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A word from the Grand Master

Despite the chilly mornings and cold days here in Melbourne, I have been keeping myself busy these last two weeks by attending Installations, the Eastern Business District Luncheon and burning a hole in the dance floor at the Epworth Ball.

On Friday 26 July, WBro. Ray Campbell PGStdB was installed at Maritime Lodge in Williamstown with the 2013 Grand Team, and the next day Kerry and I were warmly welcomed at the Installation of Worthy District Grand Matron Sister Roberta Aimer and Worthy District Grand Patron Brother Derek Hand, at the Order of the Eastern Star at the South East Masonic Centre.

The installation was performed by Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Pamela Sangwell of United Grand Chapter of Australia. This was the first time the Order of the Eastern Star has had an Open Installation so it was a very special event.

I, along with the Deputy Grand Master RWBro. Hillel Benedykt, Grand Secretary RWBro. Peter Henshall and President of the

Board of General Purposes WBro. Bruce Stockdale was invited, with our partners, to attend the Epworth Ball, a fundraising event for the Epworth Freemasons Hospital. This was a fantastic night of entertainment and fun, and great opportunity to support the Hospital in raising valuable funds for research and development within the Epworth Research Institute.

The Eastern Business District Luncheon with speaker Dr King Gan, was inspiring. Dr King Gan spoke about his humanitarian work in the rural communities of Cambodia.

Finally, on the night of 7 August, Kerry and I attended the Annual Combined Orders Dinner at Sails on the Bay in Elwood. Warm conversation and fine dining was enjoyed by current members of the Grand Teams of Craft, Chapter and Mark along with their partners.



CBD Business Luncheon

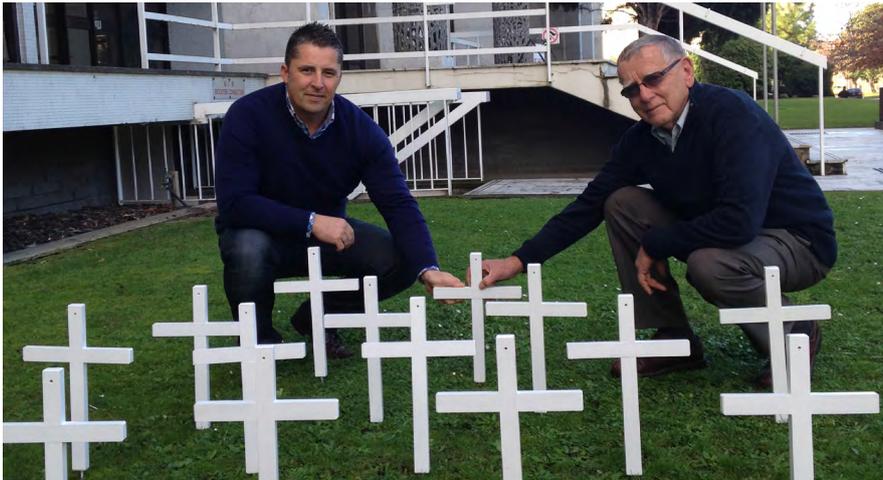
The next CBD Luncheon of 2013 is an exciting one on Tuesday 10th September at 12:00pm and seats are filling fast.

Special guest speaker, Dr Peter Larkins, co-founder of Epworth Sports and Exercise Medicine Group, will talk on men's health and maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

This event is open to all Freemasons and their guests. Bookings are essential. RSVP by Wednesday 4th September 2013.

Please contact Donna De La Rue at delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au or (03) 9411 0103 for bookings and enquiries.

Preparing for Remembrance Day



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 are invited to donate and have a white cross planted in honour of a service person.

The wonderful men at the Nyah District Mens Shed have hand-made each and every white cross in preparation for Remembrance Day this year. When delivering the crosses last week, VWBro. Frank Sharam of Tresco Lodge No. 289 said that 120 were specially made.

Pictured: Justin White, Membership Services Manager and VWBro. Frank Sharam unveil the white crosses.

Giving Darlingford a Lift



Last month at the Darlingford Nursing Home, Jo Cavill CEO, was handed a cheque for \$11,370 by RWBro. John D Burke PDGM, of the Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation.

This donation was in response to a submission by Darlingford to the Foundation for assistance with the purchase of lifting equipment for the nursing home.

The lifting equipment is vital to the home and ensures that nursing staff are able to care for residents who need assistance to move around without causing physical stress to the resident or the carer.

Pictured: RWBro. John Burke PDGM (second from left) with Jo Cavill, Les Tanter, Mark Wheatland and Stuart Dale.

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 the 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.

Grand Representatives



At the Quarterly Communications of The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria, held at Dallas Brooks Hall on 17 July, an important item on the agenda read 'Presentation of 17 Patents - Grand Representatives'.

REmComp Peter Crick, Deputy Grand First Principal and REmComp Herman Gurvitz PGH were presented to the First Grand Principal. It was then announced that Peter Crick had been appointed as the Representative of The Grand Chapter of Alberta Canada, and Herman Gurvitz as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Israel.

Supporting Children with special needs



In July the Yarrabah School for children with special needs was presented with a donation of \$1,000, with equal contributions from Freemasons Victoria Board of Benevolence and Alpha Victoria Sovereign Chapter under the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for Australia.

The school provides specialised education and programs based on life skills to 132 students of school age, and an additional 60 requiring early education.

The presentation on behalf of Alpha Victoria and Freemasons Victoria was made to Principal Judith White by Illustrious Bro Rahim Samat 30^o- Most Wise Sovereign of Alpha Victoria Sovereign Chapter. Students Joel, Brianna, Darcy and the resident occupational therapist, Anna Garland were also present.

Membership Recruitment Team - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Currently we are experiencing a surge in new membership enquiries.

Grand Lodge is calling for any volunteers to assist in the New Membership Recruitment Team.

The role is situated at the Grand Secretariat, 300 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

The volunteer(s) will be required to assist in the following areas:

1. Phone calls to prospective new members;
2. Management and processing of membership enquiries.

There will be some initial training involved. This will be 1-2 hours.

We are seeking anyone who would be available for any hours, throughout the week. (8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

Any time given would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to assist Freemasons Victoria in the New Membership recruitment process, please contact: **Merv Dyer** – Taskforce Coordinator and New Membership Volunteer coordinator. Email: taskforce@freemasonsvic.net.au or phone 9411 0127.

Ben Quick – New Membership Recruitment Coordinator, Freemasons Victoria. Email: bquick@freemasonsvic.net.au or phone 9411 0124.

Lodgettes Invested



The night of his Installation and Investiture of his Officers at the Macedon Ranges Lodge, WBro. Peter Waldhauser added to the banquet festivities by Investing some of the Lodge ladies collectively known as the Lodgettes.

For the want of an official ritual, he prepared the following charge: *“Ladies, you have been appointed food technicians of the Lodge and I invest you with the collar of your office. Your situation is in or near the South. Your duty is to use all your powers of culinary genius to help stave off the hunger pangs of the visitors and brethren. Your jewel is the French apron, the most highly sought after jewel in the South and it marks the great respect and esteem that you are held in by the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Lodge.”*

Pictured: Jacqui Porter, Diane Yates, Lynette Bucknall, Pat Muddyman, Jenny Wildhauser, Aileen Webster, Elsie Arlow, Sandra Doolan

Bairnsdale Playground donation



Bairnsdale Freemasons handed over a \$10,000 cheque to the East Gippsland All Abilities Playground Committee for the ongoing construction of the playground, an East Gippsland first.

Union Lodge of North Gippsland, Mitchell River and Bairnsdale Daylight raised half the funds by holding a monster raffle before Christmas and selling tickets at Sunday markets and similar events. The amount was then matched dollar-for-dollar by Freemasons Victoria's Benevolence Fund.

Pictured: Stan Collins, Mitchell River Master; Bob Mallows, Coordinator; Phil King, Daylight Master and Graeme Martin, Union Lodge Master present the cheque to All Abilities Playground Committee member Linda Pendergast at the playground construction site.

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 Ledgar. This will enable the group to visit Lodges, representing the 2013-14 year into the future.

For more information contact John Ledgar 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.

Lodge Noble Dinner Dance

Date: 21/09/2013 Time: 7pm
Cost: \$25 Per Person.

South Eastern Masonic Centre
270 Hutton Rd, Keysborough

Contact person: Davor Balder
Phone: 0410 663 441
Email: dbalder@ozemail.com.au

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.

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

Lodge of Rapport adds 3 new members



On Friday, 2 August, Lodge of Rapport No. 920 welcomed its third Initiate in three months.

67 Brethren, including 11 from the Albert Edward Lodge No. 59 at Alexandra, were present to see Bro. Boris Tyumnev initiated into the Lodge. Bro. Boris was born in Moscow, Russia and migrated to Australia around two years ago.

He told how he had settled into Australia and decided to learn more about Freemasonry and how his research had led him to believe that Freemasonry would be an ideal way to improve himself and assist him to become a more active member of the community. Prior to our August meeting, Bro. Tony Cope was initiated on 7 June and Bro. Colin Lichtwark was initiated on 5 July.

Pictured: WBro. Barrie Wain, Master Elect of Lodge of Rapport, Bro. Boris Tyumnev, Bro. Colin Lichtwark, Bro. Tony Cope and WBro. Alan Booth, Master of Lodge of Rapport, No 920.

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 percent 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 25 episodes of Freemasons: The Inside Story we are very close to reaching the final episode, of this ground breaking series.

We are very proud of the series and all that it has done for exposing the reality of Freemasonry, boosting young membership and providing the public with an understanding of the Craft.

When the show was first formulated, and when Grand Master Bob Jones first announced this exciting new venture in December 2012, we thought our potential viewing audience would be around 25,000 viewers per month, and that this would be a great achievement. You have probably heard that our figures have well exceeded that, and in March 2013 our total viewing audience was in excess of 125,000, making it the 5th highest ranking show ever on Channel 31.

In April figures were 115,000 viewers and in May a slight increase to 117,000 viewers. We hope that by the time the last show is aired, it will have been seen by over 700,000 viewers. In time, we hope that our membership will continue to grow as a result of the exposure that this TV program has given us.

Many thanks go to all of the staff, presenters and those who were interviewed during the course of the show, not to mention the crew who were responsible for making the show seamless and professional week after week, despite the bloopers!

Tune in to watch the episodes on Monday at 8:30pm, with the final episode on Monday 26 August or watch 'Catch Up TV' on the Channel 31 website: www.c31.org.au/

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<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>Remembrance Day White Cross Donate towards a white cross, planted in honour of a Freemason, relative or friend who has given service to the nation. Contact: Freemasons Victoria on (03) 9411 0111</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.

Duty of Care

Going to Lodge, or a special function?

Before you pick up your keys, think about getting a lift with a friend or family member, organise a designated driver, or catch a cab.

- Drink sensibly
- Take responsibility
- Look out for your fellow Brother
- Have a memorable night

Don't forget!

Reserve your seat for the next CBD Luncheon, Tuesday 10th September.

RSVP Donna De La Rue by Wednesday 4 September
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 or call (03) 9411 0103.

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