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We've moved home! We take you on a tour around our new headquarters in East Melbourne with a brief history of the Dallas Brooks Centre.

BUSHFIRE RELIEF

We look at how Freemasons have been helping with bushfire relief in their local communities.

CONSECRATION OF PLARIDEL LODGE

The story of Freemasonry's newest gift to Victoria and the Philippines.



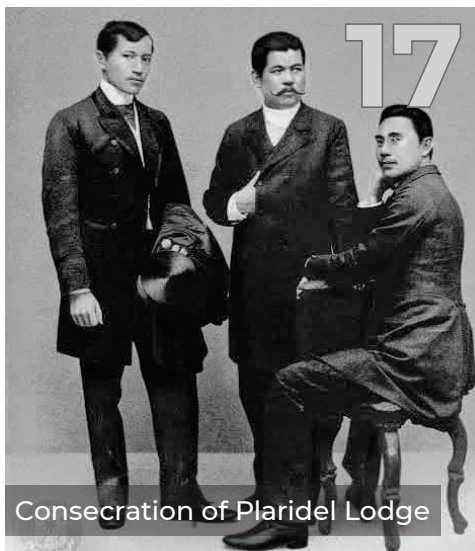
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Message from the President of the Board of General Purposes

Freemasonry needs Freemasons. A statement that should be blatantly obvious but requires some understanding. Masons that celebrate their membership but do not practice our principles. Freemasonry does not need once a month Freemasons. We do not need members that attend as a matter of obligation, or for promotion, or to be seen. We do not need members that admit to being Freemasons but fail to practice the principles of our organisation. We do not need members that wear our badge with pride but fail to act as Freemasons.

Freemasonry needs Freemasons. Men that act and abide by our practices and principles. Men that wear our Square and Compasses as a badge of honour and actively demonstrate the principles that are underpinned by our teachings. Men that act in accordance to our morals not only in a Lodge room, where our ritual states how we should behave, but also at home, in the community and at work. It is not enough to just be a member of Freemasons Victoria. You must commit to be an active member; at Lodge, at home, at work and in your community. To be a Freemason, you must continually strive for excellence and demonstrate that behaviour to others.

My time as President of the Board of General Purposes is coming to an end and I have had much pleasure in seeing the positive results that our membership has supported. I will



Bro. Justin Stark

admit that I have made honest mistakes; but I own my mistakes. I address them and I have used them as a catalyst for my daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. I have always tried to act in accordance to the Masonic principles that are delivered in our ritual.

There is however, one last important message that every member of our Craft must understand. That Freemasonry belongs to us, the members. It is our Craft; it is our organisation. Rank, position and power are not given, they must be continually earned. Every Freemason has a voice and therefore an obligation to our organisation to identify those practices demonstrated that we wish to emulate. We must also call out those behaviours that we find intolerable and inconsistent with our Masonic principles and

tenants. If your Lodge is not meeting your expectations, do not hide, do not complain but discuss it with your membership. If your Lodge is not meeting your expectations, it is your obligation to help improve it; to voice your concerns and have them addressed in a suitable manner. It is your obligation to be involved and be the change that you want to see in our Craft.

Such practices are hard, they are difficult and challenging; but they are necessary in order to strengthen our organisation. Taking a stand is difficult. It requires courage, spirit and conviction. It requires practices that our antient Brethren drove to build our organisation. Our forefathers made personal sacrifices and brave decisions for the future of our organisation while considering the needs and interests of our fraternity above



their own. We must remember that we are stakeholders in the future of our fraternity and unless we open our hearts and minds, we will be destined to follow the examples of our past leaders.

Remember, every one of us has a voice. We have an ability to influence our Lodges, Districts and Grand Lodge. Never lose your voice or the courage of your convictions and use that for the betterment of our Craft. It is my vow to never lose my voice, to be a champion for Freemasonry and our membership and to cultivate the membership and culture that is espoused in our fraternity. I will stand beside those who fight for the betterment of our Craft and continue to work and look forward to seeing the next generation of Freemasonry making a difference in our society.

Bro. Justin Stark
President of the Board
United Grand Lodge of Victoria

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the March 2020 edition of the Freemasons Victoria Journal. We hope this issue brings you delight while reading it in the comfort of your own home during these uncertain times. Due to COVID-19, the March issue was published in April and all ranks and titles are as at March 2020.

The team at Freemasons Victoria is fuelled by your support. We have each received calls, texts and emails of encouragement from the membership which keeps us going. Small acts of kindness do go a long way.

While we may not have all the answers, we are doing our best. This is the first time that the entire team is working from home and as we adapt to a more remote style of work, we are united in delivering quality membership services to you. That's a promise.

As we all try navigating around the new normal, it may be difficult to respond to the situation from the confines of our homes. But what we can do is become first responders in providing compassion and support at a high moral standard.

We're not all on the front line, but we can all be first responders. We're on this journey together.

Kelly Leventis
Editor

Interchange Outer East Greenhouse Project

Monash Gully District 114

The Monash Gully District has for many years supported the Interchange Outer East (IOE) Sibling Program which supports the siblings of children with special needs. This program has been successful in supporting these children who live in difficult circumstances and



are often disadvantaged socially, academically and financially.

The District Charity Officer, John Poke, developed a great concept to assist IOE with a project to involve children with disabilities and volunteers in growing vegetables which will eventually be sold to generate income.

After some time, the greenhouses were purchased and to save costs, John sought the assistance of a good friend Bill Bedford, a builder, to assist in building them.

The garden project is doing very well. There are different vegetables and a range of herbs thriving. Staff members, patients and visitors pick the herbs and



take them home, and everyone helps with the maintenance of the garden. Everyone is delighted to see this project flourish and IOE are pleased with the remarks by patients and visitors. It is a privilege for the Freemasons in the district to be involved in this way.



Freemasons Victoria Taskforce

What does the Freemasons Victoria Taskforce do?

As “The Hand of Freemasonry”, the Freemasons Victoria Taskforce has a key role in providing community and charity support through various projects and is also available to assist with the conduct of Freemasons Victoria events. All Freemasons who participate in a community helping project with their fellow Brethren are Freemasons Victoria Taskforce members, whether it is with their Lodge, District or as part of a Freemasons Victoria State-wide project call-out. Taskforce members gain pride and satisfaction working on helping community projects. Through working together, members develop great camaraderie and respect for each other all while promoting the public image of Freemasonry. Taskforce projects generally require hands-on, practical work. Working together on needed practical tasks, with Brethren, family and friends, provides physical and mental wellbeing through exercise and a feeling of accomplishment.

Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal 2019

The Freemasons Taskforce has supported the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal for over 17 years by collecting donations on Good Friday at 7-Eleven stores in conjunction with the Uncle Bob’s Charity.



Albert Park Lake Walk for Mental Health 2019

Over 10,000 participants raised funds for Mental Health and our very own Taskforce helped event organisers with marshalling as well as handing out fruit and drinks to participants.





▲ Variety Club Christmas Party for Disadvantaged Children 2019

Our Taskforce decorated Jeff's Shed the day before the event, loading drinks into fridges, wrapping gifts, setting up chairs, tables and barriers, and preparing food. On the day of the party, they cheerfully greeted 50 busloads of children and carers, briefed them and ushered them all safely. Over 5,500 disadvantaged children and 3,500 carers attended the party.

The Dandenong and Berwick Shows for charity 2019

Taskforce volunteers supported the Dandenong and Berwick Shows by providing help with ticket sales, carpark management, entrance control and general marshalling.



▲ Jells Park Walk in aid of the Monash Children's Hospital 2020

At the Jells Park Walk, the Taskforce managed marshalling and the parking of thousands of cars and while giving directions to those arriving for the event.

The East Gippsland Bushfire Relief goods packaging at Sale 2020

Taskforce Brethren, family and friends packed goods in Sale for fire ravaged communities in East Gippsland. Goods including food, bottled water, toiletries, clothes and toys were delivered on Australia Day.



Care Bares

In the last year, the Taskforce has received almost 200 lovingly knitted and kindly donated Care-Bears for presentation to Ambulance Victoria. The Bears are given to distressed children in need of comfort during treatment by paramedics and at Emergency Departments. Mrs Frances Thornton, wife of WBro. Bob Thornton has knitted and donated about 70 bears using her own pattern.





EPWORTH HEALTHCARE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF CARE

Epworth HealthCare is a key part of the Victorian community and, on 27 February, celebrated 100 years of caring for patients.

From early beginnings in 1920 as a 25-bed community hospital in Richmond, Epworth has expanded today to Victoria's largest not-for-profit private hospital group with 11 sites across Melbourne and Victoria.

Epworth is commemorating its centennial year throughout 2020 with a raft of celebrations, including revealing a historical documentary, a historical timeline, events, and plenty of staff scholarships.

Epworth Freemasons looks forward to unveiling its \$100m redevelopment in coming months and is looking forward to showcasing this to the community.

First founded in 1920 with a philanthropic gift, this legacy and strong ties to our community has continued, with continual

"Our centenary is really about celebrating all the achievements of our staff and medical experts who are responsible for providing the very best of care to Victorians, every day."

Nicole Waldron

Epworth Chief Operating Officer, Hospitals

investments back into the healthcare network.

Over the last 100 years, Epworth has grown with the community, both in size and innovation and as Epworth celebrates its centenary, the focus remains

Across a range of medical, surgical, rehabilitation and mental health specialties, Epworth is at the forefront of healthcare, which benefits many generations of patients, from the newly born to the elderly.

Freemasons Hospital board members and nurses soon after opening.



on education, research and innovation to improve the health, wellbeing and experience of future generations of Victorians

Today, Epworth has more than 40 specialty areas of medicine, delivered by 3,000 affiliated doctors, more than 7,000 passionate staff, hundreds of volunteers, and more than 200,000 patient admissions were recorded in the last financial year.

Epworth is a household name in Victoria - many welcome their babies to the busiest private maternity unit in Victoria, others utilise the emergency departments at Epworth Richmond and Epworth Geelong.

Epworth invests in new treatments for disease, by undertaking early phase clinical trials and trialling innovative devices to make significant improvements to treatments and outcomes. Epworth has unveiled a wall commemorating the hospital's history at Epworth Freemasons and Epworth Richmond. The centenary logo is on display across all sites. To learn more about Epworth and the centenary visit: blog.epworth.org.au/100.





Lord Huntingfield, Grand Master (1935 – 1939)

The Right Honourable William Charles Arcedeckne Vanneck, Baron Huntingfield, KCMG, was born in Gatton, Queensland, on 3 January 1883 and chose the military for his career. He succeeded to the title on the death of his uncle in 1915, retired from the army as a captain in 1921, and spent six years as a Member of Parliament from 1923.

Huntingfield was an experienced Freemason when he arrived in Victoria as he had been Master of a Lodge in Suffolk. In Melbourne

he joined the United Service Lodge No. 330. He had the honour of laying the Foundation Stone for the Freemasons Hospital on 18 March 1936 and was present as Grand Master on 17 March 1937 when Lord Gowrie, the Governor-General of Australia and Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, declared the hospital open. On his return to England he was appointed Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England. He died on 20 November 1969.



The Freemasons Hospital What is significant?

In May 1935 the committee of the proposed hospital reported to the Board of General Purposes that it was recommending preparation of draft plans for a 60-bed hospital and a home for 38 nurses, to cost about £80,000. The contract was to be open to public tender, but all sub-contractors were to be Freemasons. George BurrIDGE Leith, the incumbent Grand Inspector of Workings, was appointed to confer with the architects and sub-contractors, while instructions were to be issued that the quantity surveyor must be a member of the Craft.

▲ Thornton, P T 1989, *A Century of Union, The United Grand Lodge of Victoria, East Melbourne*.



The Freemasons Hospital, established by the United Grand Lodge of Victoria in 1937, is of historical and of architectural significance to the State of Victoria. It is the only known "intermediate" or "community" hospital constructed by a Lodge or friendly society in Melbourne's inner suburbs in the early 1930s following the Victorian government's initiative to assist construction of hospitals to accommodate middle class fee-paying ("intermediate") patients. Inspired by modern American practice the new hospital, intended for use solely by Freemasons and their families, accommodated 60 patients and about forty nurses.

The original five level reinforced concrete building, designed by architects Stephenson and Meldrum (later Stephenson and Turner) in the inter-war functionalist style, was built by J R & E Seccull in 1936-37. The white cement rendered exterior was trimmed in Masonic blue,

a pale shade on the balcony soffits and dark blue ceramic tiles highlighting the main entrance. A relief figure group representing the Freemason's crest and a geometric relief sculpture by Melbourne artist W L Bowles (1885-1954) is featured on walls of the lift motor room above the main entrance.

The hospitals designed by Stephenson in the 1930s and 1940s, based on European modern movement principles, led the progress towards Australian functionalist modernism. Stephenson chose the modernist idiom for hospital design as it suited the advanced scientific, medical, and programmatic principles of the institution, and the functionalist expression allowed for simple planning and honesty of expression. The Freemasons Hospital was a seminal modernist building in Victoria, its severe horizontal balconies, contrasting vertical services tower and minimal decoration being radical for the time.

▲ Heritage Council Victoria 2002, *Freemasons Hospital*, Victorian Heritage Database, 4 February 2020, <<https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/12253>>.



Freemasons Foundation Victoria

Interchange Outer East

Freemasons from Lodge of Good Companions, Monash Lodge, Canterbury Lodge, Henty Lodge and Brae Dale Lodge recently supported the Foundation contributing \$70,000 to the Interchange Outer East Sibling Program.

The Sibling Program is specifically aimed at providing opportunities and activities to siblings of disabled children and does not receive any government funding and is fully funded by Freemasons.

Each year 80-100 children participate in the program and progress towards being confident and successful adults.

The association with the organisation and the setting up of the sibling program was established in 2008 by RWBro. Keith Thornton who was unable to attend the recent cheque presentation.

At the recent cheque presentation, Myles King OAM Chairman of the Foundation

said "This valuable work by lodges in Monash Gully District is a great example of masonic charity with long reaching impact. I congratulate the lodges involved with this project and pay gratitude to RWBro. Keith Thornton for his tireless work in establishing this relationship between Freemasonry and Interchange Outer East. A great example of how Together Everyone Achieves More".

Freemasons Foundation presents a cheque to the Interchange Outer East Sibling Program.

**"Each year
80-100
children
participate
in the
program"**



\$10M DISTRIBUTED

since November 2014

We are proud to have been able to support programs and initiatives that have contributed to a stronger and healthier Victoria.

MAKE A DONATION

Your help can assist the Foundation to continue supporting the Victorian community. Freemasons Foundation Victoria is the Trustee for The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation, which is a Deductible Gift Recipient charity as defined by the Australian Tax Office. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



Freemasons Foundation Victoria

freemasonsfoundation.org



Gippsland Drought Affected Farming Community

Freemasons Foundation has joined Lions and Rotary Club to support Gippsland Farmer Relief, Lions Need for Feed Disaster Relief and Rotary Club of Bairnsdale Farmers Relief Program, a further \$60,000 was recently donated to Gippsland Farmer Relief bringing our total of support to farming families to over \$170,000.

The contribution to Gippsland Farmer Relief, through Freemasons Foundation Victoria, will enable program coordinators and volunteers reach out to more families impacted by drought.

Speaking at the luncheon for the volunteers of the Need for Feed Program, Freemasons Foundation Director, Rodney Lavin, said "that the support provided Gippsland Farmer Relief enables farming families



Freemasons Foundation presents a cheque to the Gippsland Farmer Relief Program.

to access financial assistance through debit cards, which, if spent in the local community will in turn support local businesses that are also being impacted by the drought. By providing debit cards, it is hoped that the

farming family will spend it in their local community, not only to provide for their family, but also to support our small businesses that are also impacted by the drought."

"Our total support to farming families to over \$170,000"

Scholarships

On Friday 5 April 2019 Freemasons Foundation Victoria presented over 40 scholarships totalling in excess of \$170,000 at its Tertiary Scholarship Presentation evening where more than 150 people were in attendance.

The Freemasons Foundation 2019 Scholarships of \$10,000

per year tenable for the year of a full-time tertiary course was awarded to Meghan Conlan. Meghan attended Tyrrell College for her secondary studies.

Since 2015, the Foundation's Scholarships & Awards Program has presented 590 awards to secondary and tertiary students totalling more than \$1.6m.



Students awarded scholarships.

"Since 2015, the Foundation's Scholarships & Awards Program has presented 590 awards"



Freemasons Foundation Victoria

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The Travelling Mason

Brother Philip at Kenton Lodge No. 145, Oregon, USA



Bro. Philip Batemen travelled to Oregon, USA, and was warmly received by Kenton Lodge No. 145. Kenton formally meets in North Portland, every Second Thursday, but the Lodge actually gets together every Thursday. The Lodge works under Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon.



"It's not just your grandad's supper club anymore."



Kenton Lodge's statement is very clear. Furthermore, the Lodge proceeds to define the modern Mason.

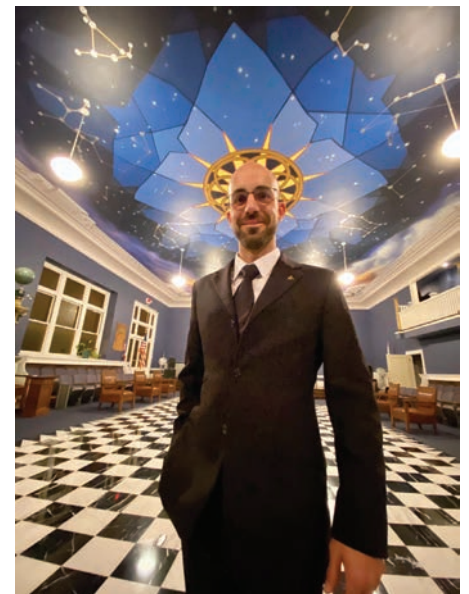
"Today's Freemason is young-at-heart, intelligent and a man of the past, the present and the future. It's all about business suits and bow ties; about fraternity and community. Our experience is a mixture of introspection, exploration and manifestation. If these things define or interest you, then welcome home."

Kenton Lodge also displays a defining theme that unites

the fraternity as a whole.

It's a quest for nobler deeds, higher thoughts, and purer actions through the Masonic experience. You can read our histories and our culture for free through books and through websites, but you'll be missing out on the most important aspect of becoming a Freemason, and that's the experience we provide through our unwritten traditions and our ancient rituals.

This Masonic experience isn't all about dressing up and attending a dinner a few times a month. It's about going through a life-changing series of ceremonies, each imparting a specific lesson that only those who are ready to learn can understand and apply. It's about challenging your beliefs and opinions and having an open mind to other ideas through civil discourse. It's about respecting the past, understanding the present, and planning for the future. It's about introspection, and the manifestation of our personal potential by



being active participants in the improvement of our respective communities.



Renovated in 2011, the Kenton Masonic Temple stands as one of the few remaining Portland Masonic buildings that is still for Masonic use. It serves as an anchor point for the Kenton neighbourhood and is home to various shops, organisations and Masonic Groups. The building is also available for events and other meetings on a limited basis. I am sure Freemasons and non-Freemasons alike admire this attractive landmark; even from far away in Australia.



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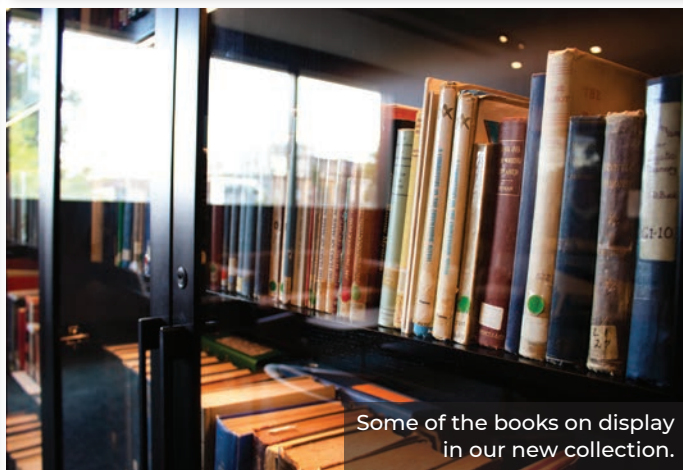
The pillars carved into the marble span the ground and first floor.



The new library filled with books.



Displays with our history.



Some of the books on display in our new collection.



The bottom of the pillar carved into our grand entry.



A comfortable area to relax and read one of the many books in the library.

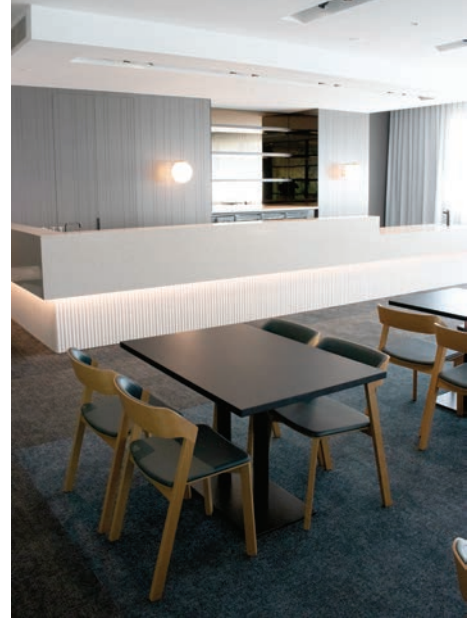
Artwork of Grand Master HRH Albert Prince of Wales.



The grand piano that stands next to our historic columns.



A light and bright bar and dining area.



New artwork above the grand staircase.



The UGLV crest on display.



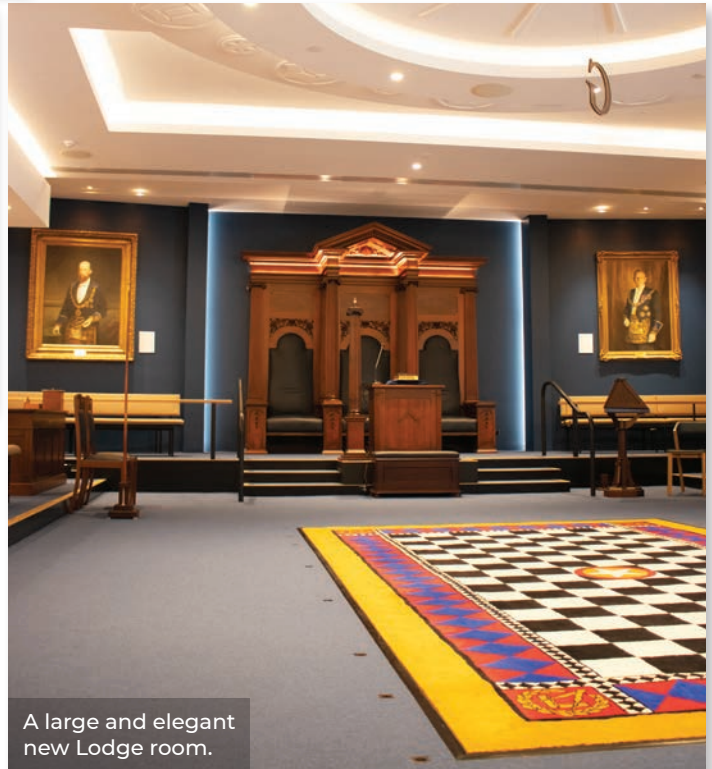
4D artwork that when scanned with a phone comes to life.



The outside of the building engraved with the square and compass.



The Cornerstone at Freemasons Melbourne.



A large and elegant new Lodge room.



Freemasons Victoria Headquarters.

Dallas Brooks Centre

In 1954, the Board of General Purposes with the concurrence of the Grand Master, decided that the time was opportune for a positive scheme to be adopted for the provision of a building which would meet the needs of the members and be worthy of the Order. The Masonic Centre of Victoria, later called the Dallas Brooks Centre, was officially opened on 17 March 1969 during MWBro. Charles Roger Darvall's term as Grand Master. The centre consisted of an auditorium, Lodge premises, banquet rooms, supper rooms and administrative offices.

One feature of the Dallas Brooks Centre merits some more attention. At the entrance in Albert Street stand two pillars. The Board of General Purposes heard in September 1966 that the building committee had decided to consider such a feature. On 29 July 1968, the detailed planning committee accepted with thanks the offer by the architects and the builder to provide these pillars. Today, these pillars stand at the bottom of the Grand Staircase leading up towards level one at Freemasons Melbourne.

The symbolic pillars standing at the entrance are cast in



The pillars in their original place.



aluminium. Mr Rein Slagmolen, artist and sculptor, prepared patterns in wax on a semi-circular form, from the architect's design. These patterns were then moulded in sand and the aluminium castings poured in two half sections. The casting

was executed by Stephen Firman & Sons Pty Ltd. Rein Slagmolen completed the work with black patina. A cast metal symbolic structure adorning the reredos screen in Lodge room one was also cast by Firmans from Slagmolen's patterns.



Oration ^{By} delivered by
MWBro Keith. T. Murray, United Grand Lodge of Victoria

MWBro R. Peter [unclear] Grand Master of Victoria

MEEmComp Greg. M. Harmer, Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria

VWBro. Felix Pintado

Grand Chaplain

on the occasion of the *Laying of the Cornerstone*
at Freemasons Melbourne, East Melbourne

Wednesday 20 March 2019

We are congregated here today to lay the corner stone of this new edifice, for we would not have such a work commenced without the solemn pageant of Freemasonry.

It is a celebration of an early event in the completion of this building. As you can see, it is still a construction site. In so doing, we honour those who over the years brought this place to come up from off the ground, for we would not have the labour begun without the blessing of their hard work upon this project.

The foundation stone we this day lay shall be a lofty symbol of 21st century Freemasonry in Victoria. It shall be the enduring declaration of brotherly love, relief and truth, and it shall tell an admiring future the noble way of life that is Freemasonry in this fair state and that it enjoys the enduring gratitude of its people.

For 50 years, this very site has housed significantly, the headquarters of the Freemasons in Victoria in what was known as the Dallas Brooks Hall or Centre. It has been Victoria's premier place of Freemasonry. Today we continue that legacy in this

northeast pocket of the city of Melbourne.

Before the Dallas Brooks Centre, the building that stood on this site was occupied by the music department of the Australian Broadcasting Commission for some eight years before it too was demolished in 1966 to make way for the Freemasons.

Prior to that time, the same building was home to one of the first public schools for girls in Australia that is still in existence today, the Presbyterian Ladies' College. Established in 1875, it stood here for over 80 years before the renowned school moved completely to its Burwood campus in 1958.

Before European settlement the land of the Wurundjeri people was where East Melbourne currently sits. They lived here for thousands of years.

The Wurundjeri held corroborees and had several hunting grounds, on this very site that included the lagoons that were on what is now the Fitzroy Gardens. Their corroborees were ceremonial performances requiring a great deal of knowledge and skill to perform.

Highly structured songs and movements with particular

instruments and working tools were used to pass on information and teachings about The Dreamtime – the overarching moral and spiritual framework within and through which the world of the Wurundjeri was understood, and shared values espoused.

In this sense, where we are laying this foundation or corner stone today has always been a place for meetings and debates, for singing and dancing, for music and recitals, for teaching and for learning.

This place is rich in its connection with the performing arts and with education, with creativity and intellectual pursuit, with ancient cultures and with Freemasonry – all of which, in their own way, helped shape what is now the city of Melbourne in the state of Victoria.

For us, as Freemasons, our own connectedness in this way, with and on this site, highlights the appropriateness and significance of this occasion as we mark the ground with a foundation stone of the house of Freemasonry in Victoria for future generations.

Thank you.



Freemasons at Work

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY IN BUSHFIRE AFFECTED AREAS

The unprecedented scale of bushfires has devastated our nation. Severe drought coupled with record-breaking temperatures have fuelled this disaster and we must do everything we can to help our fellow Australians who have suffered from this catastrophe. Many lives have been claimed and thousands of homes destroyed so we must all stand together and support those in need.



Masonic Relief Centres

Federal, State and Local Government bodies provided comprehensive services, food and accommodation to those affected. Freemasons established Masonic relief centres which helped supplement government activities by providing immediate and unfettered support. The centres provided support for those who lost homes, mementos, pets, structures, fencing, livestock, fodder, vehicles, equipment and more. Freemasons assisted those who needed the most support in the short-term even reaching out to small isolated towns beyond the immediate reach of the main fire relief infrastructure.



Benevolence in East Gippsland

There are many heroes in all the events surrounding the recent East Gippsland bushfires. Members of Sikh Volunteers Australia based in Rowville have been inspirational and very generous with their time and donations. Not only did they donate and deliver truckloads of food, water and toiletries through District Lodges, but they arrived with their team of volunteers who helped unload the supplies. Freemasons extend their sincere thanks for their humility, energy and responsiveness. Their exemplary action was the seed that resulted in a tree of distribution by East Gippsland Freemasons to meet the immediate needs of distressed people. That's active humanity!



Almoners at Work

At Mitchell River Lodge in Bairnsdale, a committee has helped the very busy Almoner to ensure the availability of support systems to Brethren and their families affected by the bushfires. The Lodge provides guidance and companionship and continues to maintain meaningful contact with those who need it most while being mindful that the consequences of such trauma may appear in the future. Recovery has only just begun in East Gippsland and visitors are now welcome.

Trailers and Fencing

Representatives of local Lodges travelled to Buchan and other remote towns to determine what required the most urgent funding and will coordinate with Blaze Aid to carry out projects. A grant has been approved to purchase and fit out two purpose-built trailers, featuring the Square and Compasses, to help with fencing reconstruction and support in the East Gippsland area.

Repurposing a Past Donation

In 2018 Freemasons Foundation donated a minibus to Nungurner Primary School. Fast forward two years and the bus was used to assist the evacuation of residents near Lakes Entrance. It is inspiring to see the benevolence in Gippsland and the comradery amongst its people.



Many Hands Make Light Work at Sale

Many Freemasons, family and friends volunteered to a Taskforce call-out to provide emergency relief for those affected in Sale. Volunteers included our Grand Master, Bro. Keith Murray and his wife Fiona, and Freemasons Foundation Executive Officer, Bro. Neil Cripps and his daughter Grace.

All Taskforce volunteers worked productively together with local Lion's Club members, sorting and packing a vast quantity of food, water and toiletries, to be delivered to fire affected communities. The delivery was made voluntarily by Dyers Transport on Australia Day, as part of the "Need for Feed" program. Also delivered were blankets, clothing and toys.

Volunteers were pleased to see a convoy of over 150 trucks, semi-trailers and B-doubles, loaded high with donated hay for fire affected properties. Some of the hay had come from as far away as South Australia.



Reaching Remote Towns

2020 meetings have been very busy for Lodges in the Gippsland district as all the Masonic Centres swung into the action of providing food, goods and support to those affected. In partnership with PKN Mobile Mechanic, Lodges were able to deliver supplies to remote areas including Buchan, Orbost, Mallacoota and Cann River.





Consecration of Plaridel Lodge No. 1893

Freemasonry's newest gift to Victoria and the Philippines

The Board of General Purposes approved a warrant to the petitioners for a new Lodge with permission to work the Craft Ritual of the Grand Lodge of Philippines. The Consecration of Plaridel Lodge No. 1893 on 18 September 2019 is a world first – a Victorian Lodge permitted to work the ritual of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

The 70 petitioners of Plaridel Lodge became its foundation members at its Consecration. The Grand Master of Victoria, Bro. Keith Murray and the Grand Master of the Philippines, Bro. Agapito Suan Jr, became the first honorary and associate members of Plaridel Lodge No. 1893, and they were both presented with their own unique Plaridel Masonic Apron.

The first Master of Plaridel Lodge, Bro. Greg Todio, and the Philippine Honorary Consul in Melbourne, Bro. Felix Pintado worked diligently and collaboratively with other passionate and dedicated Freemasons to take the initial step that made Plaridel Lodge No. 1893 possible. UGLV's population of Filipino Brethren continues to grow and this Lodge will be a home away from home for many, as well as for any Brethren that wish to participate and learn from the ritual of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.



VWBro. Teodoro Kalaw IV and MWBro. Agapito Suan Jr, GM, with WBro. Greg Todio, WM.

For further inquiries, please email info@plaridellodge1893.com



RWBro. Manny Maniago, Past Assistant GM, MWBro. Jamie Melville PGM UGLNSWACT, and RWBro. Fidel Pamplona, Past Assistant GM.

Did you know?

In 1889, the same year that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was established here in Melbourne, Marcelo H del Pilar was made a Freemason.





Why 1893?

The number of the Lodge is 1893, in honour of Filipino Bro. Marcello H del Pilar, whose pen name was 'Plaridel', and who is recognised as the "Father of Filipino Masonry." The Temple of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in Manila is named the Plaridel Masonic Temple, in his honour. The suggested number of the Lodge, 1893, marks the year Bro. Del Pilar organised the first National Organisation of Masons in the Philippines.

Freemasonry was instrumental in the fight for the individual sovereignty of the Philippines. It was the foresight and passion to be independent that fueled great men like Dr Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio, Mariano Ponce, Marcelo H. Del Pilar, General Antonio Luna and other Freemasons to sacrifice for the greater good.



▲ The three reformers, Jose Rizal, Marcello del Pilar and Mariano Ponce.



▲ WBro. Jhun Cortez, WBro. Greg Todio and WBro. Archie Alvarez recreate the famous image of the three reformers.

Foundation Officers

Worshipful Master	WBro. Greg Todio
Immediate Past Master	VWBro. Felix Pintado
Senior Warden	WBro. Archie Alvarez
Junior Warden	WBro. Jhun Cortez
Chaplain	WBro. Ed Lewellin
Treasurer	Bro. Christopher Baliog
Secretary	WBro. Allan Formento
Assistant Secretary	Bro. Mark Dominador Ventura
Marshall	WBro. Terry Clifton
Assistant Marshall	WBro. Mac Bongcaron
Almoner	WBro. Charlie Darvas
Senior Deacon	Bro. Christian John Manalo
Junior Deacon	Bro. Michael Manlapaz
Organist	Bro. Brien Todio
Senior Steward	Bro. Thad Mangalino
Junior Steward	Bro. Eric Rollon
Stewards	WBro. Roy Esagunde
	Bro. Denese Canoy
	Bro. Jess Narte
	Bro. Jethro Naguit
	Bro. Alberto Naldoza
	Bro. Elmer De Ocampo
	Bro. Warren Ribates
	Bro. Emerson Domingo
	Bro. Mariano Naguit
	Bro. Louie Sarte
	Bro. Dario Kabisigting



▲ Plaridel ladies.



◀ Plaridel Lodge Foundation members in their unique Plaridel Aprons.



◀ Lorbie and WBro. Greg Todio, WM.



Freemasons Weigh-In for Charity

Freemasons, family and friends weighed and boxed 3,500 kg of apricots and nectarines on Thursday 2 January for the Sturt Buninyong Lodge Annual Fruit sale for charity held the next day and served 285 customers.

Bulk fruit sourced from Ardmona is mostly pre-sold, continuing a long tradition that stretches back to the 1970s, raised \$31,000 up to 1994 and with the support of

Freemasons Foundation enabled a further distribution of \$79,000 since 1999.

The black fruit boxes carried the Masonic Square and Compasses. This initiative is a first for Freemasonry and for the life of these boxes, they will continue to draw attention in the community.

Along with the sales, fruit was distributed to residential care facilities and welfare agencies.

"Freemasons, family and friends weighed and boxed 3,500kg"

Lodge member Graham Williamson assists with carrying fruit to the vehicle in boxes stamped with the Square and Compasses. ▶



Freemasons weigh in the fruit.



Freemasons Supporting Drought Assistance in Gippsland East

Local Freemasons in Gippsland East have actively been involved with Lions' Need for Feed on recent convoys to provide fodder and support to the devastated farming communities due to the disastrous drought that has been manifesting for over two years.

At the quarterly Freemasons' meeting, Freemasons Foundation Victoria generously donated \$50,000 to Need for Feed who will support farmers and their families in dire need.

Speaking at the meeting, Need for Feed founder Graham Cockerell said "Back in 2006 when we started, we were in the height of the millennium drought, which was then the driest year on record in Australia and reportedly three farmers per week were taking their own lives.

The current drought is now rivaling that period in Australia's history."



"Dams are almost drained, and paddocks are barren moonscapes as there is little to no feed for all the livestock" said Grand Master of Freemasons Victoria, Keith Murray.

This agency will use the funds to provide emergency fodder and manage its delivery to the farmers in the Gippsland East region. "Coming up someone's drive-way with a load of hay, some hampers and care packs

allows the farmers to know that there are people out there that care for them," said Mr Cockerell.

In December 2006, Mr Cockerell, donated and delivered one truck load of hay which was distributed by Cowwar Toongabbie Lions Club to farmers in need. Soon after, he returned to his home determined to round up others to help make a difference, and so Need for Feed was founded.

THE PORCHWAY



Making the world a better place, one man at a time.



The Grand Master's Message

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth

From the very first time we enter a Lodge room we are told that the golden tenets of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. I quickly learned that a tenet is something which is a strong principle that we hold to be true, not just a motto we recite.

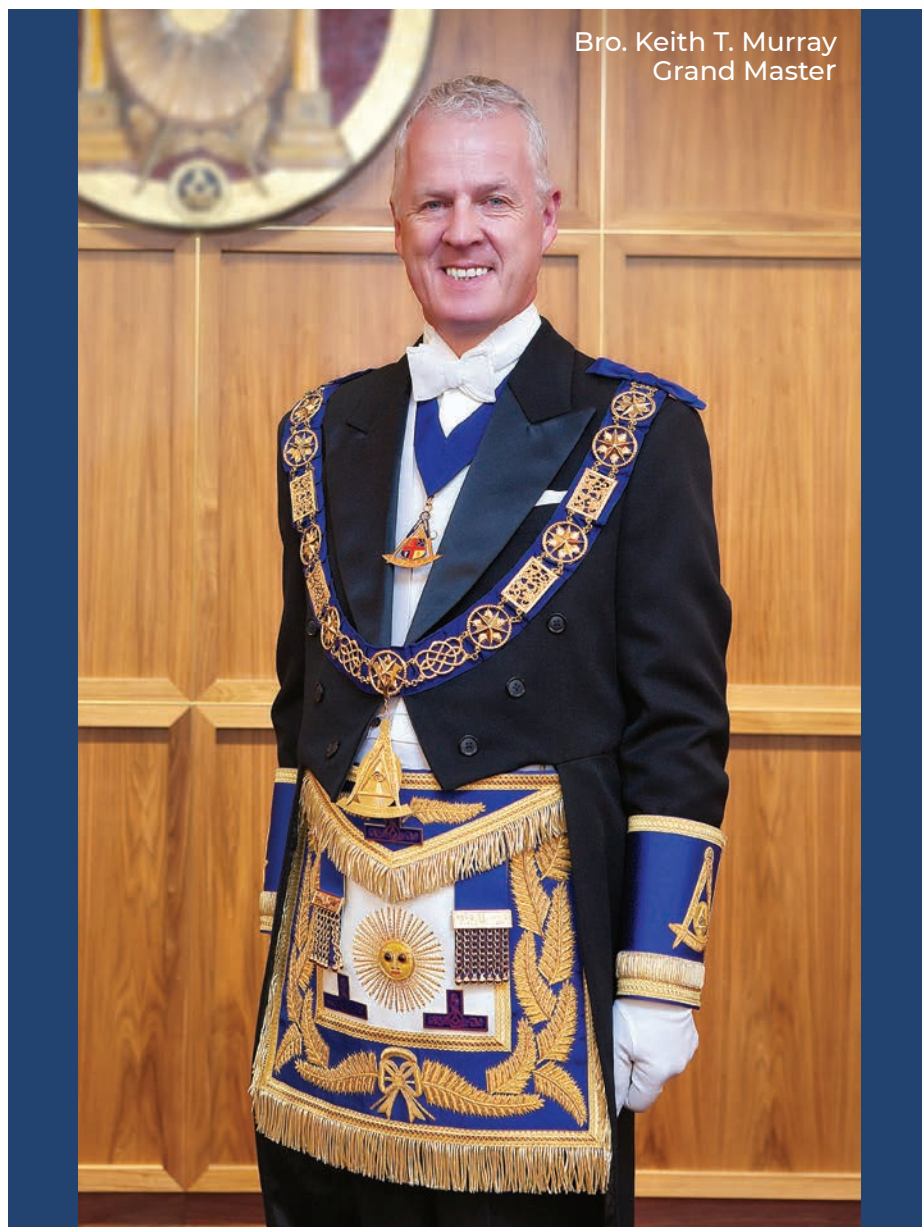
As a member for almost 37 years, some might think I should know all about how these tenets are applied in Freemasonry and what sets us apart from other organisations, yet I often find myself considering on how Freemasonry reflects those tenets we hold so true.

Brotherly Love to me is encapsulated in the Tyler's toast.

**"We prize each Brother,
fair or dark who bears no
moral stain"**

Indeed, solid friendships exist amongst our members, because we believe in a community built on compassion and honesty. Friendships exist among good men of different cultures, varying financial status and of differing religious or political allegiances. We also have men of youth befriending men in their twilight years, sharing their life experiences from different times.

In my years as a Freemason, and especially the last two serving as Grand Master, I have visited Lodges in almost every suburb, town or city in Victoria, as well some across Australia and even different parts of the world. What each of these visits have



Bro. Keith T. Murray
Grand Master

shown me, is that the feeling of belonging exists amongst all the Brothers of Freemasonry, in every Lodge, whether it be local or international. Belonging is fundamental to our sense of happiness and well-being and being a part of Freemasonry

means belonging to a community and absorbing the value in **Brotherly Love**.

While we may not be the most expensive or exclusive organisation, what we do have is the strength of emotional attachment to one another that



transcends like no other. The living embodiment of the tenent of **Brotherly Love** couldn't better be illustrated than in two of our most senior Brethren: RWBro. Jim Stapleton and RWBro. Len Jinnette.

Practising the tenent of **Relief** can be many things. In a financial sense, we in Victoria literally give away millions of dollars every year to people and communities in need. In recent months, we have all witnessed the amazing efforts of our Brethren and Lodges who have donated money to the Disaster Relief Fund and aided those in affected communities.

Our history of involvement and building cross-cultural bridges has also spurred others to partner with us to support recovery efforts from the devastation caused by ravaging bushfires. Examples being the generosity of Brethren from different parts of the world and of differing belief systems such as support from Sikh, Muslim and Thai communities in Victoria, collaborating with Freemasons and supporting each other's efforts in affected regions. We hope that our Relief efforts inspire others to lend a helping hand to those who need it most.

However, the most important aspect of **Relief** is in not so much about helping those in financial distress, it is about reaching out to those who are suffering and may be losing their sense of belonging. Unfortunately, there are people within our communities who have no-one to turn to or have no family to call their own. This is where I have seen some amazing acts of human kindness by our fraternity which are often unheralded, yet some of these Brethren are truly worthy of our recognition. Brothers Rhys Webb, Laurie Fitzpatrick, Ken Calder, Ben

Quick, Jim Prigg, Wayne Millard and John Goodman just to name a few, have tirelessly provided **Relief** to those who need it most while embodying the true spirit of Freemasonry.

Turning to what, in my opinion, is the most important tenent of all, **Truth**. This is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. Looking back on my Initiation, a phrase in the ritual struck a chord then, and continues to resonate with me to this day.

"Truth is the life-breath of the Great Creator. It is the centre light of the Universe. All material forms and earthly powers change and pass away, but truth is everlasting. On it therefore should we build our foundation, for all that is untrue shall be overthrown and that only shall endure that is founded on the eternal rock of truth."

Over the last two years, one of my principle objectives has been to bring all our members together and share facts on the challenges we face today and how together we can plan to tackle these obstacles. I have unfortunately learned that some might call themselves Freemasons but choose to not act like one and ultimately have forgotten the true meaning of our tenents. However, I strongly believe that the ultimate authority and loudest voice within Freemasons Victoria is the general membership and each one of us, regardless of rank, has the equal right to be heard. Over the years, we as a fraternity have experienced some of the worst things life can bring on us, yet the true Freemasons amongst

us seem to share a magnificent ability to maintain hope for a brighter day. So Brethren, I believe that if we remain true to each other and fight to uphold the tenents of **Brotherly Love, Relief** and **Truth** in all respects, the future of our fraternity, has never been brighter!

Bro. Keith T. Murray
Grand Master
United Grand Lodge of Victoria



District Principles

An organisation of **8,200** members belonging to **237** individual Lodges requires an organisational structure that supports Freemasons Victoria and its members to achieve their goals.

Having 237 Lodges reporting directly to the Grand Secretary is impractical and carries with it the inherent dangers of non-alignment, inconsistency and disassociation.

In line with the principles of alignment, accountability, agility and the Strategic Plan vision, the Board of General Purposes is keen to advance an organisational model that:

- Empowers Lodges to have greater control over their destiny.
- Devolves control from the centre (Freemasons Victoria/Operations/Board of General Purposes/Grand Master) to the Lodges, as far as practicable.
- Creates a network of semi-autonomous Districts and Lodges.
- Fosters the principles of Freemasonry at the local community level.
- Energises members of Freemasons Victoria to feel that Freemasonry is about them, their Lodge and their community, and that their individual and collective actions are what make a positive and lasting difference.

With this in mind, the District Principles paper outlines the principles that underpin the level of leadership necessary between Grand Lodge, the administration and individual Lodges. The paper is available for reading on the Freemasons Victoria website.

PRINCIPLE 1	PRINCIPLE 2	PRINCIPLE 3	PRINCIPLE 4
A District Coordination/Leadership system is required.	The purpose of a District Coordinator is to lead the membership into active participation and engagement.	Responsibility should be delegated to the most appropriate level.	The role of District Coordinators is to lead, coordinate, facilitate, plan, represent, communicate, mentor and make decisions.
PRINCIPLE 5	PRINCIPLE 6	PRINCIPLE 7	
A District Coordinator will be supported with training and resources.	The District Coordinator will identify talent and create succession plans.	The District Coordinator will form part of a cascading mechanism for implementation of organisational goals.	

To enable the introduction of the District Principles the Board has formed a District Principles Implementation Committee who continue to work towards a design for implementing the above seven principles.

Through the adoption of these principles, empowering District Coordinators and Lodges to manage their own affairs more directly, is in the best interest of members. This framework is key to improving the Masonic experience in Lodge communities.

Ongoing support of key Lodge Officers through training and development of a mentoring program are further initiatives being introduced across the organisation.



Message from the Grand Secretary

In an earlier article I wrote about the importance of leadership and the influence a good leader can have on Freemasonry.

Consider why your Lodge exists, what there is to do and how you can influence its future. One of the primary roles of a Lodge is to make and retain Freemasons who are then tasked with being valuable members of our society. Therefore, it is up to each Lodge member to identify suitable men to join Freemasonry and bring them along to their Lodge to experience what Freemasonry is all about.

However, just bringing a man to your Lodge is not a holistic solution to the problem. It is your responsibility to ensure he sees Freemasonry from the best perspective and remains a member. It is all about recruitment and retention. How many young Freemasons who joined in 2015 will attain their 50-year jewel? The challenge is to make sure they all do. You and each member are the driving forces in your Lodge.

Many Lodges have great Lodge Engagement Officers who are acting in a recruiting space which means the Lodge grows with members. On the other hand, I have heard about Lodges who have not had a candidate for years. My question is why? What have you and your Lodge done to attract candidates? Creative ideas such as community events and exposure of Freemasonry to the public are paying dividends, particularly to Lodges in regional Victoria. Other Lodges are exposing themselves for their history and heritage and

encouraging Brethren and community members to visit the Lodge and experience the township. There are ways to breathe new life into your Lodge all while enthusing current members and prospective ones.

Metropolitan Lodges are using new and younger members as a tool to attract fellow young candidates. Young men are coming to Freemasonry and as I remarked earlier, it is now our responsibility to retain them. Make your meetings interesting and educational. Make the South enjoyable and inviting and not filled with excessive toasts and silly jokes. Give newly initiated Brethren things to do such as proposing the visitors toast, managing the raffle or even taking about their profession. A Lodge night must be enjoyable to all! You are the leaders of our Craft and you are responsible for the future of our membership.

Freemasons Victoria is collaborating with Leadership Victoria to enable the Freemasons Community Leadership Program – an immersive leadership development program providing accessible leadership development to emerging and established Victorian Freemason leaders. We have already delivered two successful training courses in 2018 and 2019 offering leadership techniques and strategies to over 60 Brethren.

The skills gained allow Brethren to make better, swifter progress in addressing the complex challenges that face our community, which are beneficial to lead in Freemasonry as well



as personally and professionally. This year we will again be offering the Leadership Program to 30 Brethren who we trust will become positive leaders in the community and particularly in Freemasonry. I encourage those who aspire to lead, to consider this training program and embrace it for the skills gained will enhance your leadership style and personal growth.

My goal in 2020 is to see new leaders develop in the Craft so we can take our fraternity forward and build our membership numbers. We must fill these numbers with good and worthy men, and continue to be custodians of our Craft, because the next generation of Freemasons will learn from us and deliver our future.

RWBro. Garry Runge OAM JP
Grand Secretary
United Grand Lodge of Victoria



Service Awards

NOVEMBER 2018 - DECEMBER 2019

CONGRATULATIONS

50 Years

NOVEMBER 2018

RWBro. Peter Hamilton	Sale Daylight Lodge	875
VWBro. Robert Armstrong	Samaritan Lodge	380
VWBro. Kevin Kerr	The Lodge Metropolis	895
WBro. Richard Day	Euroa Vega Lodge	185
WBro. Kenneth Drew	Elrona Lodge	384
WBro. Eric Durran	Samaritan Lodge	380
WBro. Robert Evans	Marangan Lodge	64
WBro. Norman Gibson	Elrona Lodge	384
WBro. William Lambert	Euroa Vega Lodge	185
WBro. Geoffrey McMillin	Lodge of Australia Felix	1
WBro. Malcolm Richardson	Elrona Lodge	384
WBro. Colin Watson	Bogong Lodge	197
Bro. Reginald Richardson	Lodge of Australia Felix	1
Bro. Norman Smart	The Mornington Lodge	160
Bro. Brian Waters	Lodge of Quest	587

DECEMBER 2018

RWBro. Robert Robinson	Golden & Corinthian Lodge	7
RWBro. Clifford Smart	Blackburn United Lodge	915
RWBro. Lewis Taylor	Guiding Star Lodge	922
VWBro. Thomas Davis	Kyabram Lodge	225
WBro. Alexander Beams	Henty Lodge	279
WBro. Martin Bohun	Lodge Belvoir	727
Bro. Ronald Janson	Ballarat-Yarrowee Lodge	10
Bro. Graeme Keys	United Service Lodge	330

JANUARY 2019

VWBro. Noel Murdoch	Rupertswood-Numurkah Lodge	104
VWBro. Thomas Purtill	Sir John Quick Lodge	933
Bro. Thomas Morgan	Leura Lodge	50

FEBRUARY 2019

RWBro. Ernest Hinneberg	Kyneton Lodge	192
RWBro. Stuart Johnston	Marnoo Lodge	360
RWBro. John Walker	Mount Franklin-St. George Lodge	12
RWBro. Kenneth Wilson	Hearts of Oak Lodge	681
WBro. Barclay Chadwick	Blackburn United Lodge	915
WBro. Albert Lewis	United Ararat Lodge	935
WBro. Leslie Miles	United Ararat Lodge	935
WBro. Barrie Robson	The Diamond Valley Lodge	252

MARCH 2019

RWBro. Frederick Moutray	Portland Lodge of Victoria	6
WBro. David Bryan	Admiral Collingwood Lodge	13
WBro. Brian Gibbs	Lodge Eos	880
WBro. Ernest Ives	Yarrawonga Lodge of St. David	103
WBro. William Miller	Benambra Lodge	153
WBro. Douglas Moyle	Lodge of Australia Felix	1
WBro. William Noblett	Monash Lodge	938
WBro. Alan Whelan	Maroondah Daylight Lodge	607
Bro. Norman Cleland	Wodonga Lodge	156
Bro. Sydney Knudsen	The United Memorial & Merbein Lodge	327

APRIL 2019

RWBro. John Rodger	Colac Lodge	83
WBro. Leslie Cook	Moorpanyal Lodge	467
WBro. Malcolm Harris	Huon Daylight Lodge	874
WBro. John Williams	Lodge of Concentration	753



MAY 2019

RWBro. Carl Stemp	Brae Dale Lodge	936
VWBro. Thomas Hunter	Mooroopna Lodge	131
VWBro. William Wright	City of Footscray - Wyndham Lodge	239
WBro. Ronald Anderson	Phillip Island Lodge	512
WBro. Terence Duffield	Phillip Island Lodge	512
WBro. Brian Henry Jones	The Derrimut Daylight Lodge	905
Bro. Gilbert Block	The Brighton District Lodge	37

JUNE 2019

RWBro. Edward Jackson	Cohuna Lodge	227
WBro. Joseph Kaye	Monash Lodge	938
WBro. John MacDowall	Lodge of Rapport	920
WBro. Graeme Nathan	Lodge Fraternal	603
WBro. Graeme Rudd	Canterbury Lodge	312
WBro. William Simon	Campaspe Valley Lodge	937
Bro. Peter Shaw	Creswick Havilah Lodge	26
Bro. Fraser Williams	Kyabram Lodge	225

JULY 2019

VWBro. John Cantrill	Lord Northcote Lodge	191
WBro. Brian Bindon	Williamstown Lodge	16
WBro. Stuart Duff	Djerriwarrh Lodge	891
WBro. Stuart Gear	Leura Lodge	50
WBro. Neil Robb	Avoca Lodge	213
Bro. Raymond Lane	Ballarat-Yarrowee Lodge	10

AUGUST 2019

RWBro. William Harrison	Victorian Naval and Military Lodge	49
RWBro. John McElvogue	Lodge Eos	880
RWBro. Gordon Strachan	Fairfield Lodge	254
WBro. Trevor Beales	Williamstown St Andrew Lodge	470
WBro. Stanley Fergusson	The Old Melburnians' Lodge	317
WBro. Graeme Hall	Lodge Observance	654
WBro. Ian Hunt	The Old Melburnians' Lodge	317
WBro. Alfred Yip	Ballarat-Yarrowee Lodge	10
Bro. Colin Roberts	Malvern Lodge	121

SEPTEMBER 2019

RWBro. Norman Farquharson	Melbourne St. Clair Reunion Lodge	17
RWBro. Frederick Sauvarin	Outtrim Lodge	209
VWBro. Graeme Drummond	Arcadian-Veritas Lodge	340
VWBro. John Lloyd	Rutherglen Lodge	188
WBro. Graeme Alexander	Gisborne Lodge	298
WBro. William Chessells	Lodge Eshcol	785
Bro. Roger Griffiths	Williamstown St. Andrew Lodge	470
Bro. David Johnston	Union Lodge of North Gippsland	62

OCTOBER 2019

VWBro. Russell Sincok	Cohuna Lodge	73
WBro. Geoffrey McCormack	Huon Daylight Lodge	874

NOVEMBER 2019

RWBro. Bruce Gall	Marangan Lodge	64
RWBro. Norman Lindsay	Koo-Wee-Rup Lodge	323
RWBro. John Silver	The Lodge of Amity	339
VWBro. Bruce Parkinson	Maroondah Daylight	607
WBro. Charles Andrews	Blue Dandenongs Lodge	859
WBro. Garry Beckett	Brunswick United Lodge	924
WBro. Michael Clark	Creswick Havilah Lodge	26
WBro. Barry Long	Cranbourne Lodge	290
WBro. Geoffrey Roy	Meredith Lodge	163
WBro. Neville Silverwood	Monash Lodge	938
WBro. Robert Spooner	Mildura Lodge	170
WBro. Robert Thornton	Keysborough Lodge	912
Bro. David Chalmers	Whittlesea Lodge	256
Bro. Franz Fahnle	Cosmopolitan Lodge	96
Bro. Alan James	Koo-Wee-Rup Lodge	323

DECEMBER 2019

VWBro. Leonard Levy	Marangan Lodge	64
WBro. Francis James	Marangan Lodge	64
WBro. Alfred Yip	Ballarat-Yarrowee Lodge	10
Bro. Kelvin Duncan	Portland Lodge of Victoria	6



60 Years

NOVEMBER 2018

MWBro. Carl Stewart	Melbourne High School Lodge	759
VWBro. Donald Anderson	Lodge of Australia Felix	1
VWBro. Raymond Camm	Lodge of Australia Felix	1
WBro. Neil Crawford	Lodge of Australia Felix	1
WBro. Herman Gurwitz	Lodge of Good Companions	647
WBro. Maxwell Surtees	Huon Daylight Lodge	874
WBro. John Zippel	Glenelg Lodge	154
Bro. Geoffrey Dupuy	Campaspe Valley Lodge	937
Bro. Clarence Lourenz	Canterbury Lodge	312

DECEMBER 2018

RWBro. Stanley Blackmore	Prince of Wales Lodge	40
VWBro. Brian Nicholls	Yarrowonga Lodge of St. David	103
VWBro. Donald Phillips	Prince of Wales Lodge	40
WBro. Roy Nicol	Prince of Wales Lodge	40
WBro. Thomas Phillips	Henty Lodge	279
WBro. Morris Tanner	Cranbourne Lodge	290
Bro. George Francis	Cranbourne Lodge	290
Bro. Graeme Newgreen	Williamstown Lodge	16

JANUARY 2019

VWBro. Kenneth Rowley	Lodge Liberation	674
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FEBRUARY 2019

RWBro. Peter McLaren	Peach and Loyalty Lodge	261
RWBro. Kevin Owens	Antient York Lodge	80
VWBro. David Luxon	Wodonga Lodge	156
WBro. John Harris	Gisborne Lodge	298
WBro. Bruce Pederick	Goulburn Valley St. George Lodge	73
WBro. Raymond Thomas	Ivanhoe Grammarians Lodge	584

MARCH 2019

RWBro. Kevin McKenzie	Lodge Killara	259
WBro. Robert Sealey	United Service Lodge	330
WBro. Graham Threlfall	Heathcote Lodge	30
WBro. William Welton	The Diamond Valley Lodge	252
Bro. Ronald Worthington	Monash Lodge	938

APRIL 2019

RWBro. Mostyn Darby	Lodge of The Great Ocean Road	886
RWBro. Donald Robinson	Rosebank Lodge	348
VWBro. John Brown	Prince of Wales Lodge	40
WBro. Daniel Ward	Lodge of Good Companions	647

MAY 2019

RWBro. Donald Ellis	Warrnambool Lodge	34
Bro. Stanley Kneeshaw	Guiding Star Lodge	922

JUNE 2019

RWBro. Howard Palmer	Nagambie Lodge	167
RWBro. Vincent Palmer	Nagambie Lodge	167
WBro. James Taylor	Cahuna Lodge	227
Bro. John Edwards	The Brighton District Lodge	37
Bro. Robert McLaverty	Woolamai Daylight lodge	277

JULY 2019

RWBro. Norman McDonald	Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence	5
RWBro. Neil Oliver	Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence	5
RWBro. Allan Paull	Seavic Lodge	8
RWBro. Alan Williams	Samaritan Lodge	380
VWBro. James MacKenzie	Lodge of Australia Felix	1
VWBro. Maxwell Nuske	The Derrimut Daylight Lodge	905
WBro. Frederick Bridgewater	Campaspe Valley Lodge	937
WBro. Leon Leigh	The United Press Lodge	281
WBro. Allan Saunders	Portland Lodge of Victoria	6
Bro. Maurice Holt	Allara Lodge	855

AUGUST 2019

RWBro. Raymond South	Monash Lodge	938
WBro. Derek Craggs	Williamstown Lodge	16
WBro. John Dunstan	The Brighton District Lodge	37
WBro. Keith Ridley	Traralgon Lodge	925
WBro. Graeme Standish	United Service Lodge	330
Bro. Maxwell Bowen	Avoca Lodge	213



65 Years

SEPTEMBER 2019

RWBro. John Berryman	Lodge of the Great Ocean Road	886
RWBro. Maxwell Burdett	Sale Daylight Lodge	875
RWBro. Robert Holmes	Yarrawonga Lodge of St. David	103
RWBro. John Ives	Lodge Observance	654
VWBro. David Prince	Mount Scopus and Collegians' Lodge	689
VWBro. Graeme Turpie	Golden and Corinthian Lodge	7
WBro. William Braithwaite	Talbot Lodge	42
WBro. Roy Grierson	Golden and Corinthian Lodge	7
WBro. John Halliday	Duke of Connaught Lodge	190
WBro. Bernhard Ludeke	Euroa Vega Lodge	185
WBro. Colin Mackie	Sandringham District Lodge	220
WBro. Stewart Mackie	Sandringham District Lodge	220
Bro. James Coates	Wimmera Lodge	70

OCTOBER 2019

WBro. Stewart Mackie	Union Lodge of North Gippsland	62
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NOVEMBER 2019

RWBro. Norman Simpson	Lodge of Rapport	920
VWBro. Kevin Allen	Prince of Wales Lodge	40
VWBro. Ian McConnell	Barwong Lodge	868
WBro. Neville Kirwin	The United Memorial & Merbein Lodge	327
WBro. Alexander Pithie	Williamstown Lodge	16
Bro. Robert Furberough	Woolamai Daylight Lodge	277
Bro. Noel Oakley	Allara Lodge	855

DECEMBER 2019

Bro. Alan Clarke	Brunswick United Lodge	924
Bro. Geoffrey Papworth	Allara Lodge	855
Bro. Frederick Tullberg	Brunswick United Lodge	924

NOVEMBER 2018

VWBro. Robert Anderson	Monash Lodge	938
VWBro. Edward Gill	Warrnambool Lodge	34
VWBro. John Matthews	Sunraysia Daylight Lodge	909
WBro. Ernest Bransgrove	Sir John Quick Lodge	933

DECEMBER 2018

RWBro. William King	Swan Hill Lodge	16
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FEBRUARY 2019

RWBro. Alan Jennings	Lord Northcote Lodge	191
VWBro. John Hoult	Cosmopolitan Lodge	96
WBro. John Beddoe	Malvern Lodge	121

MARCH 2019

RWBro. Harry Christensen	Monash Lodge	938
VWBro. Robert Burnett	Chirnside Daylight Lodge	904
VWBro. Victor Henshaw	Warrnambool Lodge	34
WBro. George Speirs	Monash Lodge	938
Bro. James Oldaker	The Derrimut Daylight Lodge	905

APRIL 2019

RWBro. Donald Danks	Kensington Lodge	77
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MAY 2019

RWBro. Graeme Hindson	Allara Lodge	855
RWBro. Kenneth Moulden	Antient York Lodge	80
RWBro. Geoffrey Nelson	Duke of Abercorn Lodge	137
Bro. Eric Kneebone	Campaspe Valley Lodge	937

JUNE 2019

RWBro. Herbert Grant	Canterbury Lodge	312
WBro. George Cops	Barwong Lodge	868
WBro. George Hoult	The Mornington Lodge	160
WBro. Gordon McLaughlan	Avoca Lodge	213
WBro. John Tucker	Lodge Belvoir	727
Bro. Alan Anderson	The Mornington Lodge	160



65 Years

JULY 2019

RWBro. William Tobias	Kyabram Lodge	255
WBro. Raymond Gilmore	Heathcote Lodge	30
WBro. John Muir	Kyabram Lodge	255
WBro. Graeme Taylor	Warrnambool Lodge	34

AUGUST 2019

RWBro. Edward Gibbs	Moorabbin Lodge	161
RWBro. Ronald Harrison	The Derrimut Daylight Lodge	905
WBro. William Mayberry	Henty Lodge	279
WBro. Alan Stebbing	Lodge of Welcome	510
Bro. Graham Robinson	Lodge of Transition	0

SEPTEMBER 2019

RWBro. Kenneth Barr	The Lodge Metropolis	895
RWBro. Ronald Harrison	The Derrimut Daylight Lodge	905
RWBro. Stewart Moyes	Duke of Connaught Lodge	190
WBro. James Mitchell	Sandringham District Lodge	220
WBro. Frederick Richards	Yarrawonga Lodge of St. David	103
Bro. Alexander Downie	Barwong Lodge	868

OCTOBER 2019

RWBro. Arthur Barnes	Lodge of Concentration	753
WBro. Kenneth Stuart	Rutherglen Lodge	188

NOVEMBER 2019

RWBro. Warren Nankervis	Marangan Lodge	64
RWBro. Campbell Wood	Djerriwarrh Lodge	891
VWBro. Arthur Gulliver	Henty Lodge	279
VWBro. Bruce Parkinson	Maroondah Daylight	607
VWBro. William Wilson	Allara Lodge	855
WBro. Frederick Brookman	Blue Dandenongs Lodge	859
WBro. Alan Bunton	The Brighton District Lodge	37
WBro. Frank Knight	Altona Lodge	572
WBro. Walter Wing	The Brighton District Lodge	37
Bro. Graeme Baldwin	The Brighton District Lodge	37
Bro. Alan Ould	Marangan Lodge	64

DECEMBER 2019

RWBro. Ian Hollingsworth	Heathcote Lodge	30
RWBro. George Turpin	Middle Park Lodge	206
WBro. Ian Leslie	Monash Lodge	938
WBro. Walter Prebble	Allara Lodge	855
Bro. Percy McLauchlan	Essendon Daylight Lodge	861

70 Years

OCTOBER 2018

Bro. JH Newton	Altona Lodge	572
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DECEMBER 2018

WBro. Maurice Farrow	Old Scotch Collegian's Lodge	396
Bro. George Jackson	Allara Lodge	855
Bro. John O'Hara	Essendon Daylight Lodge	861

FEBRUARY 2019

VWBro. WJ Foley	The Derrimut Daylight Lodge	905
WBro. FEC Hullin	The Clifton Hill Lodge	90
Bro. RC Kerr	Sir John Quick Lodge	933

MARCH 2019

WBro. Kevin Moody	Berwick Balcara Lodge	359
WBro. James Scott	The Brighton District Lodge	37
Bro. Albert Ah Yee	Union Lodge of North Gippsland	62

APRIL 2019

RWBro. Ernest O'Rourke	Cohuna Lodge	227
WBro. Douglas Elliott	Blue Dandenongs Lodge	859
WBro. Arthur Gourley	Argyle Lodge	105

MAY 2019

Bro. Raymond Hughes	Richmond Lodge	89
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75 Years

JUNE 2019

Bro. Robert Cadman Allara Lodge 855

JULY 2019

WBro. Graham Rae Tresco Lodge 289

Bro. George Major Williamstown Lodge 16

Bro. George Richards Prince of Wales Lodge 40

AUGUST 2019

RWBro. Bruce Robinson The Mornington Lodge 160

SEPTEMBER 2019

VWBro. Keith Fine The King David Lodge 460

WBro. John Bullen The Lowan Lodge 107

WBro. Robert Lampard Keysborough Lodge 912

WBro. William White Lawson Poole Daylight Lodge 916

Bro. Ronald Farquharson Melbourne St. Clair Reunion Lodge 17

OCTOBER 2019

RWBro. Clifford Spiers Campaspe Valley Lodge 937

NOVEMBER 2019

RWBro. Ivan Warner The Spring Vale Lodge 389

WBro. Ronald Wigg Lodge of Welcome 510

DECEMBER 2019

RWBro. Andrew Keltie Berwick Balcara Lodge 359

RWBro. Neil Parsons Brunswick United Lodge 924

Bro. Keith Mounsey Brunswick United Lodge 924

DECEMBER 2018

RWBro. Arthur Pearce Lodge of the Golden Rule 555

WBro. William Bethune Allara Lodge 855

FEBRUARY 2019

Bro. CS Cole Antient York Lodge 80

MAY 2019

Bro. Walter Lardner Stewart Lodge of St Arnaud 61

JUNE 2019

RWBro. Ernest Lewis Mildura Lodge 170

NOVEMBER 2019

WBro. Graeme Mason All Nations Lodge 28

DECEMBER 2019

WBro. George Wootton Maroondah Daylight 607

80 Years

RWBro. James Stapleton Campaspe Valley Lodge 937



NEW MEMBERS

NOVEMBER 2018 - DECEMBER 2019

WELCOME

Lodge of Australian Felix No. 1

Bro. Adrian Boci

Geelong Lodge of Unity & Prudence No. 5

Bro. Andrew Constance
Bro. Lewis Giuffre
Bro. Evan Gracey
Bro. Kyle Tyrrell

Portland Lodge of Victoria No. 6

Bro. James Sutherland

Golden and Corinthian Lodge No. 7

Bro. Antonio Lim
Bro. Lucas Starick

Seavic Lodge No. 8

Bro. Jagdev Sidhu

Ballarat-Yarrowee Lodge No. 10

Bro. Mathew Christie
Bro. Jordan Kellet
Bro. Anton Polgar

Admiral Collingwood Lodge No. 13

Bro. Charles Shier

Williamstown Lodge No. 16

Bro. Gabriele Ianzano
Bro. Richard Smith

Maryborough Lodge No. 22

Bro. John Owens

Sturt-Buninyong United Lodge No. 23

Bro. Stephen Matthews

Zetland Lodge No. 25

Bro. Jeremy Pearson

All Nations Lodge No. 28

Bro. Mark Allen

Warrnambool Lodge No. 34

Bro. Wenefredo Morales

St. Johns Lodge No. 36

Bro. Roderick Bruce

The Brighton District Lodge No. 37

Bro. Jeffrey Chapman
Bro. Anthony Dask
Bro. Jose Fernando Gomez Davila
Bro. Simon Fritsch
Bro. Brett Goldin
Bro. Owen Johnson
Bro. Mark McGrath
Bro. Nick Ryan
Bro. Jake Sgarbossa

North Melbourne Lodge No. 41

Bro. Salvie Colina
Bro. Fadi Hayek
Bro. Dominik Hoelbling

Hamilton Grange Lodge No. 45

Bro. Peter Roberts

Leura Lodge No. 50

Bro. Luke Wilson

Gippsland Lodge No. 51

Bro. Brodie Basterfield
Bro. Ronald Gregory
Bro. Jacob Goulding
Bro. Scott Parker
Bro. Warren Streitberg

Wimmera Lodge No. 70

Bro. Jordan Overall

Footscray St. John's Lodge No. 71

Bro. Walter Said

Kensington Lodge No. 77

Bro. Joshua Briers
Bro. Dylan Cutinho
Bro. Dominic D'Andrea
Bro. Paul Finn
Bro. Paul Jones
Bro. James Tims

Antient York Lodge No. 80

Bro. Rei Fordham

Bro. Damian Newman
Bro. Anthony Politi

Colac Lodge No. 83

Bro. Gary Davis
Bro. Michael Loader

Robbie Burns Phoenix Lodge No. 88

Bro. Michael Hornjck
Bro. Romeo Reyes

Richmond Lodge No. 89

Bro. Brett Hughes

The Clifton Hill Lodge No. 90

Bro. Evan Giles
Bro. David Livingstone
Bro. Joel Miranda
Bro. Devendranath Sumputh

Weston Street United Lodge No. 94

Bro. Michael Rageh
Bro. Edmon Toma

Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 96

Bro. Jason Dumbell
Bro. John Pamplin
Bro. Joe Tuck-Milekovic

Macedon Ranges Lodge No. 97

Bro. Daniel Harcourt
Bro. Brad Skinner
Bro. James Skinner
Bro. Seth Skinner

Rupertswood-Numurkah Lodge No. 104

Bro. Adrian Connolly
Bro. Tristan Grinter

Argyle Lodge No. 105

Bro. Andrew Herni

Albert Victor Lodge No. 117

Bro. Gurmeet Chawla
Bro. Tony Dimitrijevic

Malvern Lodge No. 121

Bro. Utsavkumar Patel

Duke of Abercorn Lodge No. 137

Bro. Dale Horstmanhof
Bro. Steven Winter

St. Andrews in the South Lodge No. 149

Bro. Peter Gumley

Benambra Lodge No. 153

Bro. Tom Poulton

Wodonga Lodge No. 156

Bro. David Thompson

Mansfield Lodge No. 158

Bro. Robert Anstee
Bro. Gregory Romanes

The Mornington Lodge No. 160

Bro. Stephen McClatchie
Bro. Aaron Hudson
Bro. Alex Shaw

Meredith Lodge No. 163

Bro. Nicholas Arundell
Bro. Stephen Davis
Bro. Ramy Ibrahim
Bro. Jacob Osborne
Bro. Ashley Pitt

Mildura Lodge No. 170

Bro. Salvador Lopez
Bro. Matthew White

University Lodge No. 171

Bro. Andrew Tran

Arlington Lodge No. 182

Bro. Kirt Duryea
Bro. Andrew Formosa
Bro. Matthew Young

Commonwealth Lodge No. 186

Bro. Antony Cocker
Bro. Lucas Licciardello

Werribee Enterprise Lodge No. 187

Bro. Ashwin Bora
Bro. Robert Boribon
Bro. Kristan Vance

Rutherglen Lodge No. 188

Bro. David Black

Lord Northcote Lodge No. 191

Bro. Mark Errichiello
Bro. Keith James
Bro. Giuseppe Patamisi
Bro. Michael Paul
Bro. Grant Prosser
Bro. Daniel Stevens

Bogong Lodge No. 197

Bro. Darryl Skerry

Middle Park Lodge No. 206

Bro. Peter Duggan
Bro. Robert Kalivoda

Frankston Lodge No. 217

Bro. Lachlan Cameron
Bro. Leo Ishii

Sandringham District Lodge No. 220

Bro. Arash Jafari
Bro. Charles Fernandez
Bro. Troy MacKellar
Bro. Theon Pantheon

The Sunshine Wisdom Lodge No. 226

Bro. Mario Agius
Bro. Christopher Cox
Bro. Christian De La Cruz
Bro. Kenneth Hardy
Bro. Adam Menzies
Bro. Gregory Orfanidis

City of Footscray-Wyndham Lodge No. 239

Bro. Eric Candido
Bro. David Wood
Bro. Louis Rowe
Bro. David Tong

Gardenvale Mobility Lodge No. 243

Bro. Jose Pabillore
Bro. Rejith Raj
Bro. Jeremy Tadros

The Diamond Valley Lodge No. 252

Bro. Joel Rundle

Fairfield Lodge No. 254

Bro. Christopher Anderson

Whittlesea Lodge No. 256

Bro. Dharma Gokool

Peace and Loyalty Lodge No. 261

Bro. Stuart Dall
Bro. Roger Hensman
Bro. Zeke Knowles
Bro. Con Petkos
Bro. Steven Polak
Bro. Nicholas Sell

Henty Lodge No. 279

Bro. David Coombs
Bro. Jackson Marchetti
Bro. Lloyd Young

Cranbourne Lodge No. 290

Bro. Ryan McKenzie
Bro. Cory Richardson
Bro. Gagandeep Singh
Bro. Peter Weeks
Bro. Rafael Zafe

The Lodge of the Golden Fleece No. 300

Bro. Jake Berthelot
Bro. Colin Maher
Bro. Owen Evans
Bro. Manoj Mohan
Bro. Adam O'Donnell
Bro. Tao Xu

Canterbury Lodge No. 312

Bro. Edward Dwyer



Bro. Lester Perry

The Old Melburnians' Lodge No. 317

Bro. Garath May

The United Memorial & Merbein Lodge No. 327

Bro. David Booker
Bro. Victor Griffin
Bro. Shannon McKee

United Service Lodge No. 330

Bro. Paul Kenyon
Bro. Mathew McLearn
Bro. Walter Omwami
Bro. William Schwab
Bro. Cary De Wit

The Lodge of Cordiality No. 331

Bro. Adam Moyle

Arcadian-Veritas Lodge No. 340

Bro. Frank Grima
Bro. Aberaham Haddad
Bro. Wissam Haddad

Wesley Collegians Lodge No. 358

Bro. Adam Lopes
Bro. Brian Pham

Berwick Balcara Lodge No. 359

Bro. Costa Azzam
Bro. Alain Diolle
Bro. Charles Hutcheson
Bro. Abraham Ibrahim
Bro. Adam Markiewicz
Bro. Rajeev Radhakrishna
Bro. Joseph Rottem
Bro. Beau Vinar

The Melton Lodge No. 367

Bro. Danny Forti
Bro. Arvind Gawade
Bro. Karl Hessian
Bro. Kolinio Senivatalala

Lodge Integrity No. 376

Bro. Martin Dawod
Bro. Shivam Sidana

Samaritan Lodge No. 380

Bro. Antonio Luna
Bro. Christopher Varvatselis

Elrona Lodge No. 384

Bro. Moussa Al Mahmoud
Bro. Leon Hajjyansemi
Bro. Roberto Sabatini

The Spring Vale Lodge No. 389

Bro. Scott Bell
Bro. Mayo Dela Caudra
Bro. David Gear
Bro. Bozidar Janjic
Bro. Sergey Malgin
Bro. Sherman Reasonda
Bro. Daniel Shevchenko
Bro. Fred Wijesuriya

Old Scotch Collegians' Lodge No. 396

Bro. Benjamin Bemelen
Bro. David Donnoli
Bro. Douglas Eves
Bro. Alistair George
Bro. Christopher Hocking
Bro. Wesley Pettit
Bro. Seth Winkles

Baden Powell Lodge No. 448

Bro. Jason Davis
Bro. Hayden McManus
Bro. Anastasious Moutsos
Bro. Jonathan Swindells

The King David Lodge No. 460

Bro. Alan Hall
Bro. David Ruiz
Bro. James Stosser

Williamstown St. Andrew Lodge No. 470

Bro. Andrew Goldsworthy
Bro. Simon Peck

Pakenham Lodge No. 496

Bro. David Bennett
Bro. Paul Pitman

Lodge of Welcome No. 510

Bro. Daniel Gluer

Lodge of the Golden Rule No. 555

Bro. Lyle Naguiat

Maritime Lodge No. 569

Bro. Jesus Canapi

Altona Lodge No. 572

Bro. Salvatore Compagnino
Bro. Jeafrey Estores
Bro. Benjamin Perez
Bro. Kenneth Selleck

Ivanhoe Grammarians Lodge No. 584

Bro. Simon Abdallah
Bro. Bishoy Barsoum
Bro. Michael Domajno
Bro. Jai Kiran
Bro. Andrew La Spina

Lodge of Quest No. 587

Bro. Darren Figg

Lodge Fraternal No. 603

Bro. Stefan Clanetaru
Bro. Stefan-Octav Florea
Bro. Armen Grigorian
Bro. Gabriel Mosesvili
Bro. Peter Ozdemir
Bro. Elon Rosen
Bro. Dominic Serritiello
Bro. Konstantinos Vatmanidis

Dandenong Lodge No. 635

Bro. Ghaith Khalil
Bro. Kok Hong Tan

Lodge of Good Companions No. 647

Bro. Trevor Mills
Bro. Warren Santos
Bro. Mitchell Vandewerdt-Holman

Lodge Observance No. 654

Bro. David He
Bro. Ronald Perera

Powlett Lodge No. 661

Bro. Peter Monk

Warragul Lodge No. 677

Bro. Michael Dunn

Hearts of Oak Lodge No. 681

Bro. Brendan Herlihy
Bro. Simon Lewis

Mount Scopus and Collegians' Lodge No. 689

Bro. Daniel Bruce
Bro. Ezra Ruschinek

Seaford Lodge No. 720

Bro. Jacob Clarke-Smith
Bro. James McAvoys

Lodge Devotion No. 723

Bro. Philip Bateman
Bro. Jack Latrobe

Lodge Belvoir No. 727

Bro. Ross Iudica

Mitchell River Lodge No. 742

Bro. John Taplin

Glenroy Lodge No. 748

Bro. Nikolaos Bechtsis
Bro. Toby Hunt
Bro. Gregory Lombardo
Bro. Yousry Nassar
Bro. Svetomir Zivkovic

Yarra Glen Lodge No. 762

Bro. Liam Barry
Bro. Mitchell Cantlon
Bro. Scott Sutton

Lodge of Honour No. 799

Bro. Zak Critsilis
Bro. Mohan Kamalanatham
Bro. Michael Malyshev
Bro. Marcus Pinean

Lodge of Commerce No. 837

Bro. Alon Triggar

Sunbury Lodge No. 854

Bro. Luke Millsom
Bro. Gareth Simes

Allara Lodge No. 855

Bro. Alan Knell

Gregorios Lodge No. 865

Bro. Thae Barkho
Bro. Dionisios Perdikomatis
Bro. Michail Stratoudis
Bro. Peter Sampsonidis

Huon Daylight Lodge No. 874

Bro. Warren Reade

Eureka Daylight Lodge No. 881

Bro. Mitchell Young

Garibaldi Lodge No. 890

Bro. Adam Buhagiar
Bro. Peter Misale
Bro. Hamilton Orellana

The Doutta Galla Lodge No. 902

Bro. Anthony Geagea
Bro. Maneesh Chandrasekharan Nair
Bro. Milad Rezaei

Keysborough Lodge No. 912

Bro. Lindsay Goninon
Bro. Darren Godbold
Bro. Nicholas Kozakis
Bro. Daniel Leather

Blackburn United Lodge No. 915

Bro. Sik On Lo
Bro. Huaying Wang

Lawson Poole Daylight Lodge No. 916

Bro. Daniel Johnson

Swan Hill Lodge No. 919

Bro. Zaldy Agustin
Bro. Richard Fernandez
Bro. Ivan Pantig

Guiding Star Lodge No. 92

Bro. Victor Nagbe
Bro. Jeremy Rough

Brunswick United Lodge No. 924

Bro. Ensar Aydin
Bro. Sebastian Allocca
Bro. Wisam Shaaya

Traralgon Lodge No. 925

Bro. Marvin Vicente

The Revival Lodge No. 926

Bro. Royce Carlin Palmer
Bro. Oscar Castaneda
Bro. Blair Chamberlain
Bro. William Miranda

Lodge Amicus No. 928

Bro. Ryan Ebert
Bro. Michael Parsons
Bro. Eric Yiu

The Lodge of Evolution No. 931

Bro. Ricky Daniels
Bro. Benjamin Gordon
Bro. Ali Hour
Bro. Adam McMahon

Sir John Quick Lodge No. 933

Bro. Leigh Andrea
Bro. James Cox
Bro. David Perrin

Baxter Lodge No. 934

Bro. Nicholas Leskovec
Bro. Michael Smith

United Ararat Lodge No. 935

Bro. Paul Moralee

Brae Dale Lodge No. 936

Bro. Benjamin Briggs

Campaspe Valley Lodge No. 937

Bro. Bradley Jackson
Bro. Brady Johnson
Bro. Ian Jones
Bro. Trevor Moffat

Monash Lodge No. 938

Bro. Edwin Mendoza Bolivar
Bro. Robert Dell'Albani

Motorcyclists United Lodge No. 93

Bro. Graham Mc Kergow
Bro. Adam Palmer
Bro. Jarrod Walker

The Bank Place Lodge No. 942

Bro. Nicholas Fielding



The Vacant Chair Ceremony

The RSL recognises all who served regardless of where, when, which service, in battle or in peacetime. Within Freemasonry we also respect all who served, and we pay special homage or regard to those who paid the ultimate price. Their lives.

It was around 1875 when the Empty or Vacant Chair ceremony of remembrance was first used by Freemasons to pay special tribute to those who did not return from the American Civil War. Many who fought and died, on both sides, were Freemasons.

Since then it has been utilised to remember and to commemorate those who served in the Great War, World War 2 and other wars. Today it recognises any and all who were lost in any war. It is commonly held close to Anzac Day or Remembrance Day although some Lodges hold one for each sacred date.

Like any ceremony practiced around the globe, it has undergone many transformations and germinated many different versions. Thus, you could attend several such ceremonies in different Lodges and find each and every one different. And where some Lodges only hold these ceremonies amongst Brethren, others invite families and friends in a similar manner to an open installation.

However, there are some commonalities.

There is an empty chair representing the departed Brethren, which can have the national flag graced over it (Union Jack in the top left corner) with a sprig of wattle, rosemary or a floral wreath (artificial or

real). A Mason's apron is also included noting that while some Lodges will use the Entered Apprentice apron, others will employ the Master Mason's degree. Combined, they mark the symbolism of the Brother Mason who gave his life in war and cannot be present for this ceremony.

There are prayers read out by the Wardens, the Worshipful Master and the Chaplain just as there are a number of ceremonial steps taken by the Deacons.

In some ceremonies catafalque parties of additional Deacons stand on each corner of the tessellated carpet. In others only the two Deacons walk the floor until they meet with the Worshipful Master of the Lodge and his Wardens.

Some ceremonies place military medals on the Apron while others spend more time and effort on a number of prayers, the most central being "The Lord's Prayer". "In Flanders Fields" and "The Ode to the Fallen" are always included. Some also ask all guests to place a poppy on the chair as with a RSL funeral service. Others lay wreaths.

While each of these ceremonies is both lovely and heart touching, the very best in Victoria is produced by the Unknown Soldier Ceremonial Team. Men who have been selected from amongst the most experienced and capable of Grand Lodge ceremonial officers.

Men with a high level of precision in the military manner in which they approach their ceremonies. Men such as RWB Jim Puohotaua and John Wishart.

ANZAC SERVICE: A Vacant Chair Ceremony was conducted at the Masonic Centre of Northern NSW in memory of those that lost their lives in service of our country. Photo: Max Fleet / NewsMail / APN Australian Regional Media



BEYOND THE CRAFT





Message from the Grand Master

My Dear Brethren,

It is with great pleasure that I am able to write this message to you. The last 12 months have been exceedingly busy for this Grand Lodge and the coming year appears to be shaping up as much the same. At the November 2019 Grand Communication our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Bill Jones was elected as Grand Master for the year commencing 23 May 2020. RWBro. Jones is well known to many Freemasons, not just in the Mark Degree. If you have any connection with Ararat and its environs, then you will know Bill Jones!

At our Grand Communication on 21 August 2019 we celebrated the 'Grand Masters Award for Excellence' with the "Cutting of the Keystone" by an operative mason from the Holmesglen College of TAFE. The Grand Masters Award is made annually to the best third year apprentice and Mr Sam Daldy, winner of the 2019 award was present. The Keystone cut on this occasion now has a home at the Traralgon Masonic Centre.

August 2019 saw a special 'Elevation at Sea' ceremony in the Royal Ark Mariner Degree. The Lady Cutler became, for a short space of time, Noah's Ark, and a brother was Elevated to the Degree of a Royal Ark Mariner Mason. The presence of our Grand Master of the Craft and the

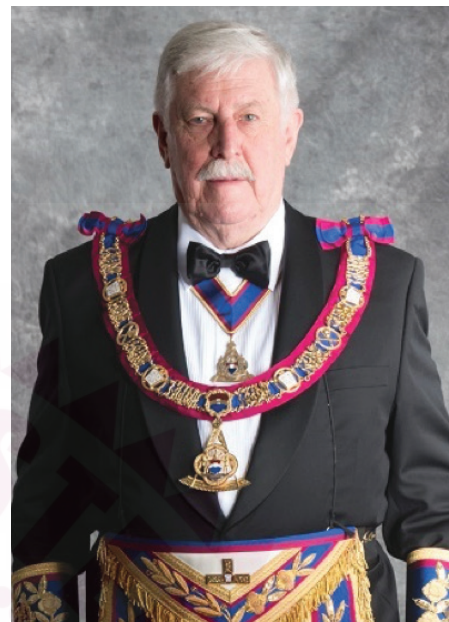
First Grand Principal of Supreme Grand Chapter all added to the dignity of the occasion. Full credit must be given to the 'Bayside Trio' of Lodges – Citizens Marine, Sandringham and Frankston Royal Ark Mariner Lodges for arranging this event.

October 2019 heralded the Grand Mark Festival in Echuca and a successful long weekend of activities culminated in a steamer cruise upriver to one of the local wineries for dinner, dancing and superb entertainment.

The month of November saw this Grand Lodge participate in the Dedication Ceremony of the Lodge Rooms at Freemasons Melbourne; the Re-Enactment of Consecration to mark the centenary of both Oakleigh No. 48 and Colac No. 49 Lodges of Mark Master Masons; and the election of a new Grand Master.

In June 2019 I had the pleasure of attending the Investiture Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales held at Great Queen Street. This was a stunning event and being the oldest Grand Mark Lodge except for England I was welcomed with great dignity and respect. The Communication was of course presided over by MWBro. HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO Grand Master (who is also a Past Grand Master of our Grand Mark).

In February 2020 our Deputy



Grand Master RWBro. Bill Jones attended the Grand Installation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Greece in Athens. This was the first occasion that a representative of this Grand Lodge was able to make such a visit.

Brethren, the Degree of Mark Master Mason looks forward with great expectation to the year ahead. Our new Grand Master will bring his own style of leadership to promote and lead the Degree into the future. The return of our Secretariat to new offices in East Melbourne is likewise anticipated.

Brethren, I send to all of you every good wish and hope that in the year 2020 you will 'Mark Well.'

MWBro. Peter Julier
Grand Master

United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria



Colac Marks a Ton



On Saturday 30 November 2019 a double occasion was celebrated in the Freemasons Hall Colac. The Grand Master Peter Julier, Deputy Grand Master Bill Jones, Grand Secretary Wayne Smith and Grand Chaplain David Yole, along with a fine array of Grand Officers, commenced with the Re-Enactment of the Consecration Ceremony which was performed 100 years earlier on the 11 November 1919, the first Remembrance Day.

A great deal of preparation was required much of which would not have been possible without the assistance of Craig Spendlove, Administrative Officer and valued asset to Freemasonry in Victoria, whom has a Masonic connection with Colac through his great-grandfather. The preparation was evident in the execution of the performance and congratulations must be given to the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies John Blyth for the way it was carried out.

Our petitioners led by Centenary Master, WBro. Geoff Audsley included a son of original petitioner WBro. C Anderson. WBro. Les Anderson whom along with several other former members of Camperdown Lodge of Mark Master Masons, in forming a Mark Lodge for Colac, which sadly only in recent years returned their warrant due to failing membership, with

the remaining members either joining Colac or Warrnambool Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

The second part of the celebration was the Installation of WBro Les Robertson as Master leading Colac Lodge of Mark Master Masons into the Second Century and the Investiture of his Team. Once again, the GM, DGM & the Grand Team hit the floor with another resplendent

attendance it was only fitting that like in all official ceremonies (unveiling, ribbon cutting & ship launches) the selected dignitary would do the honour of cutting the cake. The only photos we have is of WM Les Robertson slipping in faster than De Groot on his steed at the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, with a knife in the cake.

A cheerful and pleasant occasion



performance with the way the ceremony was carried out. During this time Ladies and visitors were entertained in the south by a very talented guest speaker travelling from Geelong.

Amongst the highlights of the evening was indeed the hospitality of Colac Mark which included a Cake cutting ceremony of our 100 year cake, supplied and prepared by WM Les Robertson. With the GM in

was had by all. Once again many thanks to all involved, as events such as these do not just happen. A special mention to Bro. Des Read, who at the appropriate time of rising for correspondence received said "I've rec'd 55 emails and replied with 53 and that is the correspondence WM".

WBro. Geoff Audsley IPM
Colac Lodge of
Mark Master Masons No. 49



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE OAKLEIGH LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS No. 48

On the thirteenth day of November 1919, the Oakleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 48, was consecrated in a ceremony conducted by MWBro. Edward Coulson, Grand Master, at the Mechanics' Institute (later known as the Oakleigh Town Hall) Drummond Street, Oakleigh.

VWBro. William Stewart PGMO, Past Master of the Moorabbin Lodge No. 38, was installed as Worshipful Master, and all but one of the petitioning Brethren were invested as Foundation Officers.

Moorabbin Mark Lodge No. 38, supplied 9 of the 12 petitioners. Our Grandmother Lodge was Keystone Mark Lodge No. 1 with one Petitioner.

The other Petitioners were from Hawthorn Mark No. 6 and from Admiral Collingwood Mark No. 7.

Of the Foundation Officers, Bro. RJ Cullen, Foundation Junior Overseer, was not a Petitioner and one petitioner, Bro. Thomas Ellis from Keystone Mark Lodge No. 1, did not take office.

Further anomalies are found in the 'Register of Marks'. In 1919 we had 12 Petitioners, plus a Brother who did not take office. 13 members. However, there are only 2 Marks registered in 1919, both on 13 November, the date of Consecration. They are the Worshipful Master, VWBro. AG Harston and the Treasurer, VWBro. W Stewart. None of the other Petitioners signed the Register. This was an oversight that cannot be corrected.

The petition itself, dated 20 November 1918, also shows an anomaly. It is mainly typewritten, and states, in part, '... desirous of forming a Lodge to be named' (this part handwritten) 'The Oakleigh Lodge'. Then, obviously realising that this was a Mark Lodge, has written, above and between the words 'Oakleigh Lodge' an insertion of the word 'MARK'. So, in point of fact, the petition was for the 'Oakleigh Mark Lodge', and duly approved by MWBro. Coulson on 21 May 1919.

However, our Warrant calls us 'The Oakleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons', the reasons why the Petition was amended eludes us, but we are quite happy with our name!

We note again, that in January 1919 the Board of General Purposes refused to consider the petition, because the sponsor Lodge, Moorabbin Lodge of Mark Master Masons, had not listed the sponsorship motion on their summons.

Regular meetings were held at the Mechanics' Institute until 1923, when, on Monday 3 September 1923, the first meeting was held at the present Masonic Temple, 150 Drummond Street. The Temple was officially opened on Monday 27 August 1923, one week before.

In 1925 a petition was presented to Grand Lodge, signed by 24 members, to form Caulfield District Mark Lodge, which was consecrated on Friday 2 October 1925.



The Royal Ark Mariner Degree
A Voyage of Discovery

MASONIC CEREMONY ON THE HIGH SEAS

On Saturday 31 August 2019, the Royal Ark Mariner Degree conducted an Elevation Ceremony on the Lady Cutler Showboat sailing out of Docklands, Melbourne.

The Royal Ark Mariners are part of a subsidiary degree from the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and its ceremonies are based around Noah and the Ark.

A Lodge room was set up on the lower deck of the vessel while the upper deck was set for the banquet following the Ceremony. A total of 112 Brethren and ladies joined the voyage and a wonderful evening was had by all.

Citizens Marine Royal Ark Mariner Lodge was the host Lodge with Brethren from the other Bayside trio of Lodges, Frankston and Sandringham, assisting in the ceremony.

The leaders of all three jurisdictions attended with their deputies and ladies.

MWBro. Peter Julier, Grand Commander (Grand Master of the Mark Master Masons) welcomed all on board and thanked them for attending.

The Candidate RWBro. Andrew McPhee thanked the Grand Commander for arranging for him to have the honour of being the candidate on such an auspicious occasion.



Message from the First Grand Principal

Greetings Brethren and Companions,

I am delighted to be able to send this 'Message' to you. This last year has been an eventful one for Supreme Grand Chapter commencing with the 'United Grand Installations' in May 2019 between the Craft, Mark and Chapter. It was a wonderful event, full of colour and pageantry and enjoyed by many hundreds of Brethren, their partners and friends.

May 2019 was busy with two Re-Enactment of Consecration ceremonies at Birdwood Chapter No 28 (at Maryborough) and Mildura Chapter No. 29. That two of our regional Chapters can achieve 100 years and still operating, even under extreme difficulties is a credit to the Companions. The difficulties in the country areas are not new (nor restricted to just the Royal Arch) and the continuing support of our Country Companions is a guarantee of this Supreme Grand Chapter. In November, Lord Somers-Australasian Chapter No. 1 celebrated 175 years of operation with a Re-enactment of Consecration. This was a splendid ceremonial occasion enjoyed by both Royal Arch and non- Royal Arch Brethren, Companions and ladies alike.

In the month of May this Grand Chapter was delighted to receive a visit from the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, Most Excellent Companion Doctor Joseph Morrow, CBE,

QC. Companion Morrow was ostensibly in Australia on other matters, but as he just happened to be in Melbourne we were able to prevail upon him to join members of Supreme Grand Chapter for luncheon. Doctor Morrow's effervescent character charmed all on this occasion. For the heraldry buffs amongst you, Doctor Morrow is Her Majesty's Right Honourable Lord Lyon King of Arms, one of the Great Officers of State for Scotland.

In November Supreme Grand Chapter was pleased to participate in the Dedication of the Lodge Rooms at Freemasons Melbourne for which I thank the Grand Master of the Craft. Grand Chapter was also formally represented at the 'Elevation at Sea' Ceremony and the Grand Mark Festival.

Supreme Grand Chapter enjoys the closest possible relations with Grand Mark and Grand Craft, and in common with those two august bodies the return of our Secretariat to new offices at Freemasons Melbourne is much anticipated. This Grand Chapter, in conjunction with our friends in the Mark, has launch a major recruitment campaign directed to our Brethren in the Craft who have yet to complete their Masonic journey by taking both the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees. Brethren, if you receive (or should I say, when) you receive a letter of invitation from the Grand Master of the



Mark and myself please do not simply set it aside. Rule 2 of all three Books of Constitution is quite clear that Freemasonry in Victoria consists of the three Degrees of the Craft, the Mark and the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.

Members of the Chapter are called Companions, deriving from the latin 'com' meaning 'with' and 'panis' meaning 'bread' and collectively, "one who eats bread with another" and is particularly apt for a Degree where rank is but the guinea stamp and the man himself is the gold!

Brethren and Companions, I wish you all well for the year ahead.

MEMComp. Peter Gurr
First Grand Principal
Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria



CHANGE AND DIVERSITY

WBro. Brendan Kyne

Diversity and evolution have been very much a part of Freemasonry over the last 400 years. One of the beauties of Freemasonry is that it has evolved and changed with the passage of time, so that the Freemasonry of the 1600s was completely different from the Freemasonry of the 1700s, which in turn was completely different from Freemasonry in the 1800s. However, Freemasonry has been able to change throughout these eras whilst retaining a sense of tradition and history. This sense of tradition was evident when Elias Ashmole was made a Freemason in 1646, as during that ceremony he was read the ancient charges as well as the traditional history of Masonry throughout the ages. This idea of change whilst maintaining

A depiction of Elias Ashmole being made a Freemason



traditions is exemplified in the evolution of Masonic ritual over the centuries. Traditionally Masonic ritual was not written down as it was passed on from mouth to ear. Consequently, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, until very recently, maintained no written or published ritual. When the United Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1813 it refused to opt for general uniformity of

ritual, so today, at best count, there are over 50 different Craft rituals used in English Lodges. Scottish Freemasonry quite distinctly evolved from operative stonemasons, and by the time written versions of Scottish ritual were available, there were already many divergent rituals across all of Scotland. So today, Scotland has a great diversity of ritual workings with a number of Craft rituals in use.

Throughout Australia, when State based local Grand Lodges were formed, we find Lodges that remained under Scottish, Irish and English jurisdictions, whilst other Lodges eventually joined their local Grand Lodge but continued to work their original ritual.

When Victoria's first Lodge,

impetus to growth being the Gold Rush of the 1850s.

Over the next 5 decades, prior



to the formation of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Lodges were founded under the English, Irish and Scottish constitutions, working differing rituals. That diversity of ritual continued well past the formation of UGLV, and although a standard ritual was selected in the 1880s, this ritual was not promulgated at that time, possibly taking the lead from England in allowing Lodges to work their "traditional" ritual.

In June 1903 DGM Dr Walter Balls-Headly declared that the UGLV did not recommend any ritual, however, Balls-Headly then began visiting country Lodges quietly informing them of the ritual they were to adopt - this ritual was primarily based on the English Emulation Ritual.

In 1908 Board of General Purposes decided the ritual as previously exemplified would be printed and sold by the Grand Secretary (in September 1911 the printed ritual became completely official), and all Victorian Lodges were required to conform to the ritual. This action made Victoria somewhat unique in having a standard ritual that all Lodges were to adhere to. Nonetheless,

Lodge of Australia Felix No. 1, was founded in 1840, Bro. John Stephen had to perform the Consecration ceremony, the Installation of the first Master and the Investiture of Lodge Officers. This is because he was then the only past master in Melbourne at the time who knew the oral ritual. From these humble beginnings, Freemasonry in Victoria spread across the State with a huge



IN VICTORIAN LODGES

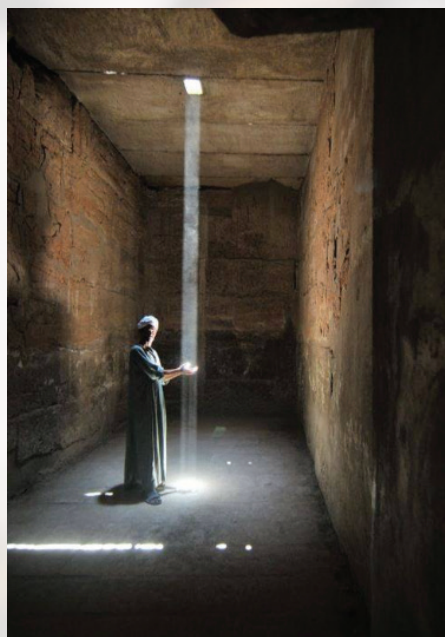
diversity in ritual continued on in Victoria with Combermere Lodge remaining under the English Constitution, whilst Letchworth-Kilwinning and later Greek and Italian Lodges were allowed to work traditional rituals from their homelands.

However, diversity in Victoria extended past just the ritual, with many Lodges developing a particular character, ethos or points of difference. For example, we have many Lodges with an Armed Services background, or the motorcyclist Lodge, or Lodges that focus on particular aspects of the Masonic experience, such as fine dining or ceremonial excellence. Many years ago we also had Lodges that arose from specific employment groups, such as taxi drivers, thespians and civil servants (i.e. Civil Service Lodge).

Application form data suggests that men are joining Freemasonry with a thirst for thoughtful discussion and debate about aspects of Freemasonry; the current generation of Masons come to Freemasonry after much research and reading, with many seeking discussions about any of the intellectual or philosophical aspects of Freemasonry. They seek the mysteries, lessons, traditions, allegory and enlightenment made available by our historic rituals that are unlike any other organization. Men joining Freemasons Victoria are hoping to find a noble institution steeped in tradition and endowed with a rich history - an organisation that adds value to their lives and gives

them opportunities to grow intellectually, personally and spiritually.

It is our traditions, history purpose, and rituals that make Freemasonry unique and differentiates us from the Lions, Rotary or other such similar service organisations. The beauty of Masonic rituals that educate the mind, stimulate thought and encourage further education through self-improvement is a precious gift that Freemasonry offers to every Freemason throughout the world.



Interestingly, today we find there is a renewed interest in experiencing differing rituals through the establishment of Lodges that reflect a particular country or culture, such as Scottish, European or Filipino. Hence the desire by many to form new Lodges that work a different ritual to the Emulation Ritual to provide a more varied palate to choose from and

experience. Although such initiatives will always remain small in number, Lodges working Scottish ritual, or ritual based on the US Webb Monitor or the Rectified Scottish Rite, do provide an opportunity for Victorian Masons to experience rituals older in content and history than the Emulation Ritual.

Some have suggested that in the end, does it really matter what Craft ritual is used in our Lodges? Well, indeed some would argue that it does matter, and that our Traditions would be undermined, whilst the other school of thought suggests that although there are differences in form, the essential content across the Masonic World is the same. So, while the ritual used in Uruguay, or Russia, or Germany, may be 'different' – a Master Mason still has learnt the same system of morality. He is still a true Master Mason. That is why we recognise the Grand Lodges of Uruguay, Russia and Germany.

The Education VAT is monitoring these events with keen interest for the educational opportunities that may stem from these differing ceremonies. For example, all of these new, or proposed Lodges, incorporate catechetical lectures into the normal workings of the Lodge. The Victorian ritual has some accompanying catechetical lectures that have not been worked for many, many years. Is this some of the spice of our Victorian ritual that we have left on the shelf for too long? A tradition we should perhaps revisit.



Lodges of Victoria formed under the Scottish Constitution 1841-1887

Memories of the second annual Sir William St Clair Earl of Caithness, first Grand Master Mason of Scottish Freemasonry, Memorial Banquet.

Under the patronage of MWBro. Henry John Nathan, GM and represented by RWBro. Laurence A. Fraser, PDGM at the Masonic Centre of Victoria, East Melbourne, on Saturday 10 September 1983.

Researched and compiled from documents held in the Grand Library of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

By WBro. Iain Taylor PGStdB MPS

VICTORIAN LODGES FORMED UNDER THE SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION 1881-1897

1841	Australasian kilwinning Lodge, No. 2	1877	Footscray St John's Lodge, No. 71
1853	United Tradesman's Lodge	1878	Windsor Lodge, No. 72
1858	Lodge of Judah, No. 20	1885	Argyle Lodge, No. 105
1861	St Clair Lodge of Victoria, No. 43	1886	Ballarat Lodge, No. 114
1869	Australia Lodge, No. 57	1887	Malvern Lodge, No. 121
1872	Waranga St John's Lodge, No. 65	1887	Federal Lodge, No. 122
1876	New Province Lodge	----	Loch Lodge, No. 134
1876	South Melbourne Lodge, No. 81		

The name of St Clair or Sinclair in its anglicised form, is derived from Saint-Clair-sur-Elle, near St Lo, on the Contentin Peninsula of Normandy. In 1162, Henry de St Clair received a charter of the lands of Herdmanston, in Haddingtonshire, from Malcolm IV, King of Scotland. These lands have remained in the St Clair family into modern times, and the present head of this branch of Clan Sinclair is Lord Sinclair.

In 1455 William St Clair the last Earl (Jarl) of Orkney, was granted the family Earldom of Caithness. It was he who built the beautiful Rosslyn Chapel, famous in the world of Freemasonry, in which the St Clair's began to occupy a very special position as Grand Master Mason. The gem of the chapel within the picturesque ruins of Rosslyn Castle, belongs to Anthony St Clair- Erskine, the 6th Earl of Rosslyn. The Chief of Clan Sinclair is Malcolm Ian

Sinclair 20th Earl of Caithness.

Annually we remember the memory of yet another member of this distinguished Scottish family, a former Earl of Caithness, Sir William St Clair, who we remember as the first Grand Master Mason of Scottish Freemasonry.

Prior to the formation of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria 1889, all Victorian Lodges worked under the English, Irish,



or Scottish Constitutions.

The Second Annual Memory (or memorial gathering) was hosted by St Clair Lodge of Victoria No. 43. In 1861 this Lodge became the fourth Lodge to form under the Scottish Constitution in Victoria and took its name in memory of the Earl of Caithness.

During the period between 1841 and 1887, fifteen Lodges were formed in Victoria under the Scottish Constitution, ten in Melbourne and the remainder in country areas. One Lodge returned its warrant around 1880, two amalgamated, and in 1983, we are proud to record that twelve of those original fifteen Lodges are still active.

We have long been conscious of our Scottish heritage and the contribution made to Australia, and Victoria in particular, by Scotland and Scottish Freemasonry.

Consequently we decided to introduce this Annual Memorial Banquet in 1982, to enable the Brethren of those twelve remaining Lodges, formed under the Scottish constitution, and their friends, to honour their links with Scotland and Scottish freemasonry.

Under the patronage of the then Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, MWBro. Henry John Nathan, it was decided that proceeds from this Memorial Banquet will aid Masonic Charities including the Royal Freemasons Homes Victoria.

We trust you will enjoy yourselves with us this evening, and that we may have the pleasure of your company again.

Support the Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association



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BELONGING PLACE

The Healesville Masonic Lodge with the assistance of Freemasons Foundation have proudly donated the sum of \$4,900 to support the Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association's (HICSA) Tucker Bag program. This donation has enabled HICSA to purchase a new refrigerator and nine new tables. The Tucker Bag program supports the Healesville District by providing weekly food parcels for approximately 150 families who are in need.

HICSA CEO Anne Jenkins thanked the Freemasons Foundation and the Healesville Lodge for their much-needed support. Newly installed Worshipful Master Kade Smith of the Healesville Lodge is pleased to be able to support such a valuable community service and is looking forward to being able to support future projects.

"Proudly donated \$4,900 to support the Healesville Indigenous Community Services"

The donation to HICSA.





The Premier Lodge of Masonic Research

Quatuor Coronati, Lodge No. 2076
United Grand Lodge of England

Our aims have remained broadly the same for over a century: to maintain an interest in Masonic research by presenting and discussing original research papers; publishing papers and comments in AQC (Ars Quatuor Coronatorum); and supporting and encouraging Masonic scholars globally.

Norman B Spencer

Norman Spencer (1891–1968) was born in Auckland and qualified LLB from the University of New Zealand in 1914. During WWI he served in Egypt and France, and on his return joined his father's law practice. He was later President of the Auckland Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Senate of the University of New Zealand; he was awarded a CBE in 1963. Spencer's obituary by Harry Carr appears in AQC 80.

Spencer was initiated in Remuera Lodge, No.1710 (EC) (1921), appointed

District Grand Warden in 1937 and received Grand Rank (NZ) in 1938. He joined United Masters Lodge, No.167 (NZC) in 1928 (WM, 1933), and later founded six Lodges. Within NZ, he was Grand Lecturer (1934); President of the Board of General Purposes (1940/1); SGW (1950); and PProGM NZ in 1960. Within UGLE, Spencer was appointed PAGDC (1938), PGD (1953), and received the Order of Service to Freemasonry in 1959. He joined QCCC in 1927, becoming a full member in 1951 and serving as Master in 1959-60.

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Quatuor Coronati 2016, The Norman B. Spencer Essay Prize, Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, 17 February 2020, <<https://www.quatuorcoronati.com/spencer-prize/>>.

Victorian Lodge of Research No. 218

What is the interpretation is of the motto of the Lodge?



"SEQUENDO LAMPADA DISCO"

The late VWBro. Ernst Krauss, Past Master of the Lodge and a Past Grand Lecturer, who had received honours in the Latin language at his university (Germany), submitted the following:

1. "Sequendo" is the gerundial form of the verb "sequor", "to follow" that is, the equivalent of the English participle, "following";
2. "Lampada" is the ablative form of the noun "Lampus", a "light" or "torch", and is, therefore, the equivalent of the English, "by the light" or "by the torch";
3. And thirdly, "Disco" is the first person singular of the verb, "discere", "to learn", and so it is the equivalent of the English, "I learn", and
4. So, finally, the whole motor becomes "Following by the light I learn", or "I learn by following the light".

Want to find out more?

Contact WBro. Brendan Kyne at lordbiff@hotmail.com

The Lodge is dedicated to the research and the diffusion of Masonic Knowledge; it seeks to uphold the tradition of the Craft and to promote interest in all that constitutes Freemasonry whole fostering harmony and the mutual understanding among its members.

It sets no limits to its research. Whilst not only dealing with the historical aspects of Masonry, it also attacks the problems that confront the Craft today, and the challenge of the future. Since the opinions expressed may at time border on the controversial, it should be emphasised that they are those of the individual lecturers, although the Victorian Lodge of Research holds the general view that it is in the ultimate best interest of the Craft that no opinion should be stifled, provided that it be advanced in the proper fraternal spirit.

Found on the back of the Installation card of VWBro. N. D. Anderson dated 22 October 1999.



The First Lodge on the Ballarat Goldfields; French Memphis Rite Lodge, 1853. *Condensed version*

WBro. Brendan Kyne (2019)



During the eighteenth-century, European Freemasons had a predilection for creating “additional” degrees, and using boundless Masonic imagination, they created hundreds of degrees, rites and orders, all built upon the foundations of Freemasonry. Amongst all these “additional” degrees were the group called the “Egyptian Rite”, and in particular the Rite of Memphis and the Rite of Misraim (Hebrew for Egyptian).

The Rite of Memphis was established as a separate system from the Rite of Misraim in 1838-39 and despite quarrels, scandals and upsets the rite enjoyed a certain success.

In 1857 Eleonor Chevassus, Grand Chancellor of the Order of Memphis made a list of all the Memphis Rite Lodges – the Lodges outside of France were numbered from No. 96 onwards. The Lodge designated as Number 103 is of interest to Victorian Freemasons as it was listed as “Le Rameau d’Or d’Eleusis” (Ballarat Australia).

In 1852 a group of Frenchmen arrived in Australia to seek their fortune in the goldfields of Ballarat. Amongst this group were Memphis Rite Freemasons Messieurs J. M. Ballaguy and A. E. Collas. In 1853 Jean-Marie Ballaguy established a Ballarat

a Lodge named “Le Rameau d’Or d’Eleusis” (Branch of Gold of Eleusis or Golden Bough of Eleusis) working under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of the Rite of Memphis. A certificate was issued to M. Ballaguy on 28 August 1855 as Sovereign Grand Master and Founder of the Memphis Rite in Australia.

From a booklet published in 1912 we find the following statement; “...In 1853 the Black Hill Lodge was created under the French Constitution ...[and] met in a spacious tent at the foot of Black Hill...” This French Memphis Rite Lodge was theoretically the first Masonic Lodge to regularly meet at Ballarat, as the first official Lodge was the Victoria Lodge of Instruction established on 25 June 1854.

M. Ballaguy may indeed have found his fortune at Ballarat for in the “Ballarat Miner” on 23 March 1856, there appeared an advertisement stating that the meeting and banquet of the “Le Rameau d’Or d’Eleusis” Lodge of Freemasons would be held at the Ballaguy Hotel at Black Hill. It would appear the Lodge no longer had to meet in a tent but could now hold its meetings at their Grand Master’s hotel.

However shortly after, this advertisement gossip spread that the Lodge at Black Hill was

deemed spurious and decidedly irregular. After much correspondence to and fro a notice was issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge for the colonies stating that the “Le Rameau d’Or d’Eleusis” Lodge worked under the Memphis Rite and was therefore irregular, and not to be recognised by any Lodge in the colony.

So, in January 1857 the Brethren of this Ballarat Memphis Lodge wrote a petition to become a warranted Lodge under the English Constitution. Without much hesitation, the newly formed Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria (E.C.) in April 1857 issued a dispensation for this Memphis Lodge to become warranted under the United Grand Lodge of England.

Thus, the Ballarat Lodge No. 1019 was formed in July 1857 and the members of the French Lodge were re-admitted into this new Lodge. In 1867 the Ballarat Lodge amalgamated with the Yarrowee Lodge, which still exists today as Ballarat-Yarrowee Lodge, being No. 10 on the register of Victorian Lodges.

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The Norman B. Spencer Essay Prize

The competition is open to members of Lodges on the register of the UGLE or other recognised Grand Lodges. Applicants may select their own subject which must be within the fields of Masonic history, symbolism, ritual, biography, antiquities, architecture, or another subject deemed to be of historical importance. Lodge histories and local Masonic History are acceptable if of wider interest.



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