



A word from the Grand Master

This past fortnight has been quite eventful with some very inspiring engagements, beginning with the Shabbat Synagogue Service that honoured Freemasonry all around the world. Around 100 people attended this event that was held in St Kilda.

On 6 June the Past Deputy Grand Masters meeting was held at Grand Lodge. It was great to see some familiar faces and bring them all up to speed with where we're heading.

Angus Richmond was installed as Worshipful Master at Hearts of Oak Lodge No. 681 that night which I found to be a very unique and personal event.

Along with 80 guests, Freemasons and non-Freemasons alike, I attended the CBD Luncheon on 11 June where AFL Players Association CEO Matt Finnis addressed the group. Matt spoke about the synergies between the values and principles upheld within Freemasonry to those within his career and his involvement with community, particularly HeartKids, an organisation that supports children and their families suffering heart disease.

In the wee hours of Thursday 13 June I flew out to Kuala Lumpur to attend the Grand Installation in the District Grand Lodge of the Middle East. This is a unique opportunity to join 40 others in a Victorian delegation to celebrate 100 years for Lodge Tallibardine.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of *engage!* Newsletter, and I look forward to seeing you all at the Quarterly Communications on Wednesday 19 June.

June Quarterly Communications



The next Quarterly Communications will be held at East Melbourne on Wednesday 19 June from 7:30pm. Two hours of live streaming is available from 7:25pm for those who cannot attend. Click [here](#) to view the event.

The event this quarter will include a presentation from the Chairman of the Royal Freemasons as well as presentation of cheques in support of St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research and Make a Wish Australia.

Freemasons: The Inside Story on Channel 31 has been very successful over the last few months; excerpts will be featured of some of the episodes aired so far. There'll be a presentation of the Certificates of Competency and lastly, an address from the Grand Master.

NO. 1 BBQ 4 EDAR



Late last year, the Chairman of the Lodge of Australia Felix Charity Committee WBro. Robert Ashe asked the Eastern District Access Centre (EDAR) if more work needed to be done to complete a garden project. He was advised that their BBQ was beyond repair.

The Lodge Charity Committee voted unanimously that both a new stove and BBQ should be provided. The project was completed in early May 2013 and EDAR decided to open the project with a hamburger and sausage sizzle.

VWBro. Ray Kelly opened the project and spoke on behalf of the Board and W/Bro B. Davis who represented the Lodge. Students and staff enthusiastically supported the presentation.

EDAR is a non-for-profit community organisation that is committed to providing quality personalised services and opportunities for teenagers and adults with a disability in the community.

Daylight, Alright?



Many believe Daylight Lodges only get new members transferring from night Lodges. In fact the percentage of Daylight Lodges initiating new brethren may well be higher than the night Lodges.

Woodend Daylight Lodge is one such example. WBro. Craig Reeves was initiated into Freemasonry in 2003, and recently was involved in the Initiation at Woodend of his police colleague, Karl Hartney.

Craig was followed into the Chair by another Master Mason, his Father – William - both pictured here with Karl. Craig and Karl both fit within the typical joining age, but Woodend's other relatively recent recruit was in his twenties - as a chef he found joining a Daylight Lodge much more convenient.

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

Old Square, New home



The Meredith Lodge, No. 163 certainly has a long history, initially consecrated on 27 February 1891 as Hopetoun Lodge, Murdock's Chambers, Morewell. In September 2011 the Lodge moved to the Lara Masonic Centre where it continues to function today.

At the Installation banquet earlier this year, the refurbished Square and Compasses that had once adorned the front wall of the Meredith Centre was unveiled by WBro. Trevor Hill, PJGD on the wall of the South at the Lara Masonic Centre.

Newly installed Master of Meredith Lodge WBro. Brian Goudge (on the left), the Master of Lara Lodge WBro. Peter Wallace (on the right) and WBro. Trevor Hill, who was the longest serving member of Meredith Lodge in attendance (in the centre).

All the bells and whistles



A gathering of 84 firemen from across the state representing Horsham, Shepparton, Ocean Grove, and Lochsport to name just a few, met at the South East Masonic Centre in May, for the 61st Annual Fireman's Night.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, represented by Right Worshipful Bro. David George SGW was accompanied by Grand Officers, who enjoyed a 2nd degree demonstration made by visiting firemen from the various CFA and MFB, and the Victorian Ambulance.

Many thanks to the support of Geoff Lowe, Kevin Fowler and Bruce Stockdale and last but not least a big thanks to Ron Simpson who played the organ throughout much of the evening's proceedings.

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 lfraim@bigpond.net.au

Limited Edition FHA Pin!



We are proud to announce the relaunch of the very popular Freemasons Hospital Association pins with a limited edition commemorative pin.

Please show your support by buying a FHA pin to help refurbish the Epworth Freemasons Oncology Department, to make the lives of those needing treatment that little bit easier.

The cost of each pin is \$5.00, a small way you can show that Freemasons care and that our principles really do make a difference!

To purchase the pin please contact Ben Quick via bquick@freemasonsvic.net.au or phone 9411 0111.

Good Rapport



The Lodge of Rapport, based at the Waverley Masonic Centre has donated \$3,000 to purchase a special bed for Wesley Neurological Support Services, a local charity that has been supported for years.

This year, the Lodge donated \$1,500 (matched by the Board of Benevolence) to purchase a large refrigeration unit for Waverley Benevolent Society to store food used in their support program.

The Lodge also donated \$400 to Interchange Outer East which is the Monash Gully District Charity for this year.

Pictured above is WBro. Alan Booth, Master of Lodge of Rapport presenting the bed to Wesley Neurological Support Services.

A touch of Finnis



Freemasons and non-Freemasons alike attended the CBD Luncheon, held at Morgans at 401 on Collins Street on Tuesday 11 June. The event, that attracted 80 guests, was a great opportunity to reacquaint with fellow Brothers as well as listen to speaker Matt Finnis, the CEO of the AFL Players Association.

Matt addressed the group about the parallels between the values and principles of Freemasonry and those of his career as well as his work within the community.

Matt was the founder of HeartKids, an organisation that provides support to children and their families suffering heart disease, and is the Director of Surf Life Saving Australia. He also has a very close association with Ladder, an independent not-for-profit organisation that tackles youth homeless in Australia.

After a range of different questions directed to Matt, Grand Master Bob Jones concluded the afternoon.

Victorian Freemasons Choir singing out for more members

The Victorian Freemasons Choir is seeking interest from fellow-Freemasons who would be keen to put their musical talents to good use.

The choir, which was actually founded in 1929 has had many highlights over the years, starting with Coronation week in 1936 where the choir produced a concert and pageant at the Regent Theatre 'as a great Masonic gesture of loyalty to the throne'.

In 1967 the choir sang at the official opening of the New Masonic Centre at Albert St, the first Grand Installation and Grand Celebration concert in the new Dallas Brooks Hall, all of which occurred in the one week; and clearly demonstrates the tremendous dedication of choir members.

Now-days, the choir has a number of commitments, singing at the Quarterlies and at Lodges when requested to assist in the odes at degree work and installations.

It aims to be involved in concerts which will enable a charitable contribution, and of a complete and well-balanced harmony of voices.

If you feel that you would enjoy performing with the choir, you're prepared to be led by an experienced conductor, and can commit to regular rehearsals, then don't hesitate to visit a rehearsal to get a sneak peak. As a beginning, please contact Secretary, WBro. Len Richardson on 9807 9595.

The choir rehearses on the second and fourth Sundays at Coppin Hall, Royal Freemasons, Moubray Street Melbourne from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.



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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Free Flu Vaccinations

If you haven't done so already, 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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