



A word from the Grand Master

The past fortnight, has again been a busy one!

Last weekend, I attended the 2014 Grand Installation of MWBro. Dr. Gary Bacon of Freemasons Queensland. Each Grand Installation is a wonderful event where we meet new Freemasons and reacquaint ourselves with long-time friends.

The Grand Installation of The United Grand Lodge of Queensland was well attended. I was joined by the Deputy Grand Master Hillel Benedykt, Grand Secretary Peter Henshall, both Grand Wardens and over 40 members and their wives from Victoria. We witnessed this wonderful event and celebrated with our fellow Brethren in the sunshine state.

It was a fantastic long weekend and I wish MWBro. Gary all the very best for his years in office as Grand Master.

It was then the turn for a Queensland Freemason to visit us. My close friend, RWBro. Greg Goding, again wowed the Freemasons who attended the Dallas Brooks Centre on Thursday night with his impressive and motivating insights into Freemasonry.

For many members who attended RWBro. Greg's presentation, this was a great 'refresher', and also a valuable opportunity to have the cameras there, to film parts of the presentation for future Lodge initiatives. Tune into Channel 31 in one of our upcoming episodes to see an interview I conducted with RWBro. Greg.

On Channel 31, I am pleased to advise that our June ratings have been most impressive, with a huge eight per cent increase in audience numbers. Last month the total number of unique viewers was 100,400, compared to 93,200 viewers in May. When we launched the show in March, five episodes screened and we had an audience of 126,700. Maintaining over 100,000 viewers since launch is a great achievement of which we should be very proud.



The new baby Benedykt

Deputy Grand Master Hillel Benedykt and his wife Sue are once again proud grandparents.

Dylan Max Benedykt was born on July 4 at 8.40pm in London, weighing 7lb 5oz (identical birth weight to his cousin Emma who was born in May this year at the Epworth Freemasons hospital).

First time parents Adam and Claire are pleased to welcome little Dylan into the world.

Child's play



On June 1, Peace and Loyalty Lodge held a Pink Trivia Night to help aid in the fight against Breast Cancer. The night was made possible, thanks to Carole Childs and a special thanks must also go to Deidre Nelson and Jenevra Cousins for all their very hard work. The night was very well supported with 98 people in attendance in the South.

Bro. Tony Holland did a fantastic job as MC and quizmaster and during the interval, a talk on Freemasonry for non-members was presented in the Lodge room by VWBro. Kevin Childs.

Peace and Loyalty Lodge raised a total of \$1,339 which will be presented to District Coordinator Lionel May and included in the Districts fundraising total.

Peace and Loyalty's next function, on August 7, will be a Theatre night with all proceeds being donated to the Monash Gully District charity, Interchange Outer East.

A night of Celebration



Last month Loddon District Freemasons, partners and guests gathered at Carisbrook Lodge for their Annual Beef and Burgundy Night.

Following the regular Lodge meeting, those in attendance were treated to a sumptuous four course meal.

One of the highlights of the evening was the surprise 90th birthday celebration for WBro. Frank Brown.

Carisbrook is Frank's Mother Lodge of which he has remained a continuous member for 68 years and was recently made a 'Special Member' in appreciation

of his devoted attachment to the Lodge and the Loddon district. Though recent illness has slowed Frank down, he managed to attend the celebration on Monday night.

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 a special seminar for Worshipful and Past Masters.

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

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

Buninyong online!



A new initiative from Sturt Buninyong United Lodge is the creation of a website containing information of general interest as well as the lodge program for the year and meeting nights of local sister lodges. It can be found at www.buninyongfreemasons.com

An introduction card has also been produced that members can pass on to potential candidates and other interested brethren.

Last month, the Lodge initiated Bro. Athan McCaw on their first night after their installation. They hope their new initiatives will assist in encouraging many future initiations.

Bro. Athan (left) is pictured being presented with his Masonic information kit by MWBro. Bruce Bartrop, PGM, WBro. Brett Edgington and WBro. Brian Coffey, WM.

A Mason keeps on giving



Earlier this year, Melbourne's Greek speaking radio station 3XY conducted a radio telethon on behalf of Fronditha Care, a non-profit organisation which cares for elderly citizens of Greek origin and runs several homes in several suburbs of Melbourne.

During the telethon, some \$1.8 million dollars was donated to Frontida Care formerly called the Australian Greek Society for Care of the Elderly - in

commemoration of doctor Constantine Kiriazopoulos, by his son WBro. Michael Krizos, PGStdB (pictured) in his will.

WBro. Michael was a very active member of the Gregorios Lodge and served as Choirmaster since its consecration in 1980 until his passing at the age of 96. He was initiated in the Lodge of Cordiality and served also as Choirmaster for over 30 years. He was also a foundation member of the Hellenic Freemasons Association, a fidelity club for members of the Craft of Greek origin.

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!



The very popular Freemasons Hospital Association pins have been relaunched 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.

School's out!



The Combined School Lodges Annual Get Together was hosted by Brighton Grammarians at the Brighton Masonic Centre and the South at Brighton Grammar School, on May 28.

Guest Speaker was Peter Jackson, the new CEO of Melbourne Football Club, who spoke on a number of subjects including his successful time as CEO at the Essendon Football Club.

In excess of 140 members were present including Grand Master Bob Jones, who gave a very interesting talk on Freemasonry in Victoria and later joined in with Melbourne High in their traditional school song, echoed by the other school lodges singing their school songs and the occasional war cry by some!

The event also featured a talk by Dr. Greg Wheeler from the Peter Mac Hospital who gave excellent insight into Cancer research and treatment at Peter Mac. During the evening nearly \$1,000 was raised for the hospital.

Supporting CancerCare



At an upcoming meeting, Master of Talbot Lodge, Dick Deason will be handing over a cheque for \$3,000 to the Maryborough District Health Service CancerCare Project.

Talbot Lodge members have seen the fantastic work that Maryborough District Health Service has done to help local people in their community who have been diagnosed with cancer, so wanted to offer their assistance.

The Lodge has been raising money over the past 10 months, and was joined in its efforts by the St. George Lodge Dunolly and the Central Goldfields Sovereign Chapter. Together the three Lodges raised \$1,500 which was then matched by the Board of Benevolence.

Take a step up

The next step in your Masonic Career is now!

Freemasons Victoria is known worldwide for the splendour and pageantry of its Grand Ceremonial team.

Are you ready to take up the challenge of joining this long standing and exemplary tradition of service to Freemasons across the state?

Participation in the Grand Ceremonial Team offers expert training in ceremonial excellence, camaraderie with those who are also in the team, chances for weekend getaways and visits to Lodges and Centres across Victoria. Most importantly, there is fun to be had with fellow brethren during their very special night of Installation.

Applications are available from the Grand Secretariat and close Thursday August 1.

To apply, contact Bruce Cowie (Manager of Masonic Services) on 9411 0111 or cowie@freemasonsvic.net.au

Lodge Amalthea's 2013 Sir Robert Menzies Address

Lodge Amalthea invites members and their guests to their principle mid-year event, the 2013 Sir Robert Menzies Address held at the Athenaeum Club on Saturday July 27.

This year's address will be given by the President of the Legislative Council, Mr Bernie Finn MLC. The topic for the evening is "Australia's Future".

For more information or to book, contact Michael Maher on 0416 245 981 or michaelm@e4l.com.au no later than July 19.

Bereavement Assistance



Bereavement Assistance has emerged as an option for Lodge Members to assist widows seeing a late husband laid to rest in a dignified final service.

Bereavement Assistance then developed as a suitable charitable organisation worthy of Lodge members consideration as one of the annual Lodge charitable beneficiaries. It is a 'not for profit' entity helping family or friends of those deceased persons without any other means of providing a conventional, dignified funeral service.

The founder of Bereavement Assistance, Ted Worthington OAM, JP, a Past Master of the former St Crispin Lodge saw a need for a dignified funeral service for those persons who would be best described as destitute, and others without families or friends able to pay for a dignified ending to their lives. Initially, Ted used his own financial resources and then managed to get some donations. Later, some government assistance became available to support his quest to rectify this gap in the provision of human services.

Bereavement Assistance now also provides a conventional, funeral service offering professional and affordable funerals available to all members of the Victorian community. These services help to subsidize a funeral service at or below cost to those in need.

The photo shows WBro. Eric Williams of the Lord Northcote Lodge handing a cheque for \$2,000 to Ted Worthington. Also present are Mick Miller and WBro. Bruce Keenan, Lodge Secretary.

Freemasons in the East

Members and their guests are invited to the Eastern CBD Business Luncheon on Tuesday 6 August 2013 at 12 noon, for businessmen who work in and around the Eastern Suburbs.

The luncheon will feature guest speaker Dr King Gan, a retired medical practitioner from Melbourne with over 35 years experience as a GP in Boronia. After his retirement he pursued his interest in humanitarian work. This presentation will be a rare opportunity to hear this compelling story of a local businessman who took on the massive task of helping others help themselves.

The luncheon will take place at Nelsons 382, 382 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South at a cost of \$55 p.p. Bookings are essential. Please contact Donna De La Rue before Wednesday 31 July on 9411 0103 or email delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au

2013 Mark Festival

Every two years, the Mark Degree holds a festival at a country Victoria location. Mark Master Masons, their partners and friends are invited to attend a weekend of fun and fellowship in Geelong from October 18 - 20.

Quality accommodation has been arranged at the Mercure Hotel and there is also a nearby caravan park which will offer a 10% discount.

Unfortunately, there are only a limited number of places for participants so book now to avoid missing out.

For further details and the application form, visit www.grandmarkvic.net.au or contact John Travers on 0417 382 819.

Are you now a Unity Freemason?

If you are now a member of the five Degrees that are recognised by Rule 2 of the Grand Craft Constitution, you qualify to be presented with a Unity Badge and Certificate which will be presented to you in your Craft Lodge.

Depending on the last Degree you took (i.e. Mark or Chapter), you should make your application through either the Mark Lodge Secretary or the Chapter Scribe Ezra.

Wear the badge in your lapel and show your brethren and companions that you are a Unity Freemason.

More information about Unity Badges or about joining the Mark or Chapter degree can be obtained through the office of the Joint Secretariat. Contact Ellie Bronkhorst on 9411 0114 or chaptermarkmasonsvic@freemasonsvic.net.au



Freemasons: The Inside Story

Freemasons: The Inside Story has already been very successful both interstate and overseas and after 19 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.

Climbing the Ladder

Freemasons Victoria has just established a new and exciting partnership with *Ladder*, an independent non-profit organisation tackling youth homelessness in Australia.

Founded by a group of AFL players, *Ladder* empowers young people aged 16-25 to break the cycle of homelessness by harnessing the support of the AFL industry's profile, networks and players. We look forward to working together on community centred initiatives in the future.

For more information on *Ladder* visit: <http://www.ladder.org.au/>

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