

A word from the Grand Master

With the winter months approaching, it's important to remember that just like a finely tuned engine, your body needs to be fueled and kept serviced, so THAT it runs smoothly, efficiently and you can rely on it in any weather! This month we provide details about free flu vaccinations for all Brethren and reduced rates for thier families, on offer via our wonderful partnership with Epworth HealthCare, please see page 5.

Again over the last few weeks, our Lodges have been very active, with numerous events being held throughout the state. Of highlight was the Open Forum which I attended at Oakdale Lodge, a very successful event that was aimed at open discussion and the health of Freemasonry in the community.

Coming up in the next month, we have the Quarterly Communication, to be held at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday 19 June. This event will be live streamed, so for all those who are unable to attend, please stay in touch on the Freemasons Victoria website for details about logging in to view the event.

Thank you, I hope you enjoy this edition of engage!



Proud grandfather Deputy Grand Master Hillel Benedykt, his wife Sue and parents Lisa and Warren have just welcomed the newest member of the Benedykt family into the world. *Emma Jade Lazarus* was born on Sunday 19 May at 12:15am at the Freemasons Maternity Hospital weighing a very healthy 7lb5.

Emma giving one Grand Honour to her Grandfather

Hillel and Sue will soon be expecting another grandchild with their son, Lisa's twin brother and his wife expecting in only a few weeks time!

On behalf of Freemasons Victoria and all Brethren, a huge **Congratulations!**



CBD Luncheon

The CBD luncheon continues to grow in popularity! Members and their guests are invited to the next CBD luncheon on Tuesday 11 June 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.

The luncheon will be held from 12:00pm - 2:00pm at Morgans @ 401, 401 Collins Street. The cost is \$55 for Freemasons and \$50 for non-Freemason guests (includes 2 course lunch and beverages).

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

Grand Master's Presentation



Saturday 4 May saw the Kyabram Lodge No. 225 celebrate their 100th anniversary. The 2013-14 Grand Ceremonial Team performed a Consecration demonstration followed by the Installation of the RWBro. Stanley McIntosh, PJGW as Master.

Prior to the ceremonies, a special presentation of a specialised showering disability chair was made by the Grand Master to Bro. Graham Renton a member of the Frankston Lodge.

The Board of Benevolence and the Frankston Lodge provided this chair to assist with Graham's care at his nursing home in Kyabram. Wendy Addesi, a member of the staff at the Homes, explained the use of the chair and how it would improve Graham's lifestyle.

WBro. Neil Lovett, the Master of Frankston Lodge, also presented Graham with a 40 year pin. Frankston Lodge thanks Kyabram Lodge for including these presentations on their special day.

Grant to Catalina



The Catalina Flying Boat Museum, located at Lake Boga is the recipient of a \$4,000 grant to assist in the creation of a Garden Memorial Park adjacent to the Museum.

Swan Hill Masonic Lodge together with Freemasons Victoria were instrumental in donating the grant, which came from the 'Green Thumb' fund.

The Green Thumb fund was established by Freemasons Victoria after the Ash Wednesday disasters of 1983, and is used to re-establish areas devastated by natural disasters, or to create greening areas for projects such as the Catalina Museum.

Need a new shirt?



Need a new business or dinner shirt? Freemasons Victoria members are being exclusively offered Hardy Amies London shirts for only \$55.

The shirts are high quality, made from pure cotton and are available in a range of different sizes.

Click here to see images of the shirts and to download an order form.

Further information call Bob Young on 9411 0138 or young@freemasonsvic.net.au

Mooroopna Lodge Open Invest

The Mooroopna Lodge is holding an Open Investiture ceremony. Members and their guests are invited inside the Lodge room to witness ceremonial displays and learn more about Freemasonry.

Date: Saturday 15 June
Time: Ladies 4:00pm, other guests 5:00pm
Location: Tatura Masonic Centre
 Francis Street, Tatura

A banquet will be held after the event at the Tatura Golf Club at 7:00pm. Bookings essential.

To book please contact WBro. John Freudenstein on 0417 381 954 or freudy3@gmail.com

1000 meetings



On Wednesday 1 May, Ringwood Lodge No. 382 proudly celebrated its 1000th meeting.

Special souvenir placemats and coasters produced to mark this significant occasion were available for all to take home as a memento of the night.

During the celebrations Master VWBro. Colin Wolf, PGIW read a brief history of the Lodge. Also on the night, the Lodge had the pleasure of presenting a 60 year jewel to RWBro. Martin Gleeson and obligating the Master Elect Bro. Colin Read.

Freemasons Victoria Scholarships



Each year the Freemasons Victoria Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to secondary students of all levels and to those entering tertiary studies. This year, 102 scholarships were awarded.

The scholarships presentation took place at a gathering of approximately 350 students and supporters at the Dallas Brooks Centre. The evening also included an address by the winner of the 2008 Freemasons Victoria Scholarship, by Dr. Claire Knowles who has now completed her studies.

After receiving the scholarship, Claire went on to proudly graduate with a Bachelor of Dental Science with honours. The scholarship funding allowed Claire to maximise her educational opportunities and enabled her to provide free dental services to the community in a number of community health clinics, including a rural placement in Shepparton.

For more information about scholarships, contact Heather McKinnon by emailing mckinnon@freemasonsvic.net.au

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 10:00am on Saturday 1 June, 2013 at Temple Beth Israel 76-82 Alma Road, St Kilda. A tour of the Synagogue commences at 9:30am sharp and the service begins at 10am.

A Kiddush (light refreshment) will follow the service.

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

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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 food supplied. BYO drinks and munchies. Prizes for the winners.

A FUN NIGHT IS GUARANTEED

Bookings are essential. Please contact Mark Lavale on 0438 596 502 or send an email to mark_27@live.com.au

Graeme Love Memorial Scholarship



In 2012 Grand Master, MWBro. Vaughan Werner expressed his desire for the Freemasons Victoria Education Committee to establish closer links with tertiary institutions. Several ideas were and are under consideration; with the first being to offer a post-graduate scholarship for students enrolled in a Masters or Doctorate Degree and undertaking research into Freemasonry. In establishing this award, it was also decided to recognise the valuable contribution that the late VWBro. Graeme Love, PGIWkgs., made over many years to Masonic Education and Research. Graeme was a leading light in Masonic Education and Research and furthered the course of Masonic Education to the level that it is now of benefit to the whole Craft.

The winner of the inaugural Graeme Love Memorial Scholarship in Fraternal Studies is Mr Graeme Williams. Mr Williams is undertaking a Masters Degree at Deakin University. His thesis relates to the Savage Club, which is one of the four remaining Melbourne clubs established in the nineteenth century (the others being the Atheneum, Australian and Melbourne clubs). Membership of the Savage Club includes many significant Freemasons who also made significant contributions to Australia; including Brother Sir Robert Menzies. The Savage Club premises acquired in 1923 had previously been the property of our first Grand Master's son Sir Rupert Clark, Bart.

Graeme Williams is himself the son and grandson of Freemasons and was once a student of the Ionic Masonic Coaching Service.

Graeme was presented with his award last month with the recipients of the Board of Benevolence scholarships. Upon completion of his studies, Graeme will be delivering his paper at a Masonic function.

Graeme is pictured above with MWBro. Bob Jones, GM and WBro. Bill Stevenson, PGPurs, Superintendent of Education.



Ensure you have received your online login details so 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.

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Birthday wishes

Celebrations are in order for VWBro. Allan Berkefeld, who turned 100 years of age on Sunday 26 May, 2013.

VWBro. Allen was initiated into Freemasonry on 19 September 1952 and served the Craft for over sixty one years, initially as a member of The Athenaeum Lodge No. 347. Contributing greatly and in many ways to community, W.Bro. Allan then moved into Lodge of Quest No. 587 in April 1957 where he also became Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1968.

In December 1992 W.Bro. Allan joined The Orpheus Lodge No. 394 and then Maroondah Daylight Lodge No. 607 in July 2007 before moving into his current Lodge of Transition in October 2008.

On behalf of Freemasons Victoria, we hope that you had a lovely birthday!

Lara Lodge turns 50!

Lara Lodge will celebrate its 50th year by holding a demonstration Consecration.

The ceremony will be carried out by the current Grand Ceremonial team.

Members and non-members alike are invited to witness the ceremony and learn about Freemasonry.

When: Saturday 20 July
Location: Lara Masonic Centre
 Cnr Rennie and Archimedes Street, Lara
Time: 4:00pm

Further enquiries call Larry Fraim 5282 2183 or lfracim@bigpond.net.au



Freemasons: The Inside Story

Freemasons: The Inside Story has already been very successful both interstate and overseas and after 10 episodes, more than 250,000 unique viewers have tuned in!

Be sure to spread the word and tune into Ch 31 on Monday nights at 8:30pm. If you can't access Ch 31 on your television, the Ch 31 website www.c31.org.au features catch up streaming of the last few episodes. Enjoy!



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Epworth
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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.

A New Dawn

Epworth HealthCare and Freemasons Victoria have a long and proud history of partnership. For many years Freemasons Victoria and Brethren have supported Epworth.

Shortly, Freemasons Victoria will announce a wonderful new partner program to progress us into the next generation.

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