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A word from the Grand Master

On Wednesday 18th February I installed WBro. Chris Packham as Worshipful Master of Wesley Collegians. It was good to be at the installation of an old school lodge with all its traditions and friendly rivalry's with other school lodges.

The following evening I was joined by a large contingency of craft brethren on an official visit to the Grand Mark Quarterly Communication.

Thursday 20th February was an early start as I hit the road for some filming for Freemasons: The Inside Story, Series 2. At 7am we arrived at the SecondBite depot in Flemington to board one of many trucks that redistributes surplus fresh food to the needy, and assists in building community capacity in food skills and nutrition. We visited two venues in the western suburbs, where I assisted the driver in unloading the truck. I found the recipients to be most appreciative of our efforts.

That afternoon I raced back to DBC where I met with the other Heads of Order as we do each Quarter. Then MWBro. John Liesegang Grand Master of the Mark and Most Eminent Companion Graeme O'Donnell GZ of Supreme Grand Chapter joined me for an interview for Channel 31 where we discussed things as the Heads of Craft Mark and Chapter. This is an interview that you won't want to miss when it airs on CH31. I followed that up by further meetings at Grand Lodge and eventually made it home late that evening, a typical long day.

On Sunday I enjoyed some personal time watching my favourite WNBL basketball team, the Dandenong Rangers play in a semi-final, even though it was a decent trip to Bendigo to do so.

Monday 24th February we were back filming for Freemasons: The Inside Story, but this time it was a full day in the life of the Grand Master, namely ME. We started out at two of my branches walking through a typical day in my life, before heading back to Grand Lodge to follow me around and observe further meetings and administration duties. Then we headed off to Baden-Powell Lodge for the Scout Uniform Night which was thoroughly enjoyable. The Lodge was filled with some 160 Freemasons, ladies and scouts and it was such a wonderful sight with all the flags and memorabilia. We also got to interview WBro. Michael Baden-Powell, the grandson of Lord Baden-Powell and the interview will also be shown on a future episode of Freemasons: The Inside Story.

Tuesday 25th I was back at the studios editing our next couple of editions of Freemasons: The Inside Story. Just call me Steven Spielberg. Later that evening I installed Bro. Steven Dinner as Worshipful Master of Epicurean Lodge in Geelong. One of the interesting things about this installation was that I recall a year earlier I also attended a meeting and assisted Steven in initiating his son Cameron.

Thursday 27th February we boarded a flight to Tasmania to join the Grand Installation celebrations of MWBro. Allan Sangwell. Allan was Grand Secretary of Tasmania for 16 years and Allan's wife Pamela is currently the Most Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

I was joined by some 48 Craft brethren and their partners as well as over 30 members from Mark and Ark Mariners who were also in Hobart for an Installation. We thoroughly enjoyed the associated events and look forward to reuniting with them back in Melbourne in three weeks.

New Centenary commenced in great style!

Saturday 15 February 2014 heralded the beginning of the Second Century of the Malvern Waverley Mark Lodge with the Ceremony of the Re-enactment of the Consecration of the Lodge and the Centenary Banquet.

The Ceremony of the Consecration was conducted by MWBro. John Liesegang Grand Master of the Mark, and RWBro. Douglas Mount DGM assisted by Grand Mark Officers, and was witnessed by over a 'Century' of members, ladies and guests. The impressive work was seamless with that dignity and precision that we take so much for granted. Participants can be rightly proud of the way the Lodge was launched into its next century.



MWBro. John Liesegang GM and RWBro. Graeme Smith drink a toast to the Malvern Waverley Mark Centenary.

Indeed it was a memorable day and night for Mark Masonry at the Waverley Masonic Centre.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the magnificent Oration delivered by RWBro. Wayne Smith, Grand Secretary.

Knight of Honour of the Order of St John of Jerusalem - Knights Hospitaller

VWBro. Graeme Kitney KSJ PGIWkgs of Brighton Grammarians Lodge No. 433 was invested on Saturday 22 February at Christ Church Geelong, as a Knight of Honour of the Order of St John of Jerusalem - Knights Hospitaller.



Graeme Kitney KSJ PGIWkgs in robes.

The Order of St John of Jerusalem is the oldest order of Chivalry still in existence in the world today, dating back to the Crusades nearly 1000 years ago.

The Order now involves itself in charity work but in the early days they defended Jerusalem, ran hospitals, looked after the poor and provided many charitable services.

Freemasons Victoria Merchandise

The Freemasons Victoria e-store can be accessed at www.freemasonsvic.net.au via the member's log-in.

If you do not have access to a computer, you can place an order over the phone: (03) 9411 0111.



Stay tuned for a selection of 125th Anniversary items for Sale!

Freemasons Victoria Webcasts!

Don't forget to check out the latest webcasts on the Freemasons Victoria member intranet!

Just visit VIDEOS – GRAND LODGE VIDEOS (links). There you will find the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's address.

Stay tuned for more exciting webcasts!



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



Special Installation at Talbot Lodge No. 42

WBro. Steve Allen PGStdB was Installed on Saturday 15 February, as the 155th Master of Talbot Lodge No 42. The Installing Master VWBro. Chris Andrews was supported by MWBro. Vaughan Werner PGM and members of the 2010/11 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team. The members and visitors were treated to a wonderful Installation ceremony and investiture of Officers, which was precise yet relaxing under the direction of VWBro. Mark Eadon PGDC.

Following the Installation, the 109 members, visitors and ladies were treated to a sumptuous buffet luncheon of various cold meats, seafood and salads, which were most appreciated on a very warm afternoon/evening during, at which time the usual toasts and responses were made, none more fitting than that of VWBro. Andrews in his toast to the new Master, where he highlighted Steve's recent health issues which delayed his Installation by three months.

In Steve's response, he thanked his wife Irene for her support during the past months of uncertainty and the members of Talbot Lodge for their continued support to himself, Irene and their family. Steve previously served two consecutive terms as Master of Talbot Lodge from 1985 to 1987.



Grand Installing Team and Talbot Lodge Officers.

65 Year Jewel Presented by Grandson

WBro. Maxwell Alexander Broad PJGD (85 years), Chaplain of the Lodge of Orana No. 836 was presented with his 65 Year Jewel by his Grandson and Steward, Bro. Maxwell Peter Broad MM (20 years). With Lodge Secretary WBro. Ross Broad PM looking on.

Max Snr. was Initiated in Goroke Lodge No. 508 in the Mallee in February 1949 and as he says found out very quickly how country Masons looked after each other, especially as a young raw teacher in a small town. Transferring to other schools he then became a member of the Duke of Clarence Lodge No. 172 in Alexandra and then another transfer led him to Meredith Lodge No. 136 in the Western District - finally settling into Lodge of Orana No. 836 in Greensborough, in September 1965.



WBro. Maxwell Alexander Broad being presented with his 65 year Jewel by Grandson, Bro. Maxwell Peter Broad.

Being one of the first to introduce computers to State Primary Schools, Max published the first Lodge Newsletter in 1978 when they were rare and continued doing so for the next 32 years.

This was about the same period of time he was Treasurer of the Social Club working tirelessly fund raising. Still driving to Lodge

and Social functions Max

loves his Lodge and is thankful to be part of a happy hardworking Lodge who support him daily.

Visit to Lodge Devotion No. 723

Most Worshipful Grand Master Bob Jones visited Lodge Devotion No. 723 at the Collingwood Masonic Centre in early February. Almost a month on, a buzz remains at the Lodge about this most successful night. No doubt the Grand Masters' visit will be recalled for decades to come as a historic and social highlight. Presenting eight Master Mason's certificates in the Lodge, and with deliberately no other work scheduled, brothers were able to retire to the South early for what the MWGM described as "convivial and one of the friendliest evenings I have had in quite some time..". Lodge members claim the fellowship was standard, but there was nothing ordinary about the honour of having the MWGM in their presence. Unrestrained by the formalities often surrounding busy events like Installations, there was a lot of time for all to mingle and enjoy the unique camaraderie that Freemasonry offers.

The Lodge and the MWGMs' focus for the night was not just the Master Masons, so important to our future, but also to spend relaxed time with each other - time to build new and maintain old friendships which are so critical to a Lodge's success. All members of Devotion and the visitors wish the Grand Master and his family all the best as he leaves office and appreciate his time and kind words on the night and efforts over the years, especially the last two. Lodge Devotion will meet at Dallas Brooks Hall on Thursday 10 April, Tying at 7:30pm and then tour the Grand Lodge Library. Visitors most welcome, please book via andy.mckay@tpg.com.au



'We Care' Appeal - UPDATE

A Lucas 2 Chest Compression System has now been provided to the Royal Melbourne Hospital. This item was drawn to the Chamar Board's attention when Victorian mother of two, Vanessa Tanasio was clinically dead for 42 minutes but kept alive by the Lucas 2 which was able to keep the blood flowing to her brain. Her story can be found on the Herald Sun web site: <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/mum-vanessa-tanasio-dead-for-42-minutes-brought-back-to-life-by-medical-miracle/story-fni0fit3-1226700077349>

At the same time, this allowed doctors to perform emergency heart surgery, and Ms Tanasio returned home some weeks later after making a full recovery.

The Board noted the need for such a machine for Melbourne's largest metropolitan hospital and Freemasons generosity has made the provision of this vital piece of equipment possible

In conjunction with the Board of Benevolence of United Grand Lodge of Victoria a second machine will shortly become available for installation at another hospital. The second project is in support of the 'Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc.' The Skin & Cancer Foundation is Australia's leading dermatology centre, providing over 25,000 clinical services, registrar and dermatologist training, community skin health education and clinical research.

Medical photography plays a critical role in dermatology, therefore The Foundation has a specialist medical dermatology photography unit. Staffed by qualified medical photographers, the unit photographs, processes and records high definition images of a very wide range of dermatological conditions, for the purposes of clinical treatment, education and research.

The Board has already partly funded this project and the continued support of Freemasons will ensure that full funding is achieved for the general upgrade of the facility, together with the purchase of specialist photographic equipment and associated software.

Since the launch of the current 'We Care' Appeal in November 2013, the Board has been greatly moved by a further request for support that it felt impossible to refuse. On 22 September 2013 in the City of Peshawar, Pakistan, two suicide bombers detonated explosives in the midst of a Church congregation. One hundred people were killed but one, Kashmala Munawar, a 16 year old girl, survived despite sustaining horrific injuries. Badly disfigured with shrapnel wounds, she had one leg amputated and would have lost the other if it were not for an arrangement to bring her to Australia in an effort to save the limb. The Board agreed to guarantee sufficient funds to enable her and her mother to fly to Australia for the surgery. This spontaneous response for support has been the hallmark of 'We Care' since the very first Appeal was launched almost two decades ago when it enabled young Philippino Elino Rodell to travel to Australia to have vital cranial surgery.

Mark, Ark and Chapter Masons have a wonderful reputation for the charitable work undertaken by the 'We Care' Charitable Trust and these projects are no exception. Your continued support is most earnestly sought. Cheques should be made payable to the 'We Care' Charitable Trust and forwarded to

C/- VWBro. Wayne Smith
United Grand Lodge of Victoria
300 Albert Street, East
Melbourne Vic 3002

Brethren and Companions,
'We' simply have to 'Care'.



MWBro. Robert Paroissien, PGM, Chairman of the 'We Care' Charitable Trust receiving a cheque from VEmComp Colin Prout (GDC Grand Chapter), VWBro. Peter Bond (GDC Grand Mark) and RWBro. Colin Stockdale (GDC Royal Ark Mariners).

Masons move marvelous marmalade!

Members of the Sturt Buninyong United Lodge No. 23 assisted with the transfer of 121 marmalade entries from the 2014 International Marmalade Fair to the Buninyong Town Hall .

The Lodge has been associated with the National Marmalade Fair since 2011 by making their facilities available for the judging process. This valuable (and sticky) community activity draws entries from across Australia. The Fair includes a section for marmalade made only by men however this year no Freemasons were among the twenty-one entries received. Do men not like jam?

The top twenty-four entries spanning many varieties of marmalade were sent to the International Marmalade Awards at Dalemain homestead in Cumbria (UK). Last year members of the 2013 Grand Lodge Team took the opportunity to purchase competition marmalade during their Sunday lunch at the Ballarat Masonic Centre, catered for by Sturt Buninyong Lodge.



Entrusted with this 'precious' product are Brian Coffey, Master of the Sturt Buninyong Lodge; Mark Retallick, Senior Warden and Ron Fleming, Lodge Secretary.



REGISTRATION DATE EXTENDED
Friday 7th March

Register for the Grand Installation and associated events now at

www.trybooking.com/65688

For further information contact Donna on (03) 9411-0103

or email at

installation@freemasonsVIC.net.au



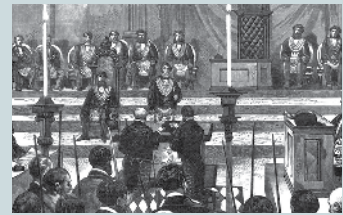
125 Images, 125 Years

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



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>Buy your one-of-a-kind 125th Anniversary pin Only \$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>	

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!



Deadlines for content for coming issues:

- Engage 67 - 12 March
- Engage 68 - 26 March
- Engage 69 - 9 April
- Engage 70 - 22 April

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You're Invited

The Homes Open Day

Saturday 29 March 2014 : 11am-2pm

Coppin Centre, 45 Moubray Street, Melbourne. Entry (walk) via main Moubray Street entrance

Open Day showcases our sites, our staff, our activities and achievements in a family day atmosphere... something for everyone.

There will be a Freemasons Ceremony, presentation of Awards, supporter acknowledgments, a BBQ luncheon and a variety of family activities.

Enjoy the garden atmosphere, surrounded by the original old Freemasons cottages and our modern facilities.

RSVP: Friday 15 March **Telephone:** 9452 2453

Email: eellis@royalfreemasons.org.au



Program on the other side of this Invitation.

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Key Note Address
Ms Noeline Brown,
The Federal Ambassador
for Ageing

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Saturday 29 March 2014 : 11am - 2pm

Program

11.00 am	Arrival of guests Refreshments and live entertainment.
11.25 am	Guests assemble in Coppin Hall (Limited seating available)
11.40 am	United Grand Lodge of Victoria Ceremonial March Grand Team
11.50 am	Opening Address Board Chairman, Ian Buckingham
11.55 am	Key Note Address Ms Noeline Brown, Federal Ambassador for Ageing
12.10 pm	Presentation of Awards Honorary President and Grand Master, MWBro Hillel Benedykt <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lorna Chapman Award• Appreciation Awards• Acknowledgment of Historical Homes Jewels Program
12.30 pm	BBQ Buffet luncheon Enjoy family style entertainment including petting zoo, music and magician on site from 12.30pm! (Drinks available for purchase)
2.00 pm	Guests depart via Moubray Street