonsvic.net.au' eg 311321@freemasonsvic.net.au and your unique password you received in the letter form the Grand Secretary.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Roger Schie on 9411 0111 or rschie@freemasonsvic.net.au

Lodge Ladies Lunch

The Lodge Ladies lunch to be known as 'Triple Ls' will be held on Thursday 16 May at the Ripples on the Res, formerly the Goldfields Restaurant on Ballart Road in Maryborough.

Time: 12:00pm

Cost: \$20.00 per person for a 2 course lunch.

RSVP: Tuesday 14 May to Noelle on 5464 7329

This is a good opportunity for the ladies to have lunch and a chat and get to know one another.

Open forum on Freemasonry

The Oakdale Lodge invites all members and their guests to attend their meeting on Tuesday 14 May where the Grand Master will be conducting an Open Forum on Freemasonry.

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: A one off supper charge of \$20 will apply as the event is fully catered.

RSVP: Bookings are essential. Contact Lance Maguire on 0407 233 822 or email lmaguire@optusnet.com.au

Fireman's Night

The Mordialloc Lodge of Charity extends an invitation to all interested Brethren to attend the 61st Anniversary of the Fireman's Night to be held on Friday 24 May at the South Eastern Masonic Centre, Hutton Road Keysborough at 7:15pm.

Emergency service Brethren are asked to wear their uniform.

A \$10 supper charge includes meal, drinks and raffle tickets.

For catering purposes register with Col Langley on 9795 2014.

Freemasons: The Inside Story

Freemasons: The Inside Story has been receiving very positive feedback from Victorian members and interstate and overseas viewers via the Channel 31 website.

Be sure to spread the word and tune in to Channel 31 on Monday nights at 8:30pm. If you can't access Channel 31 on your television, the Channel 31 website features catch up streaming of the last few episodes.



Free Flu Vaccinations

Members and their wives can attend the Epworth Freemasons Hospital GP clinic on Albert Street in East Melbourne for a bulk billed flu vaccination.

If you would like to receive the vaccination, phone 9418 8162 and advise the receptionist that you are booking in for the Freemasons flu vaccine service.

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 and the details of your special happening.

Email your submission to media@freemasonsvic.net.au

Freemasons on TV




Missed an episode of Freemasons: The Inside Story?


You can catch up on previous episodes by visiting the channel 31 website www.c31.org.au

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Email media@freemasonsvic.net.au with any stories and images that you would like to see published in *engage!*, on the Freemasons Victoria website or the Freemasonry Victoria magazine.

Visit the Freemasons Victoria website calendar of events to see if there are any upcoming events that you or your family and friends may be interested in attending.

Ensure you have received your online login details, that you can log into the member database and check that your contact details are up-to-date. Contact your secretary if you have any issues.

Remind your friends and family to tune into *Freemasons: The Inside Story* on Channel 31 at 8:30pm on Mondays.