



A word from the Grand Master

It's always a pleasure to be able to visit my fellow brethren and report on some of the latest achievements of Grand Lodge, or what we as a fraternity have to look forward to in the future.

This fortnight, accompanied by the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team, I met with the Hand of Friendship Fellowship Lodge. This meeting occurs at the Royal Freemasons Homes to ensure that residents are able to continue to enjoy ceremonial and fraternal union.

At the Chapter Quarterly Convocation I was invited to address Brethren on the redevelopment of the Masonic Centre of Victoria. I was also pleased to report on the success of our Channel 31 series of *Freemasons: The Inside Story*, and I also mentioned the launch of the new strategic plan.

With the four Installations that I attended at Melbourne St. Clair Reunion Lodge, Lodge Noble, Werribee Mark Lodge and The Lilydale Lodge, the last two weeks certainly have been busy.

One of the highlights of last couple of weeks was my visit to Lara Lodge which celebrated its Re-Consecration of 50 years, and also the presentation of a 50 Year Jewel to RWBro. Graeme Nicholson at Lord Carrington Lodge; both remarkable achievements that deserve due recognition.

Brethren, we only have four episodes remaining of *Freemasons: The Inside Story* so please tune into Channel 31 on Monday evenings at 8.30pm.

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

Bob Jones



Grand Installation March 2014

Save the dates for the 2014 Grand Installation of RWBro. Hillel Benedkyt, Deputy Grand Master.

Delegates Reception – Friday 21 March, 3.00pm
Quarterly Communication – Thursday 20 March, 6:30pm
GRAND INSTALLATION – Thursday 20 March, 7.30pm
Ladies Breakfast – Friday 21 March, 9.30am
Shabbat Service – Friday 21 March, 6.00pm
Kiddush – Friday 21 March, 7.30pm
Grand Banquet – Saturday 22 March, 6.30pm
Farewell Luncheon – Sunday 23 March, 12.30pm

Remembrance Day Field of Crosses

Freemasons Victoria has a long and proud association with the armed forces. The Remembrance Day Field of Crosses presents a wonderful opportunity for Lodges, members, their families and friends to purchase a white cross in honour of someone who fought for our nation.



Between 6 and 13 November, the lawn outside the front of the Dallas Brooks Centre will be transformed into a field of white crosses, each one in remembrance of a serviceman or woman who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. Freemasons, Lodges, member's families and friends, and RSL members will be invited to purchase a white cross in honour of:

- a) A Freemason, relative or friend who has given service
- b) An Unknown Soldier (a general commemoration of a fallen serviceperson).

Individuals or Lodges who purchase a white cross will be able to personalise it with a water-proof tag detailing the person they wish to remember. All crosses will be sold with a tag.

Crosses can be purchased for \$20 plus postage, using the form attached to this edition of engage! or by phoning 9411 0111.

Purchasers are invited to plant their crosses of remembrance on the planting day, Wednesday 6 November, between 11am and 2pm. If you are unable to attend and opt to have the Freemasons Victoria Task Force plant it for you, a photo will be taken of your cross and posted on the Freemasons Victoria website.

My Son, My Brother



WBro. Graeme Parry knew that introducing his son Morgan to Freemasonry was never going to be a problem as most of the men he circulated with are Freemasons. Even Morgan's partner Melanie's Grandfather, VWBro, Edwin Shalliker is a Past Grand Inspector of Workings in New South Wales.

Raising his son, who is now also his Brother, as an Entered Apprentice was one of the highlights of his life. Two years later, on 12 February 2013, Graeme was given the opportunity to obligate Morgan in the 3rd Degree.

He would like to thank Master Ern Holland and Brethren of the Golden and Corinthian Lodge for the opportunity to raise Morgan as a Master Mason. As a father, he is appreciative to have received this sacred and monumental opportunity.

Need a new shirt?



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

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

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

Recently Installed Master Seminar

Last year Freemasons Victoria commenced conducting seminars immediately prior to Quarterly Communications for recently installed masters.

The seminar aims to explain the Installation ceremony and its perambulations for those participating in the ceremony.

Attendance is by invitation only to enable active participation by those attending and facilitate catering. Masters installed during the 6 months prior to the quarterly in September will be invited to attend.

If you have previously been installed and missed out on a session you may contact WBro. Bruce Cowie at cowie@freemasonsvic.net.au who will advise on availability for a future session.

Creative Charity



During the Traralgon Lodge's Installation of WBro. Terry Heskey held on May 18, Terry's wife Barbara (pictured above) entertained the Lodge Ladies with a craft workshop where they learnt how to make 'nappy cakes'.

Their creative creations were then given to the Friends of Freemasons stall at the Epworth Freemasons Hospital. The funds from the sale of goods will be returned to the ladies at Traralgon Lodge to be held in trust so they can purchase furniture.

The amount raised so far from the sales of the nappy cakes is \$180. Barbara is gathering a group together to be named Friends of Freemasons Gippsland to continue her charitable efforts.

Kyneton raises over \$40,000



The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation and Kyneton Lodge have combined efforts and presented cheques totalling \$9,200 to R.M Begg Kyneton Aged Care.

Funds donated will assist the facility to purchase Overhead Mobile Hoists for patient care.

Over a period of 35 years the Kyneton Lodge has raised over \$40,000 for charitable organisations and community groups such as Camp Quality, for schools and hospitals on the Island of Makira in the Solomon Islands and have provided bursary awards for the last 13 years to students who are entering secondary education.

The Lodge has also assisted numerous young or disadvantaged individuals to pursue a better quality of life or to further their education.

New Mark Lodge of Research

The Kilwinning Mark Lodge of Research No.2 will be Consecrated at the Waverley Masonic Centre on Friday 30 August, tiling at 3:15pm.

The new Lodge will meet four times each year – twice at the Waverley Masonic Centre and twice in the country.

The Foundation Members list is still open – contact Ray King on 0416 014 646. Members must be Mark Master Masons.

Mark Master Masons, their ladies and guests are invited to the Consecration and to the banquet. The banquet will cost \$30 per person and must be received by Friday 23 August. Any financial Mark Master Mason may also attend the installation which will follow the consecration.

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.

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.

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

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

Motorcyclists United Lodge No. 939



Since the formation of the Victorian Masonic Motorcycle Association (VMMA) by a few keen bike riding Freemasons, the group has been active in supporting the Ionic Coaching Service, Very Special Kids, Canteen and Cystic Fibrosis Victoria (CFV) as well as many individuals and families in their time of need.

On 31 August the VMMA will become the latest Victorian Lodge to be Consecrated. It will formally be known as the Motorcyclists United Lodge No.939. This auspicious occasion will take place at Phillip Island, conducted by the Grand Master and his team.

VMMA membership is approximately 160 and very diverse. It includes non-masons and ladies who ride and some that don't; they come from all areas of the State such as Stawell, Lakes Entrance, Myrtleford, Phillip Island and everywhere in between.

If, in the future, you come across a group of motorcyclists having a cuppa and a cream cake at your local bakery it may just be the VMMA / MUL members spreading the word and having some fun along the way.

Coaster Commemoration



The Mount Martha Daylight Lodge No.892 will always be remembered fondly by its members, not only for its shared fellowship, but because it's coasters will be under the drinks of members for years to come.

Chaplain WBro. Rev Peter Prentice designed two coasters to commemorate the Lodge at its final luncheon to surrender its Warrant on 13 June 2013.

Each of the coasters includes a membership photo along with Lodge dates from 26 November 1986 – 6 June 2013, and a lament from one of the older members WBro. Jack Green who is well into his nineties.

The Light Welders 2013-14 Masters Group

Worshipful Masters and Masters Elect of the 2013-14 year are invited to join the Light Welders Masters group, being formed by Worshipful Master John Ledger. This will enable the group to visit Lodges, representing the 2013-14 year into the future.

For more information contact John Ledger on 0438 808 683

Limited Edition FHA Pin!



The very popular Freemasons Hospital Association pins have been relaunched with a limited edition commemorative pin.

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.

Considering a Daylight Lodge?

The Blue Dandenongs Lodge meets at Belgrave Masonic Centre on the first Wednesday of the month, Tyling at 10am.

Contact Doug Elliot at df.elliott@bigpond.com or 9756 7588 for more information.

United Grand Lodge of Victoria turns 125!



2014 sees the 125th year of Freemasonry in Victoria. Freemasons Victoria is now calling for all Freemasons to contribute towards the design of a celebratory '125 year' logo for 2014 celebrations.

The submissions must include the following:

1. Must reference '125 year' anniversary
2. Must include the text 'United Grand Lodge of Victoria' or 'UGLV'
3. Must be in line with corporate branding/guidelines

To be eligible to submit a design proposal, the following criteria must be met:

1. Must be an affiliated or non-affiliated Freemason in Victoria
2. Submissions must include the designers name, masonic rank, member number and lodge.
3. Must meet all design criteria (above)
4. Must be submitted initially as a PDF and must not exceed 1MG
5. The designer submitting must have obtained the Freemason Victoria brand guidelines and application form from Gabrielle Forman to register.

Entries close Friday 31 August at 5pm. Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

For more information, to obtain a registration form, design specifications and brand guidelines, please contact Gabrielle Forman, Freemasons Victoria Communications and Publicity Executive on gforman@freemasonsvic.net.au

A Proud Father



At the July meeting of Lodge of Honour the Worshipful Master, WBro. Ross Dolbel, PGStdB initiated his son Bro. Robert Dolbel into Freemasonry.

This was unique for Lodge of Honour, in that it was the first time a current Master of Lodge has initiated his own son into Freemasonry.

The night was well attended including the attendance of RWBro. George Raphael, PDGM and VWBro. Ian Brown, PGIWKgs, District Coordinator.

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

After 23 episodes of *Freemasons: The Inside Story*, we are very close to reaching the end of the ground breaking series.

As Freemasons in Victoria, we should all be very proud that we have led the world, in producing what is a world first initiative for all Freemasons!

The series has been an eye opener for viewers as well as a great opportunity to tell some fantastic and enlightening stories. Many individuals have taken part in the making of this production, so in the next edition of *Freemasonry Victoria Magazine* we will be looking back at some of the highlights, the talent and the 'lighter moments' of making this segment the success it has been.

Be sure to spread the word and tune into Ch 31 (or Ch 44) 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!



Action List	✓
<p>Get your FHA pin NOW! Contact Ben Quick to place your order by emailing bquick@freemasonsvic.net.au Pins: \$5 + \$5 postage and handling.</p>	
<p>Purchase a white cross for Remembrance Day Fill out the form attached to this edition of <i>engage!</i> to remember and honour those who fought for our freedom.</p>	
<p>Get creative! Start working on a submission for the design of a logo for the 2014 celebrations of the 125th year of Freemasonry in Victoria. Entries close Friday 31 August. Email gforman@freemasonsvic.net.au for more information.</p>	

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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Remembrance Day Field of Crosses

Request form

Name: _____ Address: _____
Member no. _____
Lodge: _____ Post code: _____
Email: _____

- I want my cross(es) posted to me along with blank personalisation tag(s).
*Add \$5 postage per cross.
I will attend the planting day on 6 November between 11am and 2pm to plant my cross(es).
- I want the FMV Task Force to plant my cross(es). I would like to be contacted about the details to go on the personalisation tag(s).

Number of crosses: _____ @ \$20 per cross
Postage: _____ @ \$5 per cross
Total (\$) _____

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD
Credit Card Number _____
Expiry ____ / ____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE
I will send a cheque ASAP. (If you wish to have your crosses posted, they will be dispatched upon receipt of payment).



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