



A word from the Grand Master

You might remember that in my last message I mentioned I was off to Kuala Lumpur for a very special event. I attended the 100 Anniversary celebrations of the Lodge Tullibardine in the East No.1118 (Scottish Constitution), and was away for four days. I was honoured to be supported by 45 brethren and their partners, mainly from SEAVIC Lodge, many of whom are also members of Tullibardine.

The celebrations started with the Installation of the Right Worshipful Master Sunny Chua Chye Sun, followed the next day by a reconsecration ceremony and banquet, both presided over by the representative of the Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Also taking part in the ceremony was MWBro Dr Dunstan Fernandez Grand Master of District Grand Lodge of Middle East.

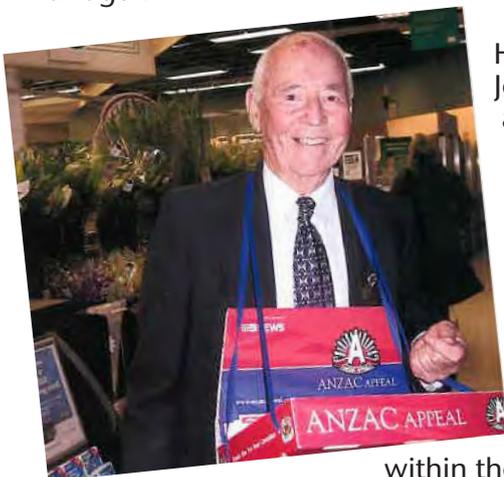
During the centenary celebrations, RWBro Keith Thornton, the foundation Master of SEAVIC Lodge and long term member of Tullibardine, was specifically recognised for his contribution to freemasonry in the South East Asia region.

The June Quarterly Communications was very well attended and again streamed to a huge audience, not only across our State of Victoria but around the world. See page 5 for a full summary of the event.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of engage! Newsletter.

Order of Australia Medals Awarded

Freemasons Victoria are very proud to announce that Bro. Bruce Armstrong was named in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours, specifically for his service to music and the community of Warragul.



He is joined by WBro. Leo Johnson who was also awarded an Order of Australia, specifically for his service to the community of Melton, particularly through employment, education and social welfare organisations.



Recognised for his service to the community, particularly to Veterans and their families, Bro Wallace McGillivray was also awarded an Order of Australia.

Freemasons is always appreciative of the efforts of it's members within the community and we are delighted that each of these gentlemen have been recognised in this way.

Bro. Wallace McGillivray (left) WBro. Leo Johnson (right)

Keith Hollingsworth Scholarships



Two Keith Hollingsworth scholarships worth \$250 each in value have been awarded to two very worthy Year 10 students of the Ringwood Secondary College.

The Maroondah Daylight Lodge and the Board of Benevolence have been awarding this scholarship to students for the last five years, and this year the scholarships go to Miss Jemimah Chako and Mr Jesse Baker.

The Maroondah Lodge was pleased to be able to award the Keith Hollingsworth scholarship to such worthy recipients. The scholarships are named after Keith Hollingsworth, Maroondah Lodge's Foundation Master. Keith had an extensive history in education in the Ringwood area, hence the scholarships have been directed to the Ringwood Secondary College, at which Keith's granddaughter was a very successful student.

Taggerty Fire Brigade



Freemasons Victoria Board of Benevolence along with the Illuminators Masters Group in Mount Waverly have made a generous donation that has enabled the Taggerty Rural Fire Brigade to purchase 20 high visibility safety

and weather jackets to be worn when attending incidents at night.

Cheques were presented to Taggerty Brigade Captain Darryl Robinson by Illuminators Masters Group president Belinda Wheatland and Brian Annand from the Board.

Mr Robinson who was most grateful for the funds, said that the vests would be useful during night events such as attending to car accidents and tree works.

Need a new shirt?



Need a new business or dinner shirt? Freemasons Victoria members are being exclusively offered Hardy Amies London shirts for only \$60.50.

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

In the East

Are you a recently Installed Master? Or are you a Past Master left wondering about the Secrets of the Masters chair?

Before each Quarterly communication of Grand Lodge you are invited to attend this special seminar for Worshipful and Past Masters.

Be informed and educated by a comprehensive and informative talk tailored specifically by the Education dept. of Freemasons Victoria.

For further inquiries please contact Bruce Cowie (Manager of Masonic Services) by phoning 9411 0111 or email cowie@freemasonsvic.net.au

Donor Hero



Ken Foggie, Past Master of Lodge of Orana No. 836 has recently received notoriety and been labelled a hero via the Diamond Valley Leader on 5 June.

Ken, a long-time donor of blood and plasma has just made his 501st donation, having started giving blood voluntarily in 1965. It was only until 1980 that Ken was advised that he had strong antibodies in his plasma, that he also became a plasma donor.

Ken has potentially saved the lives of 1500 people by simply rolling up his sleeve every couple of weeks. He said that he doesn't even feel the needles anymore, and has committed to donating until he is 80 years old.

Blinds for Eventide



Marnoo Masonic Lodge No. 360 and the Public Charitable Foundation has provided more than \$14,000 to Stawell and district communities in the past 12 months, and most recently, \$8500 to the Eventide Homes.

The Homes' Warne House, with a new 20-bed residential wing, will receive 22 new canvas awnings, provided by Stawell business Carey's Covers. The blinds will help reduce heat in the warmer weather.

Marnoo Masonic Lodge secretary and Eventide Homes life governor Neil Thornton, after inspecting Warne House, said that Warne House will have an official opening later this year.

Marnoo Lodge secretary Neil Thornton presents the cheque to Eventide Homes chief executive officer Sue Blakey.

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.

Handy hints when working with photos

Gabrielle Forman, Communications and Publicity Executive

Have you ever wondered why some images in some publications are clearer than others? No, it's not because you need new glasses, it's simply because the photo's 'resolution' was too low prior to print.

Electronic publications (those that are only viewed online and not printed), don't need to be of high resolution because a computer is a low resolution device. A printer however is a high resolution device and requires an image to have more pixels (dots-per-inch, or DPI) in order to project a perfectly clear image.

A really easy way to visually interpret this theory is by thinking of DPI as a mosaic of small tiles that make up an overall image. The more tiles that make up an image, the better quality the image will be.

Ever wondered why a relatively good quality (clear) image becomes blurry once it's enlarged? That's because when you enlarge an image, you are 'stretching' the DPI rather than increasing the amount of DPI. The only way to maintain a good quality image while enlarging it is to begin with a high resolution image.

Set your camera to RAW or 'high resolution JPEG' before taking photos. Always keep in mind where your image is going to be applied – in a print publication, or an online publication. A print publication requires 300dpi and an online publication requires 72dpi. You will notice that the lower the amount of dpi, the smaller the file will be. A high resolution image will be at least 2MB (megabytes) or more. A low resolution image will be between 10-900KB (kilobytes).

Once an image has been applied into a document (PDF or MS Word) it cannot be extracted at the same quality that it was originally embedded. A JPEG loses its quality each and every time it is applied and generally should only be used in a publication once to maximise its quality. This means that if an image is intended to be used for another publication, it must be the original, and not one that is embedded in another document.

For more information on image resolution visit:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwTUt9ZMh5A>



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100th Birthday Wishes

RWBro. Jim Stapleton

Birthday celebrations are in order for RWBro. Jim Stapleton, who turned 100 years of age on Monday 17 June, 2013.

RWBro. Jim was initiated into Freemasonry on 8 November 1939 and served the Craft for nearly seventy-four years, initially as a member of Benambra Lodge No. 153.

Contributing greatly and in many ways to the community, RWBro. Jim joined Echuca Lodge No.577 in 1953 where he was Worshipful Master in 1962. In July 2011 he moved to his current lodge, Campaspe Valley Lodge No. 937, where he is Choirmaster.

RWBro. Phillip Hobbs

Birthday celebrations are also in order for RWBro. Phillip Hobbs, who celebrated his 100th birthday on Friday 7 June, 2013.

RWBro. Phillip served the Craft for over sixty eight years, initially as a member of Lord Somers Lodge No. 528. He is now currently a member of the Lodge of Transition.

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

Winter warmers...

As we shiver through these cold months and bare the brunt of winter, keep these tips in mind:

- buy a great pair of slippers
- stay inside on those rainy days with a warm cup of soup
- use a door snake to keep the draft out
- and NEVER pour hot water on your windscreen!

Quarterly Communications - June

Wednesday 19 June was the second Quarterly Communication for Freemasons Victoria in 2013. Allbeit a little bit more special as this was the first time the 2013 Grand Ceremonial Team were custodians of the ceremonial component of the night.

With over 400 Freemasons in attendance in the iconic Dallas Brooks Auditorium, and with the communication being streamed live to regional Masonic centres in Warrnambool, Mildura, Shepparton and Ballarat, the communication started with the pomp and ceremony that is attached with every Grand Lodge Communication.

It was exactly 7.30pm when the heralds trumpets sounded and the Grand procession of Victoria's Grand Officers entered the Communication in traditional form.

With a welcome from the Most Worshipful Grand Master Bob Jones, to those present and all those watching the live stream over the internet, the communication started with the normal statutory items.

A notice of motion was put forward by the Grand Registrar John Molnar to amend rule 4 of the book of constitutions by adding the following phrase "always taking care that the antient landmarks of the Order be preserved". While the question of "Landmarks" is an open one, this terminology was in our previous constitutions for many years.

Worshipful Brother Ian Buckingham, Chairman of the Board of Royal Freemasons was then invited to address the communication with his report for the Royal Freemasons Homes.

Of highlight was the June appeal to raise funds to replace the busses that assist the residents of the homes. The majority of residents who regularly use the busses receive 'high' level of care, and up to 50 per cent of those residents who use the busses need wheelchair access. The request for two new busses reflect the changing needs of the residents and more importantly new safety features to keep both residents and staff safe.

In conjunction with Freemasons Victoria's Board of Benevolence, Worshipful Brother Chris Lambis, a member of Lodge Amicus, presented both the St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research and Make-A-Wish Australia, with cheques of \$55,000 each after Lodge Amicus's highly successful 'My Fair Lady Ball'.

The auditorium lights went down, and the jumbo screen entertained everyone with a best of 'Freemasons: The Inside Story', Freemasons Victoria's hit new TV show on Channel 31. Included was a spotlight with the show's main presenter Wes Turnbull, and the show's Executive Producer Mr Bruce Trengrove and Director Mr Marcus Georgiades.

Finally after the presentations of certificates of competency, and an address from the Most Worshipful Grand Master Bob Jones, the Grand Lodge was closed and members retired to the Victoria Ballroom for an evening supper.





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

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.

Freemasons Victoria is proud to announce a wonderful new partner program to progress us into the next generation.

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