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A word from the Grand Master

I hope everyone had a very merry festive season and a wonderful beginning to 2014.

Since the Quarterly Communication on Wednesday 18 December, things have been quiet masonically but I did manage to fill my calendar with various work duties and functions.

Very early the morning after the Quarterly I flew to my office in Townsville for my staff Christmas luncheon and the following day I was back at my Brisbane office to share in the celebration of their Christmas luncheon.

Monday I was at my Footscray office for a Christmas breakfast then back at my Clayton office for Christmas Lunch. While this might sound fun for some, it is quite a lot of travel and time in the air, but I was able to join my family for Christmas and thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with them.

While most enjoyed some time off work in late December, I was able to catch up on a few things in my businesses but I was sure to make an annual visit to Wakanyana's at Queenscliff on Saturday 28 December. Wakanyana's is a fundraising day that Freemasons in Victoria have been holding since 1918. It brings together brethren from all over the State of Victoria and raises funds for Cottage By The Sea in Queenscliff, which is a camp for underprivileged children.

One would think that January would be relatively quiet masonically, but I have had plenty to keep me active in Grand Lodge and I was also able to attend some Lodge meetings in an unofficial capacity, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

But one very proud moment for me was participating, for the third year in a row, in the Australia Day March, up Swanston Street Melbourne. This event is well supported by the public and I was very proud to be joined by the Grand Master Elect, a number of senior Grand Officers and brethren representing their Lodges, as we marched from Melbourne Town Hall where we held our first installation 125 years ago, to the Domain Gardens. Here we had the Masonic Travelling Lodge setup, which was staffed by a number of brethren donating their time and giving the public the opportunity to become more aware about Freemasonry. Thank you to all involved, it was well worth the effort.

Bob Jones.

AUSTRALIA DAY MARCH 2014



Monash Lodge Supports Local Charities

In 2013, Monash Lodge No. 938 supported two local charities in Glen Waverley with a contribution from the Board of Benevolence. On 10 October a cheque for \$2000 was presented to the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre for the purchase of a second skin mobility suite. The Suite assists very young children with this condition to control their movements and develop their motor skills. The second donation of \$4000 in October was presented to Bestchance, an organisation providing a wide range of family support as well as various training services. This particular donation went toward the purchase of children's play equipment.



WBro. John Berhang and WBro. Kevin Fowler presenting the cheque to Matthew Yates and Lynn Carter of CPEC.



WBro. John Berhang and WBro. Kevin Fowler presenting the cheque to CEO of Bestchance Mr Kevin Feeney.

Monash Lodge Scholarships

Monash Lodge No. 938 in conjunction with the Board of Benevolence presented two Scholarships at Mt Waverley Secondary College on December 2013.



WBro. John Berhang, WBro. Kevin Fowler Chairman of the Social & Community Awareness Committee and scholarship recipients Ranya 'Mae' Li and Bowen Li.

These scholarships of \$750 each were presented to the male and female year 10 student who displayed qualities most espoused by Freemasonry. The money will be held by the school and issued to the students in the form of vouchers to assist with the expenses involved in their VCE studies.

Brighton Lodge Supports Local Schools

The Brighton District Lodge No.37, supported by the Board of Benevolence, made a joint donation of \$4000 to the Bayside Special Development School in Moorabbin, to assist in the construction of a purpose built play area with special safety features for children with disabilities who attend the school. This is one of many projects that the Brighton District Lodge have initiated for the school with the support of the Board over a number of years, having raised many thousands of dollars for a new school bus, a plant, herb and vegetable garden in which the children can be involved as well as an electronic interactive whiteboard.



L-R: WBro. Philip Barber, Brighton District Lodge, VWBro. Frank Fordyce, President Board of Benevolence and Bro. Michael Pepprell, CEO Bayside Special Development School.

Calling all Freemasons in Sport

We would be very interested to hear from sports enthusiasts or those active in sport at this time, as we are developing new content for our up and coming series of Channel 31.

If you play, coach, participate in any sport or have won an athletic award, we'd love to hear from you. Likewise, if you have an impressive collection of sports memorabilia that you would be happy to showcase, give us a call! Please contact Erin Olsen on 9411 0124 or email eolsen@freemasonsvic.net.au



Wayne Motton's Story

A journey of recovery

Wayne found himself struggling to breathe while performing a familiar routine for the Williamstown Theatre Company, despite having a stent put in 18 months prior. After some tests and internal examinations, a pre-emptive surgical strike was proposed before he had the inevitable heart attack.

Wayne underwent a triple bypass, a vein graft, an aortic valve replacement and the insertion of a pace maker, and he survived. After a lot of surgery Wayne felt ready to challenge himself again to be fit and do all of the things he enjoyed before the attack, like water skiing, snow skiing and swimming. But recovery wasn't easy, and due to some complications, Wayne underwent more surgery. Wayne began to worry about just how much he could exert himself.

Wayne's cardiologist and surgeon were both advocates of the HeartSmart Program so he started attending sessions that covered everything from menus and fitness programs to planning recovery in logical stages. Wayne said that this program gave him his confidence back, and now four years on, he is enjoying life and doing as much as he can.

Wayne joined the 2009 Grand Team as a Grand Steward and travelled around the State doing up to four Lodge investitures a week, then became the Secretary of his lodge. He raised money for Epworth Freemasons Hospital by cycling from Bangkok to Koh Samui in February 2013, and will this year be cycling from Qui Nhon to Danang, Vietnam for the Epworth Cycling Challenge in February.

Wayne said that the Vietnam ride will enable him to give back to the Hospital and the people who literally saved his life four years ago. If you would like to support Wayne in his ride through Vietnam, visit: <https://epworth-cycle-challenge-2014.everydayhero.com.au/mr-wayne-motton>



Wayne Motton

Go-karting With Sunshine Wisdom No. 226

Sunshine Wisdom Lodge No. 226 invites you to enjoy a day of go-karting at Braybrook's Fun Galore on Saturday March 15. Team 'Sunshine Wisdom' (members and ladies) are looking forward to challenging all who wish to take part. Go-karting will be followed by a BBQ, and numerous other activities are available at the venue, see:



<http://www.234fungalore.com.au>

So if you're up for burning some rubber, contact Bro. Lovejoy Mangani on 0432 499 603 or email lovejoymmangani@yahoo.co.uk to register your interest.

Run For Your Life

Fun Run or Walk

Epworth Run for Your Life – a fun run or walk will be held on Sunday 16 March, 2014 at Princes Park North Carlton to raise funds for Cardiac Services at Epworth Hospital. The event will start at 8.00am, from the corner of Princes Park Drive and Macpherson Streets, Parkville with a warm up from 7.45am. The lap distance is 3.2km with participants registering for 1-Lap-Walk, 2-Laps-Jog or 3-Laps-Run. Park facilities include a level track, shaded picnic area, playground, BBQs, accessible toilets, bubblers and free street parking along Princes Park Drive. The registration fee is \$40 per person and to register follow this link to the Everyday Hero website at <http://www.everydayhero.com.au/> and follow the steps. All participants will receive an event singlet, yoghurt, sausage sizzle, bottle of water and medal for finishing.

Once registered you will be provided with a website link to your personalised fundraising page, from there you can encourage family and friends to show their support. Prizes will be awarded to the top three fundraisers. The event aims to raise awareness about the importance of keeping fit whilst raising much needed funds for Cardiac Services at Epworth Hospital. For further information please contact the Epworth Medical Foundation on 03 9426 6359.



Participants take part in last year's fun run.

Epworth Medical Foundation

Vietnam Challenge 2014

Epworth Medical Foundation is holding their annual classic cycling journey; a 320 kilometre ride from Saigon to Hoi An, raising funds for cardiac patients at Epworth. All funds raised will be used to support cardiac patients at Epworth, through the purchase of equipment, funding new research projects, or improving patient services.

Problems with the heart and circulatory system are the most common forms of serious illness in Australia. Our nation's biggest killer is ischaemic heart disease (including angina, blocked arteries of the heart, and heart attacks), and heart attacks alone are responsible for 22,523 deaths a year. This is an ongoing challenge for Australia, and ischaemic heart disease has been the leading cause of death for 14 years. But the news is not all bad. The proportion of deaths due to ischaemic heart disease is decreasing, falling from 21 per cent of all deaths in 2000 to 16 per cent of all deaths in 2009. [Source: Australia Bureau of Statistics, 1301.0 - Year Book Australia, 2012].

Epworth HealthCare has pioneered many advances in cardiac diagnosis and treatment, through dedicated clinical care and research. They provide a comprehensive range of cardiac and cardiothoracic services including angiography, rhythm correction, pacemakers and repair of heart vessels and valves.

The Epworth HeartSmart Program is a six-week outpatient program for patients recovering from an acute cardiac event (such as cardiac surgery, heart attack, or stent insertion), or anyone with known coronary artery disease who is interested in risk factor management. The program consists of health education, risk factor modification and psychological discussion groups, combined with supervised light exercise. Many participants in Epworth HeartSmart Cycle Challenges have been former cardiac patients.

For more information contact the Epworth Medical Foundation on 03-9426 6132.



Cyclists from Epworth Medical Foundation's previous cycling challenge.

Vulcan Lodge No. 229

Travelling Gavel

The Vulcan Lodge No. 229 Travelling Gavel is in its ninth year and has now travelled 87,372 miles to 218 Lodges in five countries on four continents plus travelled on a cruise of the Caribbean and been held by 83 Grand Masters. At the close of the last e-mail the gavel was presented to Lebanon Lodge No. 34 in Langdon, North Dakota. On 21 December the brethren of Lebanon presented the gavel to North Star No. 16 in Larimore, North Dakota. The brethren of North Star presented the gavel to Goose River No. 19 in Mayville, North Dakota on January 7th however it has not been determined where the gavel will travel next.

If you know a member that would like to be added to our Gavel Update or if you know of a Lodge that would like to have the Gavel please contact Don Wheeler, Secretary of Vulcan Lodge No. 229 at sdwheeler@ckt.net

You can view all of the photos from the Gavel's travels at www.VulcanLodge229ofKansas.blogspot.com



Grand Master of North Dakota, Bro. Wendel Van Wechel presenting to Grand Master Richard Peterson of Goose River Lodge No. 19.

Central Highlands District 106 Information Seminars

The Central Highlands District 106 has conducted the first of a number of information seminars planned for the region under the direction of the District Coordinator, VWBro. David Pratt. Members in attendance ranged from Master Masons to Past Masters of various ranks. Members were divided into four groups and each group allotted to one of the four topics for the evening.

The topics were Ceremonial and Ritual Information, presented by RWBro. Barry Dowsing, Grand Lodge and Lodge Structure, delivered by VWBro. David Pratt, Ritual Delivery Techniques presented by WBro. Brett Edgington and Lodge Protocol, Etiquette and Decorum conducted by WBro. Bryan Ehlert. Also in attendance was the Superintendent of Education, WBro. Bill Stevenson, who added comments and advice on the content of the topics.

The information seminars are being conducted with the intention of creating and maintaining the Master Masons interest in Freemasonry and to provide the Master Masons with the knowledge and confidence to enable them to perform their work in the Lodge to an acceptable standard. The seminars will be held every three months including other topics of interest. To improve and extend the education of members in the Central Highlands District, the District has adopted the below goal: "To continue the education program by instructing and laying the foundations in further Masonic knowledge for newly raised brethren during their interim period in all facets and fundamentals of Grand Lodge structure, district Lodge structure, ceremonial and ritual as well as lodge procedures and principles."



Service to Freemasonry

A fantastic example of commitment to Freemasonry was shown as not one, but five service jewels were presented to members of the Chatham Lodge No. 459 on 17 November 2013, all members over the age of 80.

Left to Right:

WBro. Neil Affleck, WM aged 90 years, 60 year jewel

WBro. Bill Moore, aged 86 years, 50 year jewel

RWBro. Bill Corbett, aged 92 years, 65 year jewel

WBro. Bert Shaw, aged 98 years, 70 year jewel

WBro. George Wootton, aged 92 years, 70 year jewel



Garry Sebo Awarded 50 Year Jewel

Members and visitors enjoyed a wonderful night at Sandringham District Lodge's October meeting when over 106 brethren, ladies and guests attended the presentation of Past Grand Master, MWBro. Garry Sebo's 50 year jewel. Special guests included Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bob Jones and members of Garry and Pat Sebo's family. Also present were a number of members and their partners of Garry's country Grand Lodge teams who travelled to Sandringham to help Garry (and Pat) celebrate yet another Masonic milestone.



RWBro. Hillel Benedykt, Grand Master Elect was the presiding officer for the evening and presented MWBro. Garry with the jewel.

125 Images, 125 Years

As part of our 125th Anniversary celebrations, Freemasons Victoria will be featuring historical images in a new gallery on the Freemasons Victoria website. The gallery, under the 125th Anniversary page, will be updated throughout the year with images that best represent our achievements, people and milestones.

We would be very interested in receiving images from Lodges across the State, dating right back to 1889, so the call is out to dust off those albums.

Additionally, if you happen to find memorabilia or historic texts that you feel could be transferred effectively online as an image, please let us know. Contact Bree Stewart on 9411 0128 or email bstewart@freemasonsvic.net.au

Shabbat and Kiddush

Explained

This year's Grand Installation of RWBro. Hillel Benedykt brings with it some very special events, two of which some may not be entirely familiar with. To provide members with a better understanding of Shabbat and Kiddush, we have described these for you. Shabbat, (the Sabbath) is a key part of Jewish life. It is observed as a day of rest and spiritual rejuvenation. Shabbat takes place from nightfall on Friday to nightfall on Saturday. In the home and synagogue, blessings are made and candles are lit to welcome Shabbat and signify the start of the festival. The service at the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation will comprise prayers and singing, and most of these will be conducted in Hebrew as it is a traditional Orthodox Synagogue. Prayer books will be available with an English translation.

Kiddush is a ceremony of prayer and blessing over wine, performed typically by the head of a Jewish household at the meal ushering in the Sabbath on a Friday night or a holy day. It is customary not to begin eating or drinking until a few short prayers have been recited. At the Kiddush of the Grand Master Elect a number of food items will be served that will be typical of Jewish/European/Middle Eastern styles such as gefilte fish, herring and falafels. Of course, there will be a wide selection of other foods, all served in a buffet style.



Lecture Programme 2014
4th Friday - February to November

Dates	Lecture	Presenter
Friday 28 February	Installation of Master and Investiture of Officers	
Friday 28 March	Life & Times of Masons During the Era of the Regius Manuscript	RWBro. John Molnar GReg (218 member) IPM
Friday 25 April	No meeting	
Easter and Anzac Day	No meeting	
Friday 23 May	Menzies Grand Vision Graeme Love Memorial Scholarship <i>Open meeting</i>	Mr Graeme Williams Graeme Love Memorial Scholarship
Friday 27 June	Reflections on Freemasonry Three short presentations	Bro. Carlos Zapata (218 member) WBro. Garry Runge (218 member) WBro. Don Rainey (PGDC)
Friday 25 July	Media Reportage of Foundation of UGLV	WBro. Neil Morse (218 member)
Friday 22 August	Insights into Life & Times of Sir William John Clarke - 1st Grand Master	WBro. VRev Fred Shade (218 member)
Friday 26 September	1814: Consolidation and Change <i>TBC</i>	WBro. Dr Mike Kearsley 2014 Prestonian Lecturer <i>TBC</i>
Friday 24 October	Building Capital: Burley Griffin, Sacred Geometry, and the design of Canberra	WBro. Nick Sakelliaropoulos (218 member)
Friday 28 November	Victorian Freemasonry during the Great Depression (1928-1932)	WBro. Brendan Kyne (218 member) WM

The Victorian Lodge of Research No. 218

A vibrant new programme of talks has been arranged for 2014, which includes two Guest Speakers.

The first is the inaugural recipient of the Graeme Love Memorial Scholarship and the second is the 2014 Prestonian Lecturer from England.

We also have some excellent speakers from our own Victorian Lodge of Research, with many papers having a Victorian focus for the 125th Anniversary of United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Listen to some thought provoking papers, participate in interesting discussions on Freemasonry, see a Table Lodge in action, and make a daily advancement in your masonic knowledge.

Altona Lodge No. 572

Contributing to supporting the homeless

Donations totalling \$3370 from Altona Lodge No. 572 and the Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation were presented by WBro. Rob Richardson, to Captain Lance Jeffery, of the Salvation Army, Wyndham City Division on Monday 9 December.

The donation will provide a new generator and water heater for the salvos food bus, which provides free meals for the Homeless at Werribee Railway Station on Friday evenings.



L-R: Captain Lance Jeffery, Matthew Sutcliffe, WBro. Sean Thompson and WBro. Bob Richardson.

Calling for Content

You don't have to dig too deep within the Freemasons Victoria archives to find interesting information about our heritage and the people who have made up our rich history.

With this year being the 125th Anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, we would like to showcase some of the great stories that have helped to form this organisation, in *Freemasonry Victoria Magazine*, and on our website.

Stories can include memorable moments, major milestones, events in history, people, archival discoveries and interesting facts.

Don't forget to send highest resolution images or scans of at least 1-2MG.

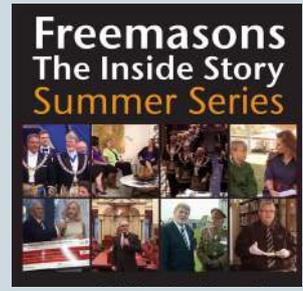
Please contact the Editor at editor@freemasonsvic.net.au or call 9411 0101. We'd love to hear your ideas!



Calling all Collectors!

Is your partner complaining about your collection of dusty records? Do you have a collection of ‘something’ that you just can’t part with, but that keeps getting bigger and bigger? Or maybe you have a passion for something and have thousands of them!?

We’d love to hear from you – your collection may even feature in the next edition of *Freemasonry Victoria Magazine*. Contact Gabrielle on gforman@freemasonsvic.net.au or call 9411 0101.



Channel 31, Freemasons: The Inside Story Summer Series

The 2013/14 Summer Series of Freemasons: The Inside Story will continue to air 8:30pm on Monday nights on Channel 31, until February. For those who may have missed any of the episodes featured last year, the Summer Series provides a great round up of the best of our great program. <http://www.c31.org.au/program/view/program/freemasons-victoria-the-inside-story>

ACTION LIST



<p>Don't forget to buy your FHA Diary. Diaries can be purchased for \$5 from Grand Secretariat at 300 Albert Street, East Melbourne or by calling (03) 9411 0100.</p>	
<p>Tune in to Freemasons: The Inside Story on Ch31 to watch the summer series http://www.c31.org.au/program/view/program/freemasons-victoria-the-inside-story</p>	
<p>Get your gavel! First in best dressed! We have received a kind donation of these presentation gavels! If you or your Masters group would like these, please make contact with Ben Quick bquick@freemasonsvic.net.au, first in best dressed!</p>	
<p>Buy your 125th Anniversary pin for \$6 from Grand Lodge – stock is limited!</p>	
<p>Don't Forget to Book Your Grand Installation Events Book now for all Grand Installation events at www.trybooking.com/65688 or contact Donna De La Rue for all other enquiries on 9411 0103 or email installation@freemasonsvic.net.au</p>	

Deadlines for content for coming issues:

- Engage 65 - 5 February
- Engage 66 - 19 February
- Engage 67 - 5 March

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