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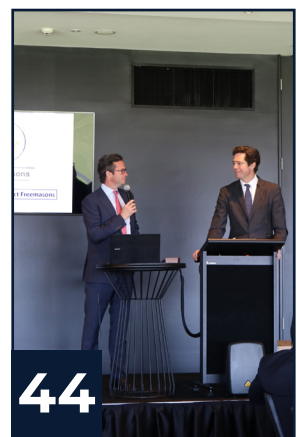
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**MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE,  
ONE MAN AT A TIME.**

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# Message from the President of the Board Bro. Justin Stark



celebrated not only their success, but their mistakes as learning opportunities. Fail can mean, "first attempt at learning." Be willing to take risks and define the success and exit criteria. Know what you want to achieve and if that doesn't succeed, change direction, re-assess your approach and modify your behaviour. Be willing to fail and celebrate your attempt; never be afraid to speak your mind in a supportive manner.

**"Leadership is not about the next election, it is about the next generation."**  
- Simon Sinek

As our Lodges grow and progress, we continue to build the blueprint for the future. We must let go and allow our newer members to be actively involved and build Lodges that they would like to attend and encourage their participation and leadership. If we do not learn from our past, we are bound to repeat the same mistakes. Remember the times when we were new to the Craft and wanted to see change? Take those memories and encourage our newer members to become actively involved. Even if the idea failed in the past, it might succeed now. Our society, our membership and our expectations have changed and that means outcomes can change too.

**"Leadership is working with goals and vision: Management is working with objectives."**  
- Russel Honore

We must stop looking at objectives for Lodges and Freemasonry but rather focus on the vision. What do we want our Craft and Lodges to look like, to feel like and to engage with? We must stop talking about outcomes and define an emotional attachment to Freemasonry and the relationship we have within the Craft. Each of us need to define our Masonic experience in terms of an emotional story and feel comfortable to share that

As we move into the new year, it is important to reflect on what we believe will make Freemasonry successful and the impact that each of us can have within our fraternity. Leadership comes in many guises and when considering the impact we have on each other, I am reminded of a number of key leadership quotes.

**"Don't find fault, find a remedy."** - Henry Ford

Leaders support. They encourage and engage in positive affirmation. Our role is to identify the strength in individuals and help nurture them, if we perceive weakness let's reframe the conversation to make it a strength. We talk of supporting each other, of driving outcomes that are suitable for each and every Lodge, but each Lodge also has its own characteristics. It has its own success criteria; what works for one Lodge may not for another. Our role as leaders is to identify what will work for our Lodge,

implement change and most importantly, monitor it.

**"Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected."** - Steve Jobs

In Lodge, focus on doing the best job that you can and if it means being an attentive supporter, do that to the best of your ability. Focus on the work that is in place to ensure that those actively involved in ceremony, Lodge management and engaging members have your full support and attention. Thank people for their efforts and sit with the newer members in Lodge; in social situations seek out someone you do not know well and get to know them a little better. You do not have to change all your habits, but just make time to meet someone new!

**"Leadership does not depend on being right"** - Ivan Illich

We all make mistakes. When our children are young, we encouraged exploration; we

within our Lodge and within the community. We do not come to Lodge to tick an attendance box, it's about how we feel after Lodge. As leaders, we need to be able to share that with new and potential members so the emotional attachment we have to the Craft is shared.

**"Leadership is unlocking people's potential to become better."  
- Bill Bradley**

Part of our role, as leaders in Lodges and Districts is to help identify other potential leaders. To nurture them into leadership roles and ensure that they are helping drive the success of our organisation. We cannot continue to rely on the support of a handful of committed members in each Lodge but rather, drive support from everyone. Even a small change, every day can make a difference. A 1% increase in effort every day over a year is over 37 times the output of doing nothing. Change and support compounds the outcomes, let's ensure we get the greatest value from everyone in the Craft. Constant pressure will invoke change!

I had the privilege of attending the presentations from the 2018 cohort of Leadership Victoria. The groups that built a rapport with the audience did it by engaging with their emotions, by sharing a piece of themselves and by demonstrating a knowledge of the subject matter. That same approach needs to be taken at every level of Freemasonry, from the Grand Master to the prospective candidate talking to his partner, family and friends about the commitment that he is about to make. As an organisation, leadership is key – but everyone of us is a leader. We can mentor new candidates, talk about the experiences we have, share our knowledge, or just offer to assist.

Remember, each one of us is a leader; our actions, our behaviours and our words influence those around us. Be the leader that you would like to see in others; a small change will make a big difference.

## LEADING THE FUTURE OF THE CRAFT

**BRO. ANDREW POWER**

Leadership can be learned. Some people are certainly born with leadership skills, however this is not a prerequisite for becoming a leader. What is more important is the dedication to the art of leadership. Leadership involves understanding how to inspire, influence and control how people behave. It is not a simple matter of shouting, having a deep and booming voice, or being great in physical stature; Gandhi possessed none of these attributes but managed to lead a nation and inspire millions around the world.

Sometimes, leadership may be no more than having a poignant message for a receptive audience at an opportune moment. Of itself, leadership is neither good nor bad; the world has known more than its fair share of evil and charismatic dictators.

In the world of business, the perception of leadership has changed from its early days of command and control leadership, where it largely mirrored the military model of leadership from the top down, with powerful individuals dominating large groups of less powerful people.

Nowadays, leadership in business is far more knowledge-driven and adaptive. The lowliest employee may end up effectively leading the direction of a vast corporation through his or her innovative ideas. Anyone with critical knowledge can show leadership. This is known as 'thought-leadership'. In other situations, leadership can be about taking a stand for what you believe in and trying to convince people to think and act differently.



*Laying the Foundation Stone for the Collins Street Masonic Building. The photograph was taken from the rear in Flinders Lane.*

Historically, Freemasons were a prominent part of the community that ushered in the construction of much of what Melbourne is today. Public events where Brethren would march in the thousands to the official laying of a Foundation Stone brought a greater awareness of our great fraternity.

In an effort to encourage and refine the leadership capacity within our membership, the Freemasons Victoria Community Leadership Program was launched in 2018. This is an in-depth course run by Leadership Victoria which spans the year and allows a select group of Brethren to explore and improve their leadership styles. 2018 saw the graduation of 29 members who learned:

- What is leadership?
- New ways of leading
- Understanding self
- Emotional intelligence, resilience and well being
- Effective communication
- Influencing and driving change
- Strategic and critical thinking
- Collaboration and innovation
- Ethical decision making

Alongside this course, Leadership Victoria supported Freemasons Victoria to host two Leadership Forums which saw Ballarat and Monash Gully come alive with interest on how to improve our organisation and examine how leadership is essential to the growth of the Craft.

# MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

## Q&A WITH BRO. BRIAN RUSSELL SAMUEL OAM



In the Australian honours system, appointments to the Order of Australia confer the highest recognition for outstanding achievement and service. The Medal of the Order of Australia is awarded for service worthy of particular recognition. Bro. Brian Russell Samuel was awarded the Honour on Australia Day in 2019 for service to the Jewish community and other organisations.

### **Tell us a little bit about yourself.**

I am 71 years old and married to my wife Jenny, a lawyer, and have two children; Fiona who works as a physiotherapist and Brett who is also a lawyer and married with seven beautiful children. I was initiated at Wesley Collegians Lodge No. 358 in 1966 and have been affiliated with the Lodge since that day. I also attended Wesley College from 1952-1965. For the last 19 years I have worked for Stafford Ellinson Australia, an Australian men's clothing brand, where I am a manager of a retail division.

### **How and why have you serviced the community?**

I have been involved with community organisations for over 50 years in a variety of fields. I am a Justice of the Peace for the Department of Justice and Regulation as well as a proud Ambassador for the White Ribbon Foundation Australia. I am very passionate about Progressive Judaism. I am Past President of Progressive Judaism Victoria, which is the roof body of the Progressive

Jewish movement in Victoria including synagogues and schools and I am the current Vice President for the Union of Progressive Judaism which embraces Australasia and the Pacific region. I have very much enjoyed giving back to the community in leadership roles whether it be in sports administration, Parents Associations or Neighbourhood Watch; it's great to see we can all encourage each other and motivate one another to do good for others.

### **How would you use being the recipient of this award to influence others?**

I hope this will inspire others who know me or have worked with me to become involved as a volunteer in any organisation or sector they are passionate about. It is important to believe in the mission and share ideas to achieve the common goal.

### **Tell us about a mentor who made an impact on you or set you on your present path.**

My late parents Shirley and Ralph Samuel MBE were heavily involved in many facets of the community. Having been raised in a privileged home they inculcated in me and my three brothers Graeme Samuel AC, Ian Samuel OAM, and Neil Samuel that we had an obligation to give back to the community. We saw how our parents were so involved and how this has been the case for many generations in our family, so we were indebted to them, their efforts and accomplishments.

### **How do you motivate others? Simple, show by example.**

### **What is your philosophy towards your work?**

I have several traits, some of which my colleagues like to make fun of. I am a little particular about my work and expect high standards from my colleagues. The expectation is that everyone should give it their best and if a mistake is made,

everyone should be honest and not fear asking for advice. It is important to accept professional criticism and not take it personally. Remember the benefit of getting feedback, there is no leader who has not made mistakes.

### **What is your greatest career accomplishment?**

All the organisations that I have been involved with have given me much joy and pleasure. I hope that in a small way I have been able to contribute to the change and betterment of each organisation, whether it be in a general or volunteer capacity.

### **What does being a mentor to society mean to you?**

I enjoy working with young people and having been in business for 53 years and still going strong, I would like to think the knowledge I have gained in both a business and community setting can inspire others. I hope to have passed on some pearls of wisdom to make others' roles a little easier and motivate them to service their community.



### **On the front cover:**

The design of the Medal of the Order of Australia is a badge with a gold-plated silver insignia of the Order in the centre. The central insignia is inscribed with the word 'Australia' in gold capital letters. The circle also contains two gold sprigs of mimosa. The insignia is ensigned with the Crown of St Edward. The medal is hung from the ribbon of the Order. It is royal blue with a central band of mimosa blossoms.

# HONOURING THE CENTENARY OF THE ARMISTICE

## SPRINGVALE BOTANICAL CEMETERY COMMEMORATION



On Sunday 4 November 2018, an excellent team of Freemasons supported the Grand Master at the commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1. As invited guests of the Victorian RSL, Brethren gathered to remember those who served and displayed our close links to the military. Bro. Keith Murray

laid a wreath to honour the commitment and sacrifice made by Australian servicemen and women during the First World War and by those who continue to serve in uniform around the world. *Above: Freemasons attending the Springvale Botanical Cemetery Commemoration on 4 November 2018.*

## DRUMHEAD CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2018

### The Drumhead

The formation of a Drumhead for outdoor religious services has been known in the British Army for at least 400 years. The most primitive recorded use of the drum indicates that its prime purpose was to banish evil and undesirable spirits. At a later stage it was realised that the deep resonant note provided an ideal means of communication. By the various Drummer's Calls many movements of an army (or a ship's company) could be regulated. Later the bugle replaced the drum as the preferred means of communication, but some ceremonial occasions (Trooping the Colours) even today still involve the use of Drummer's Calls.

### The Purpose of the Assembly

Presented by WBro. LCPL Benjamin Casey Worshipful Master, United Service Lodge No. 330

Ladies, gentlemen and Brethren,  
We join to pay honour to the memory of gallant men and women who served in the First World War. We especially remember those near and dear to us, comrades in service, who answered the call and who lie buried with their comrades of this and other lands, in scattered resting places across the face of this earth. Death cannot rob them of their glory, not time efface the memory of their deeds.

### Grand Master's Remarks

Fiona and I were very moved by the whole evening. The Drumhead ceremony was carried out with a great deal of precision, but also

emotion and powerful symbolism. The reception afterwards was very enjoyable, and it was great to be able to catch up with so many Brethren and ladies.

Both Dr Robert Webster, State President of RSL, and Cr Jamie Hyam, Mayor of Glen Eira Council, were effusive in their praise about the whole event. Well done to United Services Lodge No. 330 for marking the Centenary of the Armistice in such a fitting manner.

### Acknowledgements

The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of United Service Lodge No. 330 wish to acknowledge the generous support of Grand Lodge, Freemasons Victoria staff, The Commanding Officer, 5th/6th Btn, The Royal Victoria Regiment, The Drum Corps of the Pipes and Drums, 5th/6th Btn, and The Royal Victoria Regiment.



# Armistice Day - 11 November 1918

Article compiled by Bro. Brendan Kyne - based on the research of Bro. Damien Hudson and Bro. Neil Morse

11 November 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the World War I, also known as The Great War – the war to end all wars. This anniversary is a time to reflect on the bravery of those who fought in this war and more particularly, those who lost their lives in this brutal conflict. It is estimated that the total number of military and civilian casualties in World War I was about 40 million, with the number of military personnel killed in this conflict being around 10 million. World War I was therefore one of the deadliest military conflicts in human history.



Men of the 1st Battalion burying the dead in the right hand end of the Lone Pine trenches, with the 1st Brigade captured on 6 August 1915. In this trench, Lieutenant Frederick Harold Tubb, 2130 Cpl William Dunstan and 384 Cpl Alexander Stewart Burton, 7th Battalion, later won the VC while repulsing a Turkish counterattack.

In Australia, thousands flocked to enlist and defend what was then considered the “mother country”, Britain, for in the early 1900s the vast majority of Australians were either born in Britain or of British decent. However, many young men also joined up for a sense of adventure, safe in the knowledge that the war would be over in a few months. Unfortunately, that was not to be the case and Australia’s total military deaths in various fields of battle, such as the Western Front and Gallipoli,

was over 61,000, a figure that meant nearly every Australian family was touched by this dreadful conflict.

Over 2,200 Victorian Freemasons enlisted to fight in the conflict, of which 10% were killed in action. Amongst the death and bloodshed, many acts of bravery and heroism were recognised with several of these Victorian Freemasons being awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry in action. The first Victorian to be awarded a VC during WWI was Victorian Freemason Albert Jacka, and his VC citation states:

*“For most conspicuous bravery on the night of the 19th-20th May, 1915 at ‘Courtney’s Post’, Gallipoli Peninsula Lance Corporal Jacka, while holding a portion of our trench with four other men, was heavily attacked. When all except himself were killed or wounded, the trench was rushed and occupied... Lance Corporal Jacka at once most gallantly attacked them single-handed, and killed the whole party, five by rifle fire and two with the bayonet.”*

Bro. Albert Jacka was initiated in Caledonian Lodge No. 113 on 12 January 1922 and remained a member until his death.



Roll Call of B Company, 14th Battalion after the unsuccessful offensive on 8 August 1915. In this attack 3 officers and 33 other ranks were killed and 126 other ranks missing.

Bro. Jacka's VC was quickly followed by VCs awarded for bravery at Gallipoli to Major Fred Tubb and Corporal Bill Dunstan for repelling constant counter attacks on their position at Lone Pine. The third member of this valiant group, Corporal Alexander Stewart Burton was killed during this action and posthumously awarded a VC. Eighteen months prior to receiving his VC, Bro. Major Fred Tubb was initiated in Euroa Lodge No. 185 (UGLV) on 10 February 1914 and was killed in action at the battle for Ypres in September 1917.

On 10 June 1916, Corporal Bill Dunstan was presented with the VC by the Governor General on the steps of Parliament House, Melbourne, and six years later he was initiated into the Victorian Naval and Military Lodge No. 49. After the war, Bro. Bill Dunstan had a successful career in business eventually becoming the General Manager of The Herald and Weekly Times Ltd under Sir Keith Murdoch.

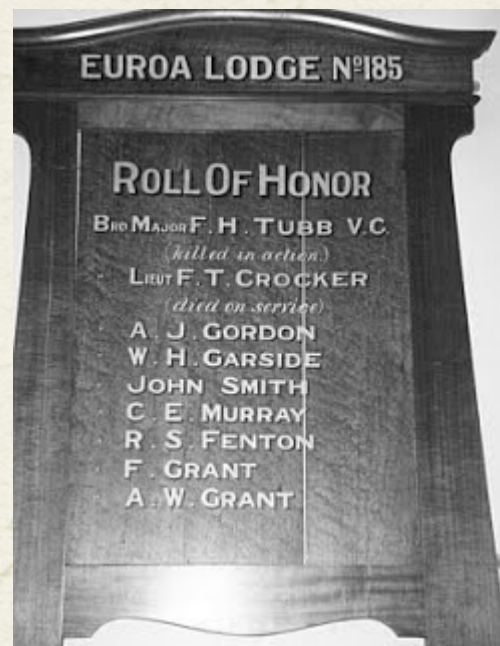


Roll Call of D Company, 1st Battalion at Hell Spit after fighting. This company went into action with 6 officers and 213 other ranks. When assembled, the muster was 1 officer and 88 other ranks.

Visit [fmv.org.au/armistice](http://fmv.org.au/armistice) to see a list of the 236 Victorian Freemasons who were killed during WW1.

Freemasonry also provided solace in those brutal times of war and we have an example in the Third Australian General Hospital, which whilst stationed as a field hospital on the Greek island of Lemnos in the Aegean Sea near Gallipoli, on 29 December 1915 arranged a meeting, described at the time as;

*"...Thirty-four Brethren attended and never was the universal spread of Freemasonry more exemplified than upon this occasion.*



*Euroa Lodge No. 185 WW1 Roll of Honour*

*A tent pitched upon a rocky hillside within sound of the guns of Gallipoli with all the turmoil of modern warfare surging around. Outside were armed sentries pacing their allotted beat ready to repel intruders should the occasion arise and within, to the dim light of a few hurricane lamps, a gathering of Masons such as had probably never before been known under like circumstances in the history of the Craft.*

*They came from the ends of the earth, these men with one end – to serve, from England, Canada, Scotland, the islands of Barbados, Florida, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Tasmania, India, the Straits Settlements, Mexico, from Egypt and ranks from a General down to Privates were able to relax and spend a few hours free from the strain and horrors of this world war..."*

## **Lest we forget.**

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# FREEMASONS TASKFORCE

## AN EFFECTIVE RECYCLING INITIATIVE SUPPORTING CHARITIES



### Recycling aluminium ring-pulls from drink cans

For some years the Freemasons Victoria Taskforce (the 'hand' of Freemasonry) has been gathering donated aluminium ring-pulls from drink cans for recycling. All proceeds from the sale of the aluminium has gone to charities.

This successful ring-pull recycling program is as follows:

- Aluminium ring-pulls are donated by Freemasons, various supporting individuals and community organisations, and are collected by the Freemasons Victoria Taskforce
- The ring-pulls are sorted then bagged or boxed and sold to metal recyclers by the Taskforce
- Proceeds are donated to various charitable causes, but predominately to those supporting the health and wellbeing of children
- In excess of \$2,000 per year has been earned through this project
- An increased donation of ring-pulls will result in greater earnings for charity

### Why not the whole can?

Whole cans are painted, require crushing, are bulky, sticky and messy, and may contain spiders, wasps and other 'nasties'. Recycling value per kilo is much lower for whole cans, than for just

ring-pulls, and need to be further processed to remove the paint. Large quantities of pure aluminium ring-pulls are light, generally clean and easy to handle, and provide a top recycling value return. Unfortunately, steel ring-pulls are of little or no recycle value, so if donated, these need to be removed and sorted by hand. Boxes or bags of collected ring-pulls can be transported cheaply by rail, or by car to the Freemasons Victoria Taskforce in Melbourne.

### Volunteers are needed!

This is a practical hands-on project providing an opportunity for individuals and diverse groups of volunteers to enjoy contributing, and supporting charity through the collection and donation of aluminium ring-pulls for recycling. Freemasons Victoria would welcome all additional support for this worthy program.

For further information, contact:

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*Above: Members of the Freemasons Victoria Taskforce sorting aluminium ring-pulls at their Box Hill store and work area.*

### *What is the Freemasons Victoria Taskforce?*

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.



## **FREEMASONS PROVIDE CARE-BEARS TO COMFORT KIDS IN NEED**

The Freemasons Victoria Taskforce recently presented 173 knitted "Care-Bear" teddy bears to Civil Ambulance Victoria at their Doncaster headquarters.

Paramedics give the Care-Bears to distressed children for comfort. The Bears are also placed in hospital emergency departments such as the Alfred's Trauma Centre and Royal Children's Hospital, to be given to children in need of some cheer.

Since its inception, the Care-Bears for Needy Kids Program has provided over 2,000 teddy bears knitted with love by volunteers. The recent batch presented were knitted by Freemasons' wives and widows of separate Victorian Lodges.

Some time ago, the first batch of 1,000 Care-Bears was presented to Bro. Fr Michael Lynch for donation to orphanages in Timor Leste. Other Care-Bears have since been presented to the Ambulance and other Emergency

Services in Victoria for needy children. The magnificent task of knitting the bears has been undertaken by too many volunteers to mention by name here, but there is no doubt that the Care-Bears have all been very gratefully received!

A large quantity of yarn has kindly been donated by Patons Wool for use by volunteers knitting the bears. More volunteers able to assist with knitting Care-Bears will be most welcome and various patterns are available for this ongoing work. Many thanks to all the volunteer knitters.

For further details, please contact:  
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*Above: The recent presentation of 173 Care-Bears to Rob Jaske of Civil Ambulance Victoria by RWBro. Merv Dyer and Bro. Gary Edwards (kneeling) of the Freemasons Victoria Taskforce.*



# HOW TECHNOLOGY CHANGED FREEMASONRY

Brother Seth Anthony PM, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, USA

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**Question: “How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?”**

**Answer: “Change!?! My great-grandfather installed that light bulb the year he was Master. If it was good enough for him, it’s good enough for me.”**

Freemasonry has a reputation, both positive and negative, for being averse to change. Yet, from the very moment our fraternity started, we began changing. No longer do we meet around dimly lit altars by the light of burning candle wicks. Today, our Lodges convene in rooms brightly lit by LED lights. Where our members once strained to hear the reading of the minutes, they are now assisted through the use of microphones and speaker systems. Instead of piling wood into an old stove, our buildings are now heated by modern means, making for a comfortable experience. Yes, our Lodges have changed with technology.

It’s a good guess, however, that when you read this headline, your mind immediately turned to what is defined as technology today; computers, the Internet and modern communication methods are more likely what you imagined. Just as our past Brothers adopted new technologies to improve the fraternal experience in their Lodges, we must utilise the changes in technology that are presented to us. It’s a safe bet there were many arguments over whether electric lights were acceptable in place of candles around an altar. Even a quick reading of the “Digest of Decisions” brings up the use of televisions and modern presentation equipment in a Lodge. Both groups, past and present, faced the same challenge of using new technologies in a way that kept the traditions of the fraternity in mind.

Let’s take a look at the simple Lodge notice. In the early 1800s, a Brother didn’t get a printed, folded notice in the mail. He would get a slip, handwritten by the Secretary, telling him when and where the next meeting was. There wasn’t a list of the officers, nor a complete list of all of the Past Masters. The document was simple and to the point. But, over succeeding generations, the Lodge notice has turned into

a newsletter of sorts, with key information on the Lodge’s happenings and contact information for the officers. Our Brothers from centuries ago would find this innovation just as alarming as some of our current members find the use of electronic communication.

The next and most obvious evolution of the Lodge notice is to adapt to modern communications methods; many Lodges are already sending out their notice via email. Yes, there are challenges and issues that go with this change. But, isn’t it safe to assume that there was push back when the newsletter type publication was introduced in Lodges? Secretaries had to deal with printers, coordinate mailings and more. Many Lodges still have printers blocks in their back rooms, from the day when the notice was printed each month. Imagine how difficult it was for the Secretary to prepare the notice for mailing. They couldn’t just print out a sheet of envelope labels from their home computer! The task of sending out the monthly notice was incredibly laborious. But, as technology has improved, so has the job of the Secretary, enabling him to be more efficient.

There is no doubt that we must guard our fraternity from “innovations,” but the use of technology by our Lodges is not one of them. What makes Freemasonry special isn’t a burning candle, an electric light or a paper notice. Freemasonry is special because all of these changes allow men to gather in their Lodges and become Brothers. If a man was cold, unable to see and couldn’t hear, how difficult would it be for him to find enjoyment in Freemasonry? Our forefathers adopted technology to assist in these issues. Now, it’s our duty to adapt to new technologies to make it even easier for men to find the real secret of Freemasonry – Brotherly love and affection.

Read the original article and more at [www.pagrandlodge.org/magazine](http://www.pagrandlodge.org/magazine)

# THE PORCHWAY



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



# Grand Master

## Bro. Keith Murray's

### Address at September

### Quarterly Communication

I am absolutely certain that this is the most exciting time to be a Freemason.

Since our last Quarterly Communication, a number of Member Forums have taken place. More will follow and these are only the start of what your Board is committed to doing, helping every Brother be a part of shaping our future and helping everyone to have a broader understanding of the challenges we have as well as the opportunities.

At some Installations I have singled out some phrases that refer to some Ruling and Teaching and others Submitting and Obeying. Let me say, I don't subscribe to that being a view of what our fraternity expects in 2018, or in fact needs. As my father used to say, "if you are involved in a meeting and everyone agrees with everything, it tells you one thing, they are not thinking!"

With a new Grand Secretary and Head of Operations, we will have the key roles in our central office team led by very experienced and highly qualified individuals. There is now a real focus on how they can best deliver the membership services required and also manage our finances and governance to ensure the best possible deliverables. However, let us all be very clear, the future success of Freemasonry in Victoria rests not within the central office. The truth

is, we all have to find that compelling reason to improve our organisation for the better. Some might ask what can we do to improve the organisation? Well let me ask you; do you think being a Freemason is about going to Lodge? Is being

a Freemason only about keeping your Lodge going for so long as you are getting something out of it? Do you think that because many of our Lodges lose on average 85% of Master Masons within 4 years, that we are doing everything right in our Lodges? Do you think it would be better for your own Lodge to die rather than do things differently, just because it might upset a few Brethren stuck in their ways?

Most of you would say, "of course not!" but come to think of it, do we honestly challenge ourselves to become better Freemasons after every Lodge meeting? Do we actively encourage and support harmony and unity in what we do and say in our own Lodge and in support of the fraternity as a whole?

Do we adapt or improve to make our Lodge meetings and social functions great to be a part of? I believe every one of us wants Freemasonry in Victoria to grow and flourish. To achieve this, we must consider the work we have to do to rebuild Freemasonry's profile as a blessing, not a burden.

Part of our challenge is the need to broaden everyone's knowledge of Freemasonry, encourage creativity, lateral thinking and a willingness to speak openly about our Craft. Freemasonry has endured for centuries and some of our Victorian Lodges

for over 150 years, however they did not do this by failing to evolve and reinvent themselves. So I ask you Brethren, every one of you, to consider how you can make actions in your daily lives and the way your Lodge operates have a positive impact on your fellow Brethren and the world around you. There are really only two choices, we either individually decide for the good of Freemasonry to step up or stay put.

I promise you, I will do my utmost to help all those that choose to step up.

Freemasonry in Victoria is on the verge of great things, if we have the gumption and fortitude to stay true to our principles and tenets, whilst encouraging fresh thinking to permeate the way we do things in our Lodges. Brethren, many of our "rules" are simply old habits that some might be afraid to change; but change we must. We must rebalance our rules to help all Brethren better understand their individual responsibilities as Freemasons. How better to allow our Lodges to think outside the square, innovate and prosper without fear of being tripped up by outmoded or cumbersome rules which stifle energy. We must make our rules simpler to understand and apply, and let us be abundantly clear on what it takes to not just join Freemasonry, but also to be a Freemason.

My goal is for this Grand Lodge to have a set of operating guidelines, equivalent to the best business practices for the benefit of the whole membership. Some of this is already starting. The accounts are being presented in a clearer and more concise format. Also the opportunity to review and



discuss the format and content of the new approach to our Constitution.

Many of you will already be aware of the Memorandum of Understanding between Craft, Mark and Chapter. The close involvement of the three Orders is taking shape. Indeed, the heads of Mark and Chapter were on the selection panel for both the Grand Secretary and Head of Operations. The next stage is to develop an effective model to deliver better service and efficiencies in the administration across the three Orders. A further example is the United Grand Installations to take place from 3 - 5 May 2019. Three ceremonies, over two days, with one Grand Banquet.

Now let me turn to our development in East Melbourne, which is on schedule. Shortly we will be

sending out information packs to the various Lodges and orders that used to meet in East Melbourne to confirm their meeting and accommodation requirements for their return in late 2019. In anticipation of how this new facility will look, here are the artists' impressions of the interior (see above).

To assist everyone, we have a revised Freemasons card (see below). This allows any one of you to give a card with some brief details on how to find out more on becoming a Freemason. This is in response to some Brethren being honest about finding it hard to put into words what their membership means to them; to encourage friends or family to join them. If you would like some of these cards please contact the office at 9411 0111 and they will be mailed

to you.

You Brethren, every one of you, are the best possible advertisement for what is great about being a Freemason. As part of your challenge to step up, I encourage everyone to carry some of these cards and don't be afraid to speak up about Freemasonry. Brethren, I give you my fullest support. Don't be afraid to think outside the square; make your Lodge the best it can be and feel free to boast your Freemasonry, to those who you think worthy to join our ranks and will be passionate about our beliefs. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose as we work together in peace, love and harmony.



# Freemasons

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their families and the community  
in Victoria, since 1834.*

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Or, if you have any other questions or are considering joining, ask me:

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

## What is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry is a worldwide community of men that believe in the principles of equality and charity. It is one of the few remaining organisations that honour and respect religious, cultural and political diversity.

It offers good men an opportunity to contribute to their local communities, join a network of like-minded individuals, and improve themselves in the process.

### Freemasons believe in:

- A concern and respect for human values
- High moral standards and the laws of society
- Education, self-development and improvement
- A commitment to honourable personal conduct
- Charity and contribution to the wider community

If you appreciate friendships, camaraderie and making a difference in your community, Freemasonry may just be what you are looking for.

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# What Makes a Good Leader for Employees and What Qualities Should We Look For?

Grand Secretary RWBro. Garry Runge JP



In a senior role there are several factors which need to reside within a leader to achieve their aims.

A good leader has faith in their ability to train and develop other employees. This enables them to empower an employee to act autonomously and allows them to be more responsible and accountable for their actions. The strength of a good leader is in their ability to recognise how an employee can be developed and provide the necessary training to enable them to advance in the workforce.

One key to identifying a good leader is through the level of integrity they exhibit and the honesty they maintain with their co-workers. Through integrity, a good leader earns loyalty which must be reciprocal. True loyalty is supporting employees in crisis and conflict and having their trust and confidence.

A good leader is also a risk taker when making decisions. Not all decisions will be correct, but a good leader will make a measured decision and always have a fall-back plan. To be effective, a good leader must be decisive, but also measured. Listening and weighing up information enables one to make the best decisions.

Leadership is about the character of the person leading; integrity, empowerment and decisiveness

are just some attributes which make up a good leader.

In Freemasonry similar qualities in a man are developed, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are the cornerstones of what is expected of a good Freemason. Leading in a corporation or in a Masonic setting can be among the most rewarding aspects of growth, but they both have complexities.

Corporate leadership involves taking responsibility and being the driving force of the organisation. In a Masonic setting leadership also includes dealing with difficult interpersonal matters and understanding the complexities of Freemasonry.

Perhaps the key to positive leadership for employees is the ability to connect in a manner which encourages them to willingly follow and achieve goals at the highest level. A good leader should be able to develop a culture of wanting to go to work, not because they have to but because they want to.

Leadership is about empowering employees and supporting them by providing a framework in which they can operate safely and be successful.

So, what do you think makes a good leader?

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***"Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy."***

General Norman Schwarzkopf (US Army retired)

# The Consecration of Lodge Concordia No. 943

WBro. Rodney Lavin PM

In February 2018, Freemasons Latrobe Valley was dedicated after many years of planning for a contemporary centre in Traralgon. The need for a new centre was apparent and the idea to reconstruct or rebuild was discussed by many for over ten years, however discussions slowly came to a halt. The conversation was reignited eight years ago when WBro. Rodney Lavin and WBro. Bob Faulkner were both Masters of their Lodges; Argyle Lodge No. 105 and Morwell Lodge No. 202 respectively. Both Lodges met at different centres in neighbouring towns and were only a ten-minute drive from one another. The centres were not fit for purpose and after much dialogue, Freemasons Latrobe Valley was dedicated.

In Freemasonry there is much discussion about King Solomon's Temple which took more than seven years to build and it took just as long to build Freemasons Latrobe Valley!

On the day of the Dedication, there were already 27 signatures from a group of excited Freemasons who were interested in a new Lodge. Many of these

Brethren were time poor professionals who would benefit from bi-monthly meetings. The new dining Lodge was to be called Lodge Concordia, which means Lodge of Harmony in Latin – a very fitting name.

On 1 September 2018 Lodge Concordia No. 943 was consecrated by MWBro. Keith Murray with the 2018 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team and WBro. Bob Faulkner was installed as the Foundation Master of the Lodge. After the Consecration 120 Brethren, ladies and friends gathered in the South for a banquet with live entertainment by Bro. Paul Gulinello. Grand Masters MWBro. Keith Murray, MWBro. Don Reynolds, MWBro. Bob Jones and MWBro. Vaughan Werner were in attendance as well as Deputy Grand Master RWBro. Richard Elkington and State Member for Ferntree Gully and Shadow Minister for Environment Bro. Nick Wakeling MP.

With a new building completed and a new dining Lodge, the Gippsland East District is in good shape for a prosperous future.



Above: Freemasons on the night of the Consecration of Lodge Concordia.

# The Consecration of Endeavour Virtual Lodge No. 944

On Saturday 15 December 2018, the Endeavour Virtual Lodge No. 944 was Consecrated at Freemasons Brunswick.

From the Oration written by VWBro. M. Rev. Gordon L. McKenzie, Grand Chaplain:

Endeavour Virtual Lodge, additionally being a Lodge of Fellowship, virtually opens the door and the window, so that light and lustre now be enabled to shine upon Brethren separated by time and distance, or by sickness, infirmity and or incapacitation. It provides the virtual lifeline which will allow those struggling to Masonically stay afloat, to grasp a Masonic lifeline and to again connect, so as to be a part of the Masonic Fraternity, but with a real sense of connection and belonging, regardless of ailments, contagions, restrictions, incapacitation, age, reduced-vision, or other impairment and as it is anticipated that this is the only time Endeavour Virtual Lodge will physically meet.

Brethren, we are likewise well-aware of Captain James Cook's epic journey to Australia, aboard the barque HMS Endeavour, the namesake of this Virtual Lodge and we are similarly aware and appreciative of the significant discoveries and wonderful research which resulted from Cook's epic voyage, for education, knowledge and wisdom came forth in abundance. There were extensive discoveries in geography, astronomy and with the famed botanist, Sir Joseph Banks aboard HMS Endeavour, there were huge and significant botanical discoveries, which in-turn, led to even greater botanical research and discoveries. Even today, in this twenty-first century, Bank's extensive research and documentation is still regarded as the yardstick in this field and so, as history was then created, history is created here this day, with the consecration of the first Virtual Lodge in Australia, the second in the World, outside of Canada. There are no virtual limitations other than the nature of the restricted warrant issued to Endeavour Lodge and just as with "The Enterprise", the virtual possibilities are enormous, Space, for Endeavour Virtual Lodge.

# Vale

## MWBro. MAJGEN Francis Eric Poke

### AO, KStJ, RFD, ED, PGM

The passing of MWBro. Major General Francis Eric Poke AO, KStJ, RFD, ED PGM has given us the opportunity to reflect upon an amazing lifetime of service given over seven decades, on war and in peace.

Major General Poke joined the Citizen Military Force in January 1942, barely three weeks before the first Japanese attack on Darwin. He then transferred to the 2nd AIF in September 1942. He served as a signalman in the Darwin Operational Area in 1943, a time of intense activity in that area as the Japanese attacked over 200 times. In 1945 he was posted to the Australian Prisoner of War and Internment Reception Camp, located on the island of Morotai, responsible for the reception of returning Australian prisoners of war, and discharged as a Corporal in 1946.

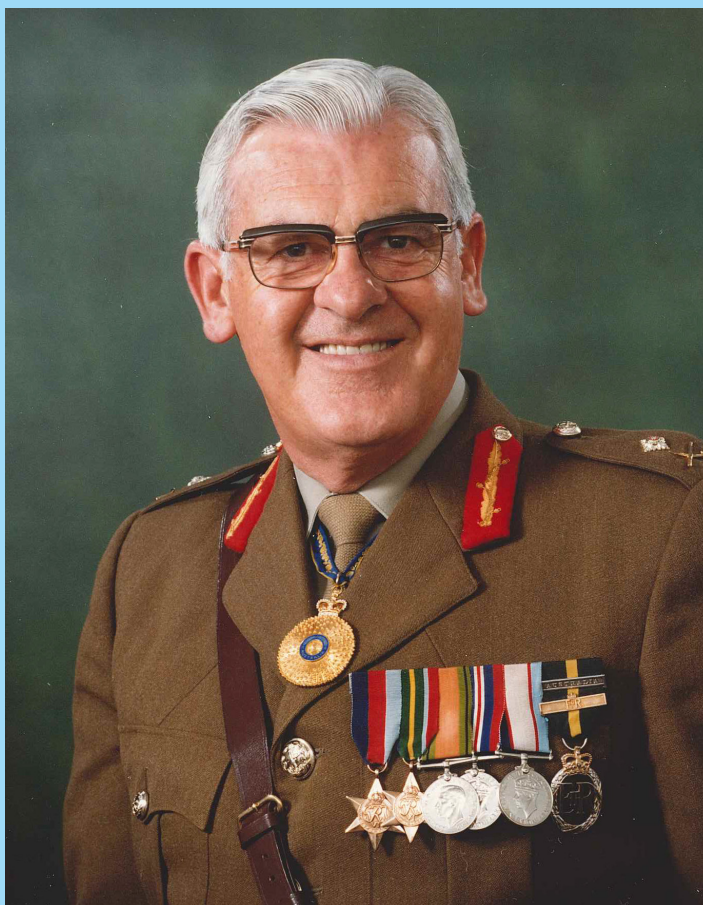
In 1952, he transferred to the Army Reserve and retired in 1980 as a Major General after numerous postings. Major General Poke had three Service Numbers because he served in three elements of the Australian Army; the militia, the 2nd AIF and the Army Reserve. He served in war, he served in peace and he also served during a period when peace was constantly under challenge with Australians serving in Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cyprus and the Middle East.

His Service record was extensive in both Tasmania and Victoria and in 1979, Major General Poke was

appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia, for services in positions of great responsibility in the Army Reserve.

When he retired from the Army, Frank joined St John Ambulance Association and eventually became

remained active until his health forced a reassessment of his activities. Frank was one of six Generals who joined United Service Lodge, one of three Grand Masters and one of seven Knights of the Realm. He was the only one to claim all three honours.



The majesty of music, inspirational ritual and ceremonial excellence appeal to many men and Frank's military background ensured that he became an avid disciple, a competent practitioner and an enthusiastic proponent of the many arts and skills required to progress in Freemasonry. He especially enjoyed the moral and spiritual teachings associated with the rich symbolism that pervades Freemasonry. He was invested as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria in 1991 and again in 1992, attained the Thirty-Third Degree and was active in many Masonic Orders.

Frank Poke was an exceptional man who served his community

Chief Superintendent of Victoria before becoming Deputy Chief Commissioner of Australia. He was conferred Knight of Grace of the Order for his services.

Frank became a Freemason when he was initiated into Poulett Lodge No. 18 in Wynyard, Tasmania, 65 years ago, and he remained a financial member of his mother Lodge until his death. When he transferred to Melbourne for business he joined United Service Lodge No. 330, became Master in 1981 and

widely. His guiding light was a moral compass firmly grounded in his faith. That guiding light never dulled and that compass never wavered. He was a keen sportsman, playing and umpiring in cricket and football, an accomplished athlete as well as a Scout Leader and a devoted member of the Anglican Church. He rose to eminence by merit, unquestionably lived respected and the crowd at his funeral testified to the fact that his passing is greatly mourned.

# Q&A with WBro. Nathaniel Buchanan, WM of Ballarat-Yarrowee Lodge No. 10

Interview by RWBro. Richard Elkington DGM

**Richard: You have an interesting job, haven't you?**

Nathaniel: I'm a history teacher by trade however I got into guiding in Europe and started doing ghost tours there. Cutting a long story short, I now run ghost tours in a big lunatic asylum in Ararat.

**Richard: When and why did you join Freemasonry?**

Nathaniel: I joined when I was 33, a good Masonic number. As a historian the Freemasons have been popping up in my readings for decades. While in Scotland I found Buchanans in Rosslyn Chapel Cemetery and did a little hunting around. When I came to Ballarat, I had a familiarisation with some basic Masonic symbolism and once I started ghost tours I noticed many Masonic symbols on buildings.

**Richard: You've been a member for eight years and have been in the chair for nearly one. What is it that you like?**

Nathaniel: I love the ritual. I think it's very clever, meaningful and powerful. I'm fascinated by symbolism and esoteric concepts. I tell everyone the more you look at it, the more you'll see. Being a historian, I was fascinated with the concept of the Knights Templar from a young age. One of my goals when I joined the Craft was to be part of the Knights Templar.

**Richard: What you're saying is not unusual then? You joined the Craft to join the KT's?**

Nathaniel: A few of my friends are excited to get into that Degree and are all fascinated with history. Half my friends work at Kryal Castle in Ballarat, dressed in armour for entertainment. They know about the KT's, they're in Craft Lodges, and are eager to join.

**Richard: You've been Master since April last year. What sort of year have you had?**

Nathaniel: It's been an excellent year. We've been flat out with Degree work. There has only been two nights we didn't do Degree work. One was the Christmas party and one was the Tracing Board because we realised we had four Entered Apprentices in the room and had to do some other work. In the next two months we will be doing six Degrees and we're all having fun.

**Richard: Getting members through the door I guess is one thing. Retaining them is something else.**

Nathaniel: I'm looking at it all, knowing we have Entered Apprentices who won't be able to even take office for maybe five years. I have been handing the work out to Master Masons as much as possible. We have a couple of young guys who have other commitments, and they like it but we must motivate them to keep coming. There are also those in their early days who don't fully understand what they're seeing, it can be a struggle to retain them if they

have other commitments. In saying that we do have guys who have recently joined and are so enthusiastic about it all.

**Richard: What's happening in Ballarat that has created a desire for young men, well presumably most of them young, to join?**

Nathaniel: I like to think I've put in some effort, but it's certainly not all me. I brought in a few of my friends as well as my best friend who was curious. He's a big thinker, enjoys debates, enjoys the idea of a non-religious outlook on life but rather a more philosophical one that still has mystique attached to it.

You can take what you want. You can dismiss what you want. We are all right or we are all wrong. It's very personal and I think that that is a big draw card. We have a couple of guys that joined because of the history element and others because their grandfathers were Freemasons. A lot of men have also come from my current and former cohort of staff because of conversations while carpooling to and from work.

**Richard: Do you see a strong spiritual element in Freemasonry?**

Nathaniel: For me it is a spiritual journey. That doesn't mean I believe that I have a ghost entity inside me that's going to go to heaven or hell after I die. I'm a bit more scientific about it. But the spirit I guess is what is in me while I'm alive. That's my personality and the combination of my experiences. A decent human being is always trying to learn more about themselves, and that's why Freemasonry's an incredibly spiritual experience for me.

**Richard: When you commenced as Master you had just been selected for the Freemasons Victoria Leadership Program. Did you consider that the role of Master was in fact a leadership role?**

Nathaniel: Yes. I see that the ritual in Freemasonry is magical. By magic, I mean magic has always been the process of trying to turn something into something else. That's alchemy and that's done through ritual. The Masonic ritual is a magical ritual to take a man off the street and make him a leader.

You probably don't get the full power of the ritual until you've been in the chair, and I didn't realise how being given the reigns as Master would be this powerful. I've worked in lots of positions of leadership but to ritualise it, is beautiful.

**Richard: How powerful was the Leadership Program for you?**

Nathaniel: The leadership course was great, not because of what we necessarily learned, but rather the people that came through at the end. However, a think tank has been created for people and that's probably the most important thing. There is potential for an alumni Lodge to be formed and all of the current and future graduates invited to join. This would create a space where ideas could happen.



## Questions and Answers

### QUESTION: THE SYMBOLISM OF THE CABLE TOW?

*Answer by Bro. R.H. Herrod*

The first thing to make itself evident during a study of both the history and symbolism of the Cable Tow is the utter lack of unanimity! Amongst the eminent writers who have, at some time or other, tackled the subject. It leaves the student in a state of confusion and gives him the alternative of choosing the reasoning which appeals most to him, or of endeavouring to form his own conclusion to the best of his ability and knowledge.

The explanations given for the origin and history of the Cable Tow, in a Masonic sense, are generally so varied and so obviously guesswork, that it would be wasting time to render them in their entirety. One of the few things which, however, can be gleaned, is that the Cable Tow has been used in many initiation ceremonies of ancient religions, in particular those of the Druids and Egyptians, to signify that the Initiate is being led from Darkness into Light - from Ignorance into Knowledge. It is also mentioned in several historical events, when men have been humbled for some reason, and the halter is placed around the neck to show that they are not at liberty to go as they please; but are subservient to some higher authority, and the significant fact in many of these occasions is that these persons are humbled of their own free will and accord, to show their devotion and regard for the said authority.

Now, in practically all the

writings on the subject, the emphasis is placed on the person; or, as we know him, the Initiate, being symbolically led from one state to another, and little mention is made of the restraining influence as mentioned in the ritual explanation in the First Degree. This is possibly due to the fact that the Cable Tow seems to play a very small part in the symbolical teaching of the Craft in the present day, and thereby does not receive the attention it should.

Actually, the Cable Tow can teach a powerful lesson! To grasp its meaning, we must place it in its proper context in the Ceremony of Initiation, together with its companion, of which we are all aware. We are taught that the Initiation Ceremony symbolises the entrance of man into the realms of enlightenment - his emerging from the unknowing into the knowable - not the known or the knowing - but the knowable. He does not yet know but is aware that he can know. His life stretches before him in all its varied colours of experience. And almost before he steps into it - before he even sees it - he is warned very emphatically in two ways against foolish action.

It will be that, from time to time, he must see some rosy vista of life lies ahead for the taking. His first reaction is to rush eagerly forward to embrace it fervently, and then the symbolical instrument checks his rush with the warning that he must "look before he leaps" - that to savour the good things of life he should consider them carefully, relish them quietly, and make them last until they are but pleasant memories. And at other times he will be faced with unpleasant duties, unavoidable calamities, insurmountable barriers,

and his natural reaction is to turn away from them, to deny their existence, to take a more pleasant pathway around them. Then the Cable Tow tightens around his neck and he is shown that he must face up to these difficulties, for to deny them means the death of his character, for it is only by constantly wrestling with these unpleasant demons that the character of man is kept alive and growing into the strength of mind and singleness of purpose.

So, the Cable Tow is the symbolical reminder that we must face our responsibilities, attend to our duties and conquer our problems, if we are to become men of square conduct, level steps and upright intentions. all pledged; the lost world is the very essence of spirituality that will illuminate our souls, and make us ever better men in whatsoever sphere the G.A.O.T.U. has called us to labour in. And the ethical atmosphere that all our ceremonies are surrounded with is that alone in which the flower of spirituality can bloom.

And so the quest goes on. And the quest, as it may be, ends in attainment - we know not when or where; so long as we can conceive of our separate existence the quest goes on - and attainment continued hence-forward. And the place (to which it leads) is the Valley of Peace.

### QUESTION: WHAT WAS THE GOLDEN FLEECE OR ROMAN EAGLE, AND WHAT IS THE GARTER?

*In answering this question, it comes immediately to my mind the Charge given by the Senior Warden on the Presentation of the Apron, when he says: "More ancient bond of friendship."*

### The Order of the Golden Fleece

On 10 January 1430, over 500 years ago, Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy and the Netherlands, founded the Order in honour of his marriage to Isabel, daughter of King John of Portugal. It is not definitely known why the Order was named the Golden Fleece, but there are four surmises as to its origin.

1. In memory of Jason and his exploits in Greek legends.
2. Because the wealth of Flanders came largely from wool.
3. That it was so named in memory of Gideon's request that the Lord would prove his power by causing the dew of heaven to fall only on a fleece set out in the night, while the surrounding ground remained dewless.
4. That it was named in honour of the Duke's own mistress, because he gloried in her wondrous fleece of beautiful golden hair.

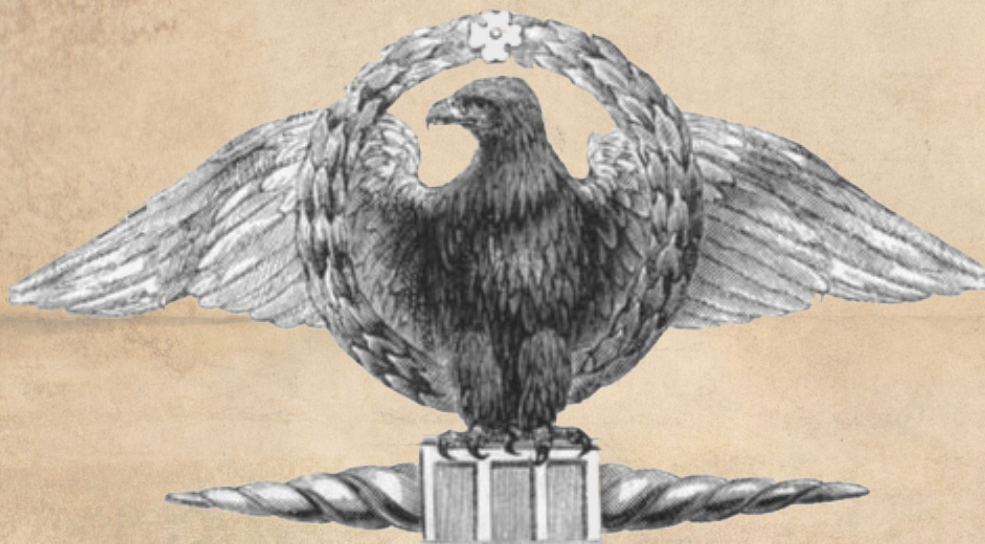
It is also stated that this Order was instituted for the protection of the Roman Catholic Church, and the fleece was assumed

for its emblem, from being a staple commodity of the low countries. The founder made himself Grand Master of the Order, a dignity appointed to descend to his successors; and the number of Knights, at first limited to 24, was subsequently increased. Contests arose between Spain and Austria as to the possession of this Order of Knighthood, which were finally adjusted by introducing the Order into both countries. In Austria, the Emperor may now create any number of Knights of the Golden Fleece from the nobility. If Protestants, the consent of the Pope is required. In Spain, Prinees, Grantees and personages of peculiar merit are alone eligible to membership in this Order.

### The Order of the Roman Eagle

The Eagle, as adopted by the Romans

upon their banners, signified swiftness and courage as in the Ancient Sacred Writings. The Romans were not the first to display the Eagle upon their banners, for the Persians, under Cyrus the Younger, had borne the Eagle upon their standards. In modern times, France, Russia, Prussia and the United States have adopted the Eagle as a national military symbol. The Order of the Black Eagle, in Prussia, was instituted in 1701, on the occasion of the Coronation of the King, and is the highest Order in that country. No member is allowed to travel from the court more than twenty miles without permission or giving notice. The Roman Eagle was associated with the God Jupiter in Roman Mythology. Jupiter was the lord of life and light. The Roman represented



Jupiter as seated on a throne of ivory, holding in his right hand a sheaf of thunderbolts and in his left a sceptre, whilst an eagle stands beside his throne.

### The Order of the Garter

The Order of the Garter dates from about 1344. Its origin is not clear. Edward III is said by some to have instituted it; others say Richard I, at the siege of Acre, when he is said to have caused 26 Knights to wear thongs of blue leather around their legs. Another account is, that the Countess of Salisbury happened at a ball to drop her garter and the King picked it up and presented it to her. Some of the company smiled, whereupon the King exclaimed, "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense" (Evil to him who evil thinks.) Immediately after this circumstance, this Order of the Garter was founded. It was founded in honour of the Holy

Trinity - The Virgin Mary, St. Edward the Confessor and St. George. The last, who had become the tutelary Saint of England, was considered its special patron. It is known as the Order of St. George, as well as of the Garter. Its members are also known as Knights of St. George. The number of Knights was originally 26, including the Sovereign, who is the Chief of the Order; but in 1786 an order was passed increasing the number to include all the Princes of the Royal Family and illustrious foreigners on whom the Order might be conferred. This Order is perhaps the best known of any, except the Order of Knights Templar. In many respects, The Garter and the Order of the Temple resemble each other. For 660 years Knights of the Garter have been Installed in the Chapel of St George at Windsor Castle.

Although the United Grand Lodge of England had its first meeting on St John the Evangelist's Day, 1813, it has held its festivals since then on a day as near as possible to St George's Day, which is 23 April. St George is symbolised by a Knight on horseback transfixing a dragon, an allegory of the

martyr triumphing over sin. A device of this nature forms the insignia of the Order of the Garter. There seems to be no connection of St. George with the Arts of Masonry. English Grand Lodge, in choosing the colours of its clothing, was guided mainly by the colours associated with the Noble Orders of the Garter and the Bath, The Order of the Garter is the Oldest and highest Order of Knighthood in the world today.

In comparing all these Orders, the Golden Fleece, The Roman Eagle and the other European Orders of the Eagle, The Star and the Garter, Freemasonry may well claim to be more ancient than any or all of them; for, in some form, well-nigh akin to its present form, Masonry has existed for many centuries.

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

Bro. Michael Maher

Member of the Board of General Purposes

Historically, Freemasons have come together from interests that they share, often resulting in the formation of Lodges that share a specific theme. Over the years, we have seen the formation of the United Press Lodge for printers, the Lodge of Concentration for golfers, and even the Hearts of Oak Lodge for those sailing enthusiasts.

What makes Freemasonry unique is the coming together of all backgrounds where we share the bonds of Brotherly Love while enjoying many aspects of life. Over time, these bonds grew stronger and Brethren branched out forming groups of shared interests.

From cycling, coffee drinking or book reading, clubs based on special interests have continued to grow over the years.

As a member of the Victorian Naval and Military Lodge, each April I am invited to the ANZAC Day Lunch. It is a great event and as an ex-serviceman, I really enjoy the opportunity and camaraderie of catching up with Freemasons with a connection to the military.

Although this event was advertised in Engage, unless you belong to the Victorian Naval and Military Lodge, you won't receive a direct email to remind you of the event. I wondered how many Brethren who were ex-servicemen might enjoy being involved in such events. As a member of the Board of General Purposes, we were able to look at how we could improve the support of such groups and help Brethren who were interested to get involved. The result of this was the study into Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

One of the key reasons we are Freemasons is because we want to spend time with other Freemasons. We enjoy their company. We share interests, hobbies and numerous other attributes. Yet until now we predominantly focus on the actual Lodge night. Certainly, there are some groups that do the 'shared interests' aspect very well, for example Unanimity (Police), Brass Hats (Firemen), and the Blue Lounge Social Club (younger members). However, for most of us, catching up externally to the Lodge is more of an ad-hoc exercise.

SIGs are about putting structure in place so we can grow the opportunities to meet other Freemasons and be able to spend time on shared interests. Though SIGs are starting in Victoria, a number of other Australian jurisdictions are keen to get involved. In the next few years, the SIG concept could make catching up with Freemasons all over Australia and New Zealand much easier.

## How do SIGs work?

A number of Freemasons with a common interest or hobby decide to form a SIG. Let's say the common interest is a love of golf and they're forming the 'Golf Fanatics' SIG.

Two or three of the group are happy to be named as the conveners and take on organising the schedule for the Golf Fanatics. The group decides that they want to organise a monthly game at various golf courses across Melbourne, purchase tickets to attend the Australian Open, and hold an annual end of year dinner with partners.

The conveners contact the office of the Grand Secretary to get a form to complete about the Golf Fanatics. Listing the conveners details, the aims and activities of the group. and what support, if any they would like (kind of like a new Lodge application form but less complex, with enough information to show that there has been some thought gone into the SIG so that it has every chance of success.)

The office of the Grand Secretary registers the SIG and the conveners are connected with the SIG manager.

The conveners then design a 'launch event' for the Golf Fanatics and write an email about the event. This email includes what they need interested Freemasons to do. For example, 'please email the conveners to book'. Or it might be 'please click here and book via Trybooking', potentially including paying for the event. It is up to the conveners to organise and manage the event.

The convener provides the email copy (text) to the office of the Grand Secretary who emails it out on the conveners' behalf to all Freemasons who have ticked the box for having an interest in golf. Brethren who are interested in being involved with the Golf

# Congratulations to our new District Coordinators

**WBro. Neville Wiggins**  
District No. 108  
North East District

**WBro. Wayne Millard**  
District No. 115  
Maroondah District

**WBro. Shawn Momen**  
District No. 112  
Bayside District

**WBro. Emmanuel Marabeliotakis**  
District No. 117  
Western District

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Fanatics then have the opportunity to contact the group or book for the event (which-ever is relevant) and join in the activities.

## **What interests and hobbies can form a SIG?**

As long as there is a group of Freemasons interested to come together for a shared interest or hobby and who can put some structure in place (e.g. conveners and a general plan), you can start a SIG. As we are Freemasons, the "Pub Crawlers SIG" is really not appropriate. Though I am sure that we can all use common sense on what is and is not appropriate.

On top of general interests and hobbies we will be establishing several SIGs that recognise special groups within the Craft, such as a '50 Year Jewel Holders SIG'.

## **What is the first step?**

For this to work we need to understand what interests and hobbies we all have. Then, when a group steps forward to create the Golf Fanatics SIG, we have a database of golfers who are potentially interested in being involved.

The first step is to create an initial list of interests and hobbies that are common amongst Freemasons. To do this we will be

conducting a survey over the next couple of months, both online and offline. The format of the questionnaire has tick-boxes with pre-populated options rather than asking members to list everything. This makes it much easier for us to manage the information.

This is a massive task, even with technology, so a big thanks to the Brethren volunteering to help make this a reality for all of us.

## **Visit the Website**

Visit the website [freemasons.org.au/sig](http://freemasons.org.au/sig) there will be an article about SIGs, including a link to the questionnaire that will ask you to list your hobbies and interests. Please click on the link and record them on the form. If you want to get a head start on the whole SIG thing, feel free to include your name and email where requested in the questionnaire as well, however this is not compulsory. The most important part is that we hear back from you about your interests and hobbies.

If you have any questions or want to be involved in organising a SIG, please email [usatsig@fmv.org.au](mailto:usatsig@fmv.org.au). I look forward to welcoming you to my Rugby Union SIG!

# HELPING FREEMASONS LEARN LINES

## “WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO MEMORISE LINES?”

This is one of the most common questions that new Freemasons ask. Eventually, everyone finds their own way, however here are some tips for our newest Brothers.

In the Second and Third Degrees, candidates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in the former Degree by answering set questions without deviation. This can seem a little daunting to Brethren who have never had to do such a thing, however the script is set and there are no surprise questions in the Victorian Constitution.

Broadly speaking, there are four types of learning styles; visual, auditory, reading /writing and kinaesthetic. Kinaesthetic learners are hands-on and learn by doing the activity, so this method is not generally practicable for ritual reciting. This approach is better suited for floor work.

### VISUAL, AUDITORY AND READING/ WRITING LEARNERS

Some people learn by looking, some by hearing and others by writing, though you will find most Freemasons use a combination of these learning styles. The important thing is to be able to recite lines without a book or papers and be comfortable and confident in doing so. Time, work and repetition are key.

Here is an example using part of a poem.

#### William Shakespeare - Sonnet No. 18

*Shall I compare thee to a Summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling  
buds of May,  
And Summer's lease hath all too short  
a date:*

Begin by reading the entire poem a few times then focus on the first line and no more. The aim is to learn the first line and then build upon it with constant revision.

Read, repeat without reading, read again and repeat again without reading.  
*Shall I compare thee to a Summer's day?*

Once you know it without reference to the written material, wait and see if

you can recall it in a few minutes, then expand the time between recalling the line. Many learners follow a 'read' then 'write' followed by a 'say' process.

Once you have learned the line, move to the next one while still repeating the first.  
*Shall I compare thee to a Summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:*

When learning a paragraph, it is good to repeat the start of the paragraph and also often start at the beginning of the entire charge to revise and ensure you know the flow of the charge. For candidates with questions and answers, it is important to practice the entire answer and also learn the question at the same time. Just like a play, you need to thoroughly know your own lines and at least be very familiar with the lines of the person you are responding too.

If you are on a train or another public place, you can still use the above method, "saying" the words in your head rather than aloud, however make sure you practice them aloud at other times.

Once you are comfortable, move onto the next line and so forth.

*Shall I compare thee to a Summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling  
buds of May,  
And Summer's lease hath all too short  
a date*

### PURE AUDITORY LEARNING

In many jurisdictions of Freemasonry, lines cannot be (or simply are not) written down and are learned by talking and listening. This often occurs when an experienced Freemason instructs another Brother in ritual, allowing the novice to listen and repeat the lines. Some Brothers are fortunate enough to be able to learn lines in Lodge, however the majority require some extra practice.

For some of us, this auditory method is more effective than the "reading and repeating" style, however many use a component of auditory learning – both in Lodge by actively listening as well as outside the Lodge. You can record certain rituals, save them in a password protected file and listen to them whenever you want to do some light learning. It is great practice.

## PLANNED LEARNING FOR SUCCESS

Creating a learning schedule can help retain ritual in long term memory. For instance, if you had to learn 30 sentences in a month, take two a day (or a few more depending on confidence) and practice until you can say them aloud. This then reduces the revision time compared to learning all 30 sentences at once. The key is to leave time to revise without any written or auditory material and retain the knowledge after a week.

It is also important to rehearse your lines aloud and with confidence. Perhaps even in front of a small audience of Brethren at someone's home or by attending rehearsal. Leaving yourself time by learning your lines early helps a lot and sets you up to really do well in open Lodge.

You may also find that you truly know something and shortly after, you forget it. To avoid this, avoid large time lapses in the initial stages of revision, for example, practice in the morning and then on the commute home from work. The time between learning and revision can increase once you become more experienced and familiar with your work.

It helps to go through the charges you know once every month or two to make sure you retain them. This ensures you have moved them from your short term memory to your long term memory and if learned properly, you will not have to learn them again. Occasionally check against the written material to make sure your words are still correct. When in Lodge, silently revise them as you listen. Don't whisper along in Lodge though, as this may distract those around you.

When you are confident with your lines, proposers or mentors can help you revise, and any Master Mason is able to run through questions with you.

All this may sound challenging, however in essence, you can learn a single sentence every day. If you can learn a saying, joke, address, prayer or song, you know you can commit lines to memory – you may have just not realised it.

## WBRO. REGINALD STEED PGSTDB RECEIVES 75-YEAR JEWEL

Born on 7 February 1919, WBro. Reginald Steed was raised on the family farm on which he worked until he was called up for army service during World War 2. He served in Darwin, Lae and Wau in the Territory of New Guinea and the Solomon Islands from 1942-1945. During the War, in October 1943, Reg was Initiated into Freemasonry and had to patiently wait two years to be passed and raised once he was discharged from service. Reg's family have very strong ties within Craft Masonry. Many of his paternal and maternal uncles were Freemasons and later, his father-in-law joined the Craft.

While stationed in Darwin and still an Entered Apprentice, Reg actively attended Lodge and has had a gratifying Masonic journey since his Initiation. In 1953 WBro. Reginald Steed was installed as Master of the Talbot Lodge though he has held office at Talbot Lodge since 1946. To this day, he continues to deliver the final charges in all three Degrees and has been Chaplain for the last 20 odd years – the only positions

he has not held are Secretary and Treasurer.

Reg travelled far and wide to visit other regional Craft Lodges from Sea Lake to Murrayville and Dunkeld to Lismore. He would also attend Lodge in Richmond

Steed family lost Joan seven years ago.

Reg was an active member of the CFA for 55 years. He was president of the local school committee for many years and was an active member of several committees of the local Uniting Church. He was also a very keen and sharp shooter as well as a great fisherman who looked forward to trout season every year.

Reg will celebrate his 100th birthday in February 2019 and is still able to take care of himself – he only requires some help for household cleaning tasks. He is a very strong and capable man who has enjoyed both a gratifying Masonic journey and a rewarding life while serving for his country, his family and friends.



Congratulations WBro. Reginald Steed and thank you for your service.

*Above: RWBro. Andrew McPhee SGW presenting WBro. Reg Steed PGSTDB of the Talbot Lodge with his 75 year jewel.*

## BRO. ERIC ROWLEY RECEIVES 75-YEAR JEWEL



*Above: WBro. David Aubrey, RWBro. Ian Coad, (IPGM Mark Master Masons), Bro. Eric Rowley, WBro. Tom Diaz and RWBro. Jack Huxtable*

Several Freemasons from Morwell Lodge No. 202, including WM WBro. Tom Diaz and RWBro. Jack Huxtable OAM PJGW, together with family members, attended a small gathering at Bro. Eric Rowley's house to enjoy fellowship and a pleasant afternoon tea, with the intent to present Bro. Eric with his 75 year jewel.

RWBro. Jack presented the jewel and spoke at length about Bro. Eric's achievements. At 103 years of age (now 104), Bro. Eric finds it difficult to attend Lodge however, he has retained his membership since the day of his Initiation and has been affiliated with Morwell Lodge No. 202 ever since.

He is well known in the district of Churchill for his community involvement, having spent many years in active service for his church. Bro. Eric was also an outstanding footballer in his time and participated in local footy. He tried out for VFL (now AFL) however eventually declined the offer as it interfered with the milking of his cows. Bro. Eric is still an active gardener – not bad at 104!

Congratulations Brother Eric!

# Awards for Service:

## 50 Years

### JUNE

Bro. AR Crouch - St George Lodge No. 18  
Bro. IV Dear - The Lodge of Amity No. 339  
WBro. RA Driscoll - Lodge of the Great Ocean Road No. 886  
RWBro. BC Dyce - The Mordialloc Lodge of Charity No. 258  
WBro. RG Evans - Essendon Daylight Lodge No. 861  
VWBro. PT Gurr - Blackburn United Lodge No. 915  
VWBro. E Johnston - Apollo Bay Lodge No. 744  
WBro. CR Moore - Melbourne St. Clair Reunion Lodge No. 17  
WBro. HA Mumford - Yarraville Lodge No. 164  
RWBro. KF Oberin - Baden Powell Lodge No. 488  
WBro. NJ Rohde - Walhalla Lodge No. 69  
WBro. BP Sanders - Koo-Wee-Rup Lodge No. 323  
WBro. BC Shearer - Moorabbin Lodge No. 161  
WBro. FA Watts - St. George Lodge No. 18  
WBro. WM Watters - Swan Hill Lodge No. 919  
WBro. BE Weybury - The Lodge of Cordiality No. 331  
RWBro. GG Thompson - Rupertswood-Numurkah Lodge No. 104  
VWBro. M Znidaric - Leura Lodge No. 50

### JULY

WBro. AW Adams - Kyabram Lodge No. 225  
RWBro. BW Armfield - Creswick Havilah Lodge No. 26  
Bro. DR Chaffey - Victorian Naval and Military Lodge No. 49  
WBro. H Csorba - Rutherglen Lodge No. 188  
VWBro. FJ Gates - Middle Park Lodge No. 206  
WBro. WE Walters - Creswick Havilah Lodge No. 26  
WBro. AD White - University Lodge No. 171  
VWBro. GK Stephenson - Moorabbin Lodge No. 161

### AUGUST

WBro. PC Bell - Gordon Lodge No. 99  
WBro. RWD Evans - Allara Lodge No. 855  
WBro. SJ Wane - Kensington Lodge No. 77  
VWBro. PJ Clark - Monash Lodge No. 938  
Bro. NE Steward - The Sunshine Wisdom Lodge No. 226  
Bro. EJ Grandin - Hearts of Oak Lodge No. 681

### SEPTEMBER

Bro. ID Errey - Portland Lodge of Victoria No. 6  
WBro. RG Harding - Meredith Lodge No. 163  
VWBro. KA Kerr - The Lodge Metropolis No. 895  
RWBro. JW Mills - Barwong Lodge No. 868  
Bro. KJ Rutherford - Mansfield Lodge No. 158  
WBro. NA Parker - Lodge Killara No. 259

### OCTOBER

WBro. RA Nicholls - Healesville Lodge No. 247  
Bro. RL Vincent - Lodge Belvoir No. 727  
WBro. LG Patten - Sale Daylight Lodge No. 875  
VWBro. D Quine - Whittelsea Lodge No. 256  
Bro. IW Vizard - The Lilydale Lodge No. 108  
WBro. DR Sims - Glenelg Lodge No. 154  
WBro. LJ Duquemin - Lodge of Quest No. 587  
WBro. PR Griffi - Hearts of Oak Lodge No. 681  
WBro. NH Hart - Yarraville Lodge No. 164  
VWBro. SE Rouse - Gardenvale Mobility Lodge No. 243

## 60 Years

### JUNE

WBro. AR Billman - Williamstown Lodge No. 16  
WBro. PJ Dettmann - Kyneton Lodge No. 192  
Bro. HN Konzag - The Doutta Galla Lodge No. 902  
Bro. CM Lourensz - Lodge of Transition No. 0  
WBro. TA Meggs - Monash Lodge No. 938  
Bro. OL White - Fairfield Lodge No. 254

### JULY

WBro. S Davies - Mitchell River Lodge No. 742  
WBro. M George - Old Gippsstown Lodge No. 930  
Bro. LH Kisler - Robbie Burns Phoenix Lodge No. 88  
Bro. DM Thomson - Lodge of Transition No. 0  
RWBro. BH Whitaker - Lodge Noble No. 783

### AUGUST

RWBro. KW Dorman - Melbourne St. Clair Reunion Lodge No. 17  
WBro. D Downham - The Derrimut Daylight Lodge No. 905  
WBro. WR Gay - Point Nepean Lodge No. 371  
RWBro. PR Hobson, OAM - Blackburn United Lodge No. 915  
RWBro. GR Nettleton - Orbost Lodge No. 402  
Bro. D Tudhope - The Derrimut Daylight Lodge No. 905

### SEPTEMBER

VWBro. RA Hill - Lodge of the Great Ocean Road No. 886  
WBro. AR Hughes - Monash Lodge No. 938  
RWBro. W Cochrane - Samaritan Lodge No. 380

### OCTOBER

RWBro. DH Paroissien OAM - Powlett Lodge No. 661  
WBro. JR Ward - Blackburn United Lodge No. 915  
WBro. RK Kent - Macedon Ranges Lodge No. 97  
RWBro. NJ Cunningham - Monash Lodge No. 938  
WBro. KR Johns - Fairfield Lodge No. 254  
WBro. GM Christensen - Traralgon Lodge No. 925  
RWBro. AM Gamble - Gardenvale Mobility Lodge No. 243  
RWBro. RL Wildie - Henty Lodge No. 279  
WBro. RJ Townsend - Gardenvale Mobility Lodge No. 243  
WBro. E Battersby - Lodge of Quest No. 587  
WBro. SW Robinson - Carisbrook Lodge No. 405  
WBro. K Battersby - Carisbrook Lodge No. 405

# June 2018 - October 2018

## 65 Years

### JUNE

RWBro. RH de Lisle - Brunswick United Lodge No. 924  
RWBro. JJ Emmins - Gardenvale Mobility Lodge No. 243  
RWBro. RG Orr OAM - Creswick Havilah Lodge No. 26  
Bro. RP Reed - Lodge Killara No. 259

### JULY

Bro. GM Bright - The Brighton District Lodge No. 37  
Bro. EJ Heron - Robbie Burns Phoenix lodge No. 88  
RWBro. DH Legge - Berwick Balcara Lodge No. 359  
VWBro. KW Scott - Old Scotch Collegians' Lodge No. 396

### AUGUST

Bro. BA Humphreys - Kensington Lodge No. 77  
WBro. GS Reid - Antient York Lodge No. 80  
RWBro. IJM Shadforth - Baden Powell Lodge No. 488  
RWBro. DA Skidmore - Sir John Quick Lodge No. 933  
RWBro. JWR Smith - The Derrimut Daylight Lodge No. 905  
VWBro. RD Standing - Blackburn United Lodge No. 915  
WBro. RC Tregilgas - Huon Daylight Lodge No. 874

### SEPTEMBER

Bro. EV Spicer - Sir John Quick Lodge No. 933  
WBro. JD Stirling - Lodge of the Great Ocean Road No. 886  
RWBro. BG Latimer - Lodge of Good Companions No. 647  
Bro. GW Robinson - Lodge of Transition No. 0

### OCTOBER

WBro. JA Geddes - Henty Lodge No. 279  
WBro. WGA Redmond - Golden and Corinthian Lodge No. 7  
WBro. DN Gerling - Lodge Epicurean No. 906

## 70 Years

### JULY

RWBro. AL Goodliffe - Victorian Naval and Military Lodge No. 49  
WBro. CW Richards - Mildura Lodge No. 170  
VWBro. FJ Rossborough - Allara Lodge No. 855

### AUGUST

VWBro. GJ Armstrong - Kensington Lodge No. 77  
RWBro. AG King - Robbie Burns Phoenix Lodge No. 88  
WBro. J Learmonth - The Sunshine Wisdom Lodge No. 226  
WBro. LG Torney - All Nations Lodge No. 28  
Bro. KJ West - Kyabram Lodge No. 225

### SEPTEMBER

RWBro. RW Burns - The Melton Lodge No. 367  
WBro. JC McLennan - All Nations Lodge No. 28  
Bro. CG McMillan - Mansfield Lodge No. 158

### OCTOBER

Bro. JH Newton - Altona Lodge No. 572

## 75 Years

### OCTOBER

WBro. RR Steed - Talbot Lodge No. 42



# Welcome to Our New Members

June 2018 to October 2018

## **Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence No. 5**

- Bro. David Todd

## **Seavic Lodge No. 8**

- Bro. Thavendran Selvaratnam

## **Ballarat-Yarrowee Lodge No. 10**

- Bro. Matthew Bandy
- Bro. Damian Brown
- Bro. William Tobone

## **Williamstown Lodge No. 16**

- Bro. Gavan Flower
- Bro. Justin Potter

## **Warrnambool Lodge No. 34**

- Bro. Thomas White

## **St. Johns Lodge No. 26**

- Bro. Ralph Noel Estinozo
- Bro. Omar Pearson

## **The Brighton District Lodge No. 37**

- Bro. Russell Griffiths
- Bro. Greig King

## **Duke of Sussex Lodge No. 48**

- Bro. Sami El Asfour
- Bro. Andrew Pausewang
- Bro. Aaron Valas

## **Leura Lodge No. 50**

- Bro. Michael Kerkman
- Bro. Samuael Wilson

## **Gippsland Lodge No. 51**

- Bro. Scott Brennan
- Bro. Christopher Stevens

## **Wimmera Lodge No. 70**

- Bro. Mukesh Bhutani

## **Footscray St. John's Lodge No. 71**

- Bro. Leye Petersen

## **Antient York Lodge No. 80**

- Bro. Luiz Fernando dos Santos
- Bro. Sam Ghassan Nasir
- Bro. Alex Slifka

## **Victoria Lodge No. 82**

- Bro. Michael George
- Bro. Marco Polloni

## **Colac Lodge No. 83**

- Bro. Jarrad Gaze
- Bro. Michael Woods

## **Seymour Lodge No. 87**

- Bro. Lance Harand

## **Robbie Burns Phoenix Lodge No. 88**

- Bro. Fadi Badra
- Bro. Loreto Jr Briones
- Bro. Dominador Lopez
- Bro. Quan Nguyen

## **Richmond Lodge No. 89**

- Bro. Christopher O'Connor

## **Weston Street United Lodge No. 94**

- Bro. Thomas McGill

## **Lord Carrington Lodge No. 111**

- Bro. Jonathan Sipek

## **St. Andrews in the South Lodge No. 149**

- Bro. Daniel Garcia
- Bro. Anyanya Mangar

## **The Mornington Lodge No. 160**

- Bro. John Sword

## **Moorabbin Lodge No. 161**

- Bro. Jolan Alexander
- Bro. Jonathan Cruz

## **Meredith Lodge No. 163**

- Bro. Peter Jurisic
- Bro. Jordan Shields

## **Yarraville Lodge No. 164**

- Bro. Dion Ravenstein

## **Mildura Lodge No. 170**

- Bro. Garth Boyd

## **Rutherglen Lodge No. 188**

- Bro. Carl Rogalski

## **Lord Northcote Lodge No. 191**

- Bro. Kamil Chahin
- Bro. Stuart Cowley
- Bro. John Di Natale
- Bro. Pino Mincone
- Bro. Sebastian Pitruzzello

## **Morwell Lodge No. 202**

- Bro. John Crane
- Bro. Ben Larner

## **Middle Park Lodge No. 206**

- Bro. Renato Ferreira

## **Frankston Lodge No. 217**

- Bro. Antunes Mororo

## **Sandringham District Lodge No. 220**

- Bro. Timothy Barker
- Bro. Benjamin Caligiore

## **The Sunshine Wisdom Lodge No. 226**

- Bro. Serkan Aslan
- Bro. John Jones
- Bro. Andy Ngo
- Bro. Edwin Ray
- Bro. Christopher Torr
- Bro. Jarred Wilson

## **Gardenvale Mobility Lodge No. 243**

- Bro. Ilarion Machavariani

## **Fairfield Lodge No. 254**

- Bro. Necmettin Ilker

## **The Mordialloc Lodge of Charity No. 258**

- Bro. Tony Mounter

## **Peace and Loyalty Lodge No. 261**

- Bro. Joel Stefanetti

## **Henty Lodge No. 279**

- Bro. Daniel Grant
- Bro. Dean Grant
- Bro. Brett Kay
- Bro. Brij Maun
- Bro. Ratnashankar Sangarapillai

## **Cranbourne Lodge No. 290**

- Bro. Jason Liddle
- Bro. Ismar Nezirovic
- Bro. Saeed Tadros

## **Gisborne Lodge No. 298**

- Bro. Anthony Borg

## **The Lodge of the Golden Fleece No. 300**

- Bro. Roscher Borom
- Bro. Cameron Shelley
- Bro. Lupco Talevski

## **Canterbury Lodge No. 312**

- Bro. Allan J. Smith
- Bro. Allan L. Smith

## **Wesley Collegians Lodge No. 358**

- Bro. Oliver Smart

## **Berwick Balcara Lodge No. 359**

- Bro. Patrice Alcindor
- Bro. Joel Empeigne

## **Elrona Lodge No. 384**

- Bro. Damon Abbey
- Bro. Alexandre Dors Hoffmeiste

## **The Spring Vale Lodge No. 389**

- Bro. Chin Uba

## **The King David Lodge No. 460**

- Bro. Duncan McKenzie
- Bro. Thomas Mercier
- Bro. Roy Ruado

## **Lodge of Quest No. 587**

- Bro. Christopher Egan-Lee

## **Lodge Fraternal No. 603**

- Bro. Max Chanesman

## **Lodge Observance No. 654**

- Bro. Sudharshan Chandrasekharan

## **Hearts of Oak Lodge No. 681**

- Bro. David Martin
- Bro. Kevin Richardson

## **Mount Scopus and Collegians' Lodge No. 689**

- Bro. Leo Meisels

## **Lodge Devotion No. 723**

- Bro. Jaryd McCavana

## **Glenroy Lodge No. 748**

- Bro. Joe Kasalo

## **Yarra Glen Lodge No. 762**

- Bro. Lawrence Meyer

## **Lodge of Honour No. 799**

- Bro. Garth Geeves
- Bro. Gavin Johnston
- Bro. Eugene Souvoroff

## **Lara Lodge No. 834**

- Bro. Simon Duffie

## **Lodge of Balnarring No. 850**

- Bro. Steven Clark
- Bro. Lewis Ford

## **Sunbury Lodge No. 854**

- Bro. Rhys Evans
- Bro. Juan Rodriguez-Deller

## **Gregorios Lodge No. 865**

- Bro. Gerasimos Perdikomatis

## **Garibaldi Lodge No. 890**

- Bro. Paul Spinello

## **Lodge Epicurean No. 906**

- Bro. Cameron Byars

## **Blackburn United Lodge No. 915**

- Bro. Matthew Jones

## **Swan Hill Lodge No. 919**

- Bro. Juan Garchitorea
- Bro. Niranjan Murthy

## **Lodge of Rapport No. 920**

- Bro. Mehdi Mohammadi

## **Traralgon Lodge No. 925**

- Bro. Mark Richards

## **The Lodge of Evolution No. 931**

- Bro. Colin Nguyen

## **Sir John Quick Lodge No. 933**

- Bro. Dass Kumar
- Bro. Russell Love
- Bro. Richard Wing

## **Brae Dale Lodge No. 936**

- Bro. Benjamin Grant
- Bro. Zane Speldewinde

## **Lodge of Progress No. 940**

- Bro. Benjamin Furner

# BEYOND THE CRAFT



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Message from  
M.W. Bro. Peter Julier,  
Grand Master of the United  
Grand Lodge of  
Mark Master Masons

My Dear Brethren,

It is with great pleasure I am able to write this message to you. Grand Mark has been busy preparing for the 2019 United Grand Installations to be shared with Grand Craft and Grand Chapter this May. I, as Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master will for the first time in more than half a century, be Proclaimed rather than Installed; Grand Officers and Enthronement Officers will however be invested in the usual form. I encourage all Mark Masons to attend not only the Mark Proclamation, but also as many of the other functions as possible. Further details can be found at <https://fmv.org.au/gi2019>.

The Grand Communication on 21 November 2018 was an outstanding success. All present enjoyed an evening in 'Royal Ark Mariner Masonry' and I suspect every one, even some of the older hands, learned something new about this beautiful Degree. The leaders or representatives of the other Masonic Rites in Victoria were also received. My great regret was that both the Deputy Grand Master and I were absent from this Communication; the first time since 1911 that both

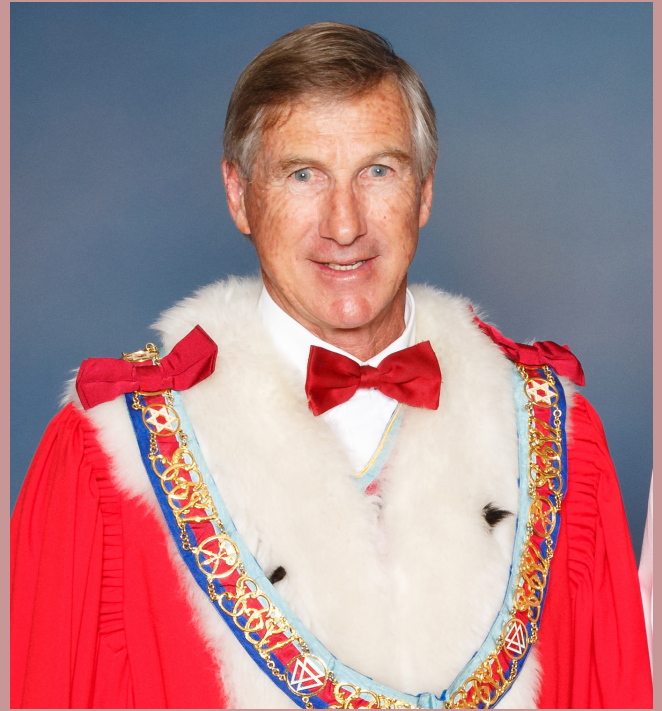
the GM and DGM have been absent at the same time from a Communication, or so I am reliably informed.

November saw a trek across India to attend the Grand Installation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India – hence our absence from the Grand Communication. In company with the Deputy Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master of the Craft, Deputy First Grand Principal of Grand Chapter and our respective partners, we were warmly received not only at Grand Mark but also the Grand Installations of the Craft and the Royal Arch. A most enjoyable experience!

On Wednesday 17 April 2019, Grand Mark and Supreme Grand Chapter will each hold their Grand Convocation/Communication on the same evening at Freemasons Bayside. This will be followed by a joint sit-down supper. I look forward with great expectation to the convivial atmosphere that this initiative will create.

I send to each one of you my best wishes for the year ahead.

Message from  
MEMComp Gregory Harmer,  
First Grand Principal of the  
Supreme Grand Chapter of  
Royal Arch Masons



Greetings Brethren and Companions,

I am delighted to be able to send this message to you as a feature of the Freemasons Victoria Journal. At our October 2018 Grand Convocation, we were reminded of a number of recent happenings in the Craft and Royal Arch in England. These changes involved amendments to and subsequent retraction of the 1813 Declaration of the Union of the two Grand Lodges then working in England (Antients and Moderns). While the whole story is available from our Grand Scribe Ezra, the Grand Master and First Grand Principal (for historical reasons both of these Offices vest in the same person) MWBro. HRH Duke of Kent made the following statement that is of interest to both Craft and Royal Arch Masons “....the Royal Arch should be regarded by all as the important final step in Pure Antient Freemasonry and stress that a man only becomes a complete Mason when he takes this very important additional step into this Order...”

In the Winter 2018 Edition of this Journal, there was an excellent double page spread entitled 'Why the Royal Arch?'. I commend this article to both Royal Arch Masons and Craft Masons alike as giving a well-reasoned general overview of Royal Arch Masonry.

On 17 April 2019 Supreme Grand Chapter and the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria will each hold their Grand Convocation/Communication on the same evening at Freemasons Bayside which will be followed by a joint sit down supper. This initiative stresses the close fraternal relations enjoyed by our two Orders.

Supreme Grand Chapter also looks forward to the United Grand Installations to be held in May 2019 for the Proclamations and Installation of Grand Mark, United Grand Lodge of Victoria and Supreme Grand Chapter. This 'Tri-Unity' event stems directly from the outstanding success of the Joint Grand Installation (UGLV and SGCV) held last year. I commend this event to all Craft, Mark and Royal Arch Masons. Further details can be found at <https://fmv.org.au/gi2019>.

Now that the new year is upon us it is a time of refreshment and rejuvenation; to come back to our Lodges and Chapters fully refreshed and full of enthusiasm for our wonderful Craft this year. Best wishes to all in 2019.



# Why Become a Mark Master Mason?

The Mark Degree, although a separate constitutional body, is the natural progression from the three Craft degrees. The structure in the

Lodge is very similar to that of a Craft Lodge, although there are additional positions, in particular Overseers and Conductors.

The Overseers are referred to in some parts of the Craft ritual and have served an important role in operative Masonry throughout history. The Overseer's role in the ceremony also gives us some important messages to take into our everyday life. The Conductor is concerned with the ceremonial aspect of the Advancement Ceremony.

One of the key aspects of the Mark Degree is the Masons Mark. The Masons Mark has been around much longer than speculative Masonry, we know they were used by Masons when constructing ancient cathedrals and other significant buildings some of which are over 1,000 years old. The purpose of the Mark was to enable the workmen to identify their work for quality purposes, and more importantly to enable the Mason to claim his wages.

Reference is made to a Masons Mark in many old documents including the Schaw Statutes, which were a set of regulations for the Masons trade from the time of King James VI of Scotland (also James I of England) in 1598, well before Craft Masonry was organised as we know it today.

As part of the ceremony, every candidate gets to select his own Mark by which his work is recognised and entitles the Mark Master Mason to receive his wages. In the Craft we refer to the rough and perfect ashlar, in the Mark we have a stone requiring more extensive skills to prepare; the Keystone. This is a central aspect of the Mark ceremony.

In most parts of the world today, the Mark Degree is seen as the next step after the Third Degree. Before the Third Degree was incorporated in the Craft, the Mark Degree followed the Fellowcraft Degree (Second Degree), which is reflected in parts of the ritual. Today the position of the Mark Degree varies from constitution to constitution, for example in Scotland you can do your Mark in either a Craft Lodge or in the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, prior to doing your Chapter Degree. Here in Victoria, in England and in some other countries, the Mark is its own self-governing body. In Victoria its head office is in the same building as the Craft. It has its own Grand Master, and Grand Ceremonial Team, as

## SOUTH EASTERN MARK LODGES COMBINED MEETING

RWBro. Ted Webster PDGM, Mordialloc Mark Lodge No. 91

In February 2017, RWBro. Arthur Simpson PJGW, then Senior Warden of Sandringham Mark Lodge, contacted three other Mark Lodges in the south-eastern suburbs with a view of conducting a combined Lodge meeting utilising Officers from each Lodge in a composite Ceremonial team. The suggestion was met with considerable enthusiasm and the inaugural meeting of the South Eastern Mark Lodges was instigated.

The meeting involving Officers from Sandringham, Mordialloc, Oakleigh and Malvern Waverley Lodges who first met at Freemasons Sandringham in October 2017. The Grand Master of the Mark Degree at the time MWBro. Ian Coad and his then Deputy MWBro. Peter Julier were invited to attend and witness this unique meeting, an invitation they accepted, praising the initiative shown in the concept. The meeting was outstanding, and all participating Lodges agreed that it should become an annual event.

Mordialloc Mark Lodge accepted the challenge and contacted the original four Lodges and invited four more in the area including Frankston, Pakenham,

Concord and Berwick Prince of Wales Mark Lodges. Once again, all invitations were accepted, and the second combined Mark Lodge meeting was arranged.

This meeting was conducted at Freemasons South East on Monday 29 October 2018 where 90 Brethren attended and witnessed a magnificent ceremony, advancing Bro. Ken Tomkins from the Springvale Craft Lodge.

MWBro. Peter Julier and his Deputy, RWBro. Bill Jones together with the Deputy First Grand Principal of Supreme Grand Chapter, REmComp Peter Gurr attended and after expressed their delight on the quality of the ceremonial work and organisation of such a successful event. The Grand Master also stated that this most successful concept should be developed in other regions of the metropolitan area.

Once again, a challenge has been issued for another south-east suburban Lodge to accept and conduct the third combined meeting, a challenge which we are sure will not be ignored.

well as 60 Lodges throughout Victoria and one in Hobart, Tasmania.

The Mark Degree is also a prerequisite for several others including the Royal Ark Mariner, a degree whose story is based on the Noah and the construction of the Ark, not a Temple.

After you have become a Master Mason, look at the Third Degree Tracing Board and you will notice a number of symbols that were not explained. The answer is to continue your Masonic journey through the Mark then the Holy Royal Arch to complete the Five Degrees of pure ancient Masonry as referred to in our Book of Constitution (Rule Two). The Mark and Holy Royal Arch will complete (and add to) your knowledge of the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry and the valuable lessons for life.

For example, what does the Senior Warden mean at the closing of the Lodge by the expression "...having seen that every Brother has had his due?" This is only one of the many peculiarities of the Craft that is explained through the Mark.

The Mark Degree or Advancement Ceremony is the only Masonic Order, apart from the Operatives, that deals with actual stonemasons working. The messages in the Mark ceremony add to and strengthen those that we are taught in our Craft ritual.

The Mark is not only a true craftsman's degree, but also teaches valuable lessons about life, for example:

- The studious application of skill and ingenuity,

resulting in high quality workmanship, will ultimately be rewarded, even if at first it is not understood or appreciated by others.

- We each have different skills to offer and different contributions to make. To be accepted we must always be honest and give our best - the imposter will inevitably be uncovered and receive his due punishment.
- We cannot properly judge others unless we are sufficiently competent ourselves and exercise humility in the process.
- We must all accept responsibility for the tasks we agree to undertake and not blame others for our own shortcomings.

These are the lessons the craftsman learns, in a dramatic way, in the Ceremony of Advancement. He is, of course, taught to apply them, not just to the immediate task of symbolically building the Temple, but in the way he conducts himself through life. It greatly enhances his knowledge of Craft Masonry. Secondly, it teaches, in a delightful way, many important practical lessons about life. Thirdly, it gives a greater appreciation of the Royal Arch and provides an essential qualification to other Orders in Masonry.

In summary if you are willing to extend your Masonic knowledge and research beyond the Three Craft Degrees, the Mark Master Masons Degree is an option, and easily achieved.

Ask someone in your Lodge who is already a Mark Master Mason, or contact the Grand Secretary of the Mark Degree on Telephone: 9411 0113, or Email: [chaptermarkmasonsvic@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:chaptermarkmasonsvic@freemasonsvic.net.au).



Above: Mordialloc Mark Lodge No. 91 opening the Lodge before receiving the visiting Lodges and Officers taking part in the Advancement Ceremony. VWBro. Brian Tarrant PGMO Chaplain, WBro. Michael Jenner WM and VWBro. John Plant PGIWkgs IPM.



## *Thank You Gus!*

Bro. Gus Martonhelyi has retired after making a tremendous and lasting contribution to the administration of both Grand Mark and Supreme Grand Chapter. He is a leader and contributor to our fraternity, displaying many admirable traits. During his tenure, Gus travelled to Mark Lodges and Holy Royal Arch Chapters performing as a member of various Grand Ceremonial Teams with the same tenacity and determination that he approached his administrative role.

Those who have had any dealings with Gus know the passion, dedication and zeal he holds for our organisation and its members. This is by no way a goodbye, merely another step in his Masonic journey.

*Happy trails and  
fruitful  
harvests Gus!*

## 375 Years of Combined Service

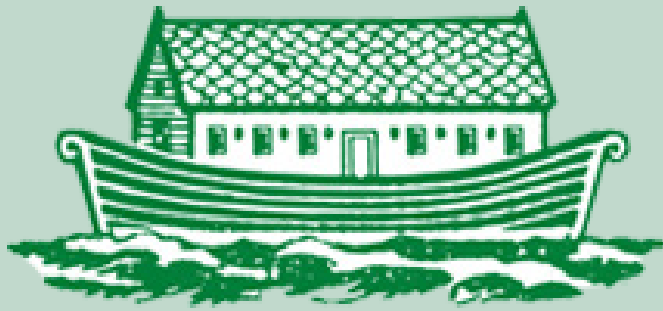
RWBro. Ian Ridley Hollingsworth joined Heathcote Lodge No. 30 in December 1954 and soon after, advanced in the McIvor Mark Lodge No. 96 in February 1957. Ten years later, in June 1967 he was exalted in the Royal Golden Chapter No. 3 and also joined Goulburn Royal Arch Chapter No. 47 the following year. In March 1968, Ian was elevated in the Bendigo Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 12 and in 2016, he became a member of the Central Highlands Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 147. He was installed as a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine in the Bendigo Conclave No. 143 EC in April 1968 and elected to Sandhurst Council No. 87 of Royal and Select Masters in August 1968 however in 1981, he joined the Shepparton District Council No. 89. Lastly, he was admitted as a Knight of Bendigo Preceptory of Knights Templar, No. 375 EC in November 1968.

In 2018, RWBro. Ian Ridley Hollingsworth reached what is surely a most unique milestone. Four 50-year jewels were presented by leaders of their respective Orders on Saturday 11 August 2018 at Freemasons Gisborne. The meeting was hosted by Central Highlands Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 147. What a marvelous record, service and gentleman. We stand in awe of Ian's accomplishments.



Jewels from left to right  
 60-Year Jewel: Craft (1954)  
 60-Year Jewel: Mark (1957)  
 50-Year Jewel: Chapter (1967)  
 50-Year Jewel: Royal Ark Mariners (1968)  
 50-Year Jewel: Red Cross of Constantine (1968)  
 50-Year Jewel: Royal and Select Masters (1968)  
 50-Year Jewel: Knights Templar (1968)

# ANTIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS VICTORIA



Somewhere between 1870 – 1875 the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales assumed control of the Degree in England. It is understood that the Mark Grand Master of the day purchased the Degree for 25 Pounds, a receipt for which hangs in Mark Masons' Hall, London.

In Victoria, the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons has looked after Royal Ark Mariner (RAM) Masonry since 1899 when the Grand Lodge was founded. Every RAM Lodge is associated with a Mark Lodge, using the nautical word "moored." There are a few recent exceptions.

## **Brief History**

It is obvious by the very title that the RAM Degree must be based on the biblical story of Noah and the Flood. Everyone has grown up with the basic details of this very important story from the Old Testament.

Noah and the Great Deluge is the subject of a myriad of books, plays and films throughout the whole world. It figures in numerous religious dogmas and rites. The traditional history, or story, of the Ark Degree has nothing to do with stonemasonry, operative or speculative. The traditional history and ceremonies of the Ark are totally different to those experienced in the Mark Degree.

The Ceremony of being elevated to the Degree of RAM Mason is based on some very old religious and philosophical practices in Great Britain and may well be the oldest rite in Masonry.

The moral lessons of RAM are based on the relationship of the righteous Noah with his God. Through his steadfast obedience of God's commands, Noah, his family and representatives of all brute creation, were saved from drowning.

Just like the Mark, the Ark provides plenty of material for the thinking Mason to work on.

## **Organisation**

As with most Mark Lodges, RAM Lodge meetings are held every second month and usually commence at 7:30pm, however there are some daylight RAM Lodges. There

are presently more than 27 Lodges meeting in Victoria, plus one English Lodge owing its allegiance directly to London. One RAM Lodge (holding under Victoria) meets in Hobart, Tasmania. The spread of Lodges is roughly the same number in the country as in the metropolitan area.

There are only three Grand Officers of the Degree: Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Scribe and these offices are held by virtue of being Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria. Enthroning Commanders (PDGM) and Enthronement Officers (Past Grand Mark Officers) are appointed annually to assist the Grand Commander and his Deputy in conducting the various Enthronement Ceremonies in all constituent Lodges. The November Grand Communication of Grand Mark is usually the designated RAM night.

## **Form, Ceremonies and Regalia of a RAM Lodge**

The principal Officers of a RAM Lodge represent Noah and two of his three sons. All Brethren wear an apron, sash and jewel, and Officers wear a collar. The rainbow ribbon which decorates this regalia provides a very colourful spectacle.

The form of the Lodge is markedly different to that of a Craft or Mark Lodge and reflects the symbolism of RAM Masonry and the relationship of a Brother with his God.

Likewise, the Ceremony of Elevation of a Mark Master Mason to a RAM Mason is totally different. It is said that elements of the ceremony can be traced back to the mystery plays of medieval Britain. It is a true initiatory rite as, once again, the ceremony involves the candidate being brought to the light.

Once a year, a group of specially appointed Grand Mark officers perform the Ceremony of Enthroning the Commander. This Ceremony of Enthronement of the Commander is one of the most impressive in Freemasonry.

## **Qualifications**

To become a RAM Mason, a candidate must be a subscribing member of a Mark Lodge and maintain his Mark membership for the period in which he is a RAM.

The names and details of all RAM Lodges in this jurisdiction are contained in the Masonic Guide. A brief reference to that book should enable you to locate the RAM Lodge meeting nearest to you.

## **Contact**

For any questions concerning Royal Ark Mariner Masonry please contact the Grand Scribe on 9411 0114 or [chaptermarkmasonsvic@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:chaptermarkmasonsvic@freemasonsvic.net.au).

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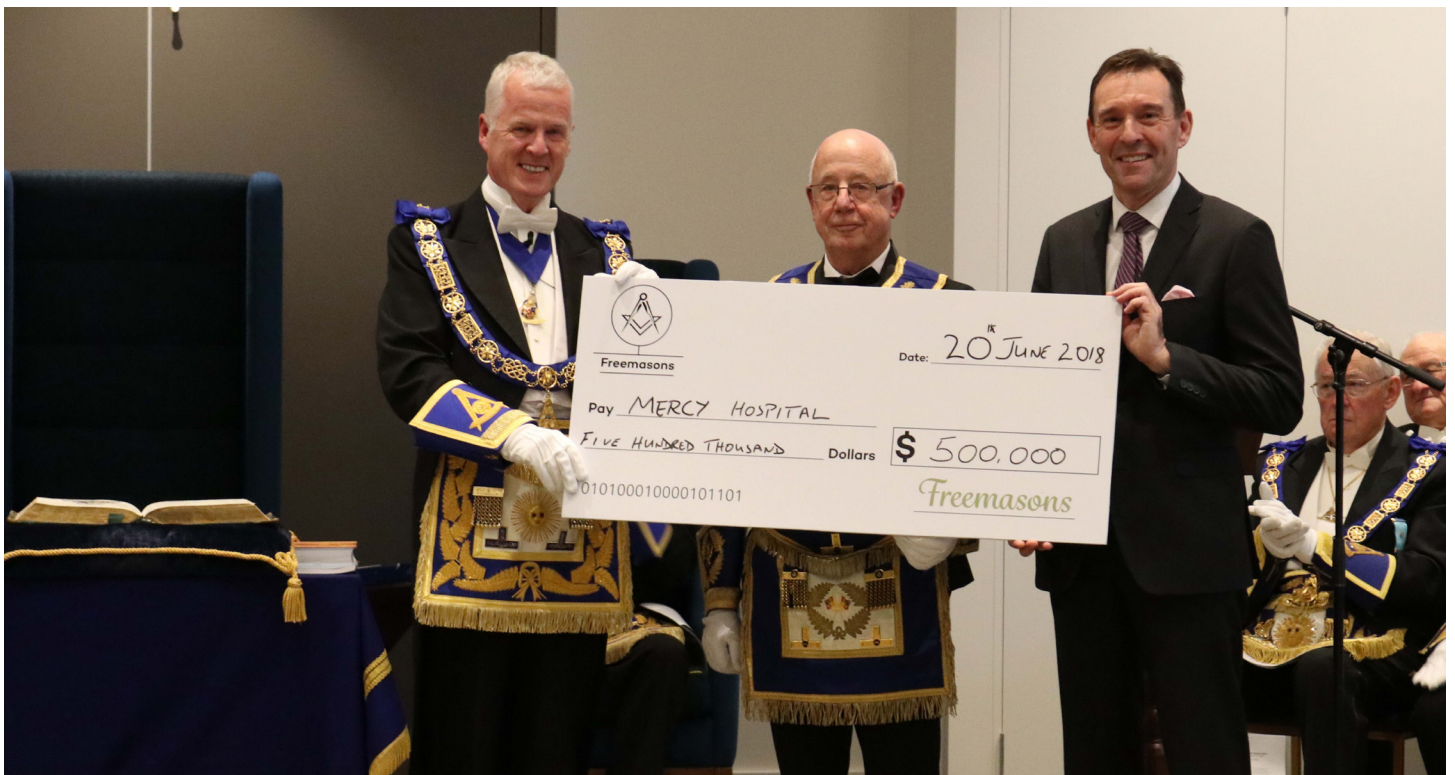
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## Werribee Mercy Hospital



Above: Grand Master Bro. Keith Murray, Freemasons Foundation WBro. Ted Finch, and Group CEO of Mercy Health Adj Prof Stephen Cornelissen.

FreemasonsFoundationVictoria recently donated \$500,000 to Werribee Mercy Hospital enabling them to purchase eight cardiac monitors, two ventilators, one defibrillator and three resuscitation trollies for the new eight-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

The ICU is part of the recent expansion of Werribee Mercy Hospital. The expansion of medical and surgical clinical services includes general medical services and surgical subspecialties. It also provides an additional 56 inpatient beds, six new operating theatres and a Central Sterilising Department.

Werribee Mercy Hospital is a large regional public hospital which opened in 1994, providing a broad range of services to the local community. The recent expansion enables the hospital to improve upon its best practice innovations as well as

include all the latest technology to aid in caring for acutely unwell patients. It also improves the waiting time for treatments such as elective surgery procedures.

This expansion was officially opened on 30 August 2018 by Melbourne Archbishop The Most Rev. Peter A. Comensoli and Victorian Minister for Health Jill Hennessy. Grand Master, MWBro. Keith Murray, Chairman of Freemasons Foundation Victoria (now former Chairman), WBro. Andre Clayton and several other Freemasons also attended the opening.

# The Travelling Freemason

with Bro. Vuko Karov Lodge of Evolution No. 931



Bro. Vuko Karov, a member of the Lodge of Evolution No. 931, had the opportunity to attend a First Degree Ceremony performed by the members of Zeredatha-White Rose Lodge No. 451 on 17 October 2018 in York, Pennsylvania. Bro. Thomas B. Maboe was initiated in Freemasonry and, according to Vuko, it was a great evening of ritual and fellowship.

Zeredatha-White Rose Lodge No. 451 was formed as the result of a merger between Zeredatha Lodge No. 451 and White Rose Lodge No. 706. The merger was approved by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Quarterly Communication held in State College on 9 June 2018. This Lodge has the largest membership of any Lodge in the 42nd Masonic District of Pennsylvania which consists of nine Lodges in York and Adams Counties. The Lodge meets at the Masonic Centre of York and puts an emphasis on brotherhood, excellence in ritual, and helping those in need.

*Above: Bro. Vuko Karov and WBro. Ronald L. Dennis, WM of Zeredatha-White Rose Lodge No. 451  
Right: Bro. Vuko in the Memorial Room of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. A statue of George Washington dressed in full Masonic regalia presiding over a Lodge as a Master can be seen. The statue was donated by the Order of DeMolay and installed in 1950.*



During his travels in the United States, Vuko also had the opportunity to visit the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, the House of the Temple (headquarters of the Supreme Council, 33°, Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction) in Washington, D.C., and the Philadelphia Masonic Temple (headquarters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons).

Before moving to Melbourne with his family, Vuko lived in the United States for nearly seven years, spending time in Arkansas and Virginia.

*Right: Bro. Vuko at the Temple Chamber, House of the Temple (headquarters of the Supreme Council, 33°, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction), Washington, D.C. The Grand Commander's Station is in the East. All the furniture is made of Russian Walnut from the trees that were burned from a meteor strike in Russia. At the centre of the Temple stands an altar of black marble. Words are inscribed on the floor on all four sides "From the light of the Divine Word, the Logos, comes the wisdom of life and the goal of Initiation." Below: Bro. Vuko and members of Zeredatha-White Rose Lodge No. 451 after a meeting.*



# Interchange Outer East Sibling Program Donation

For over 35 years Interchange Outer East (IOE) has been a leading disability service provider, proudly committed to the wellbeing of families. With offices in Ferntree Gully and the Yarra Valley, their programs and services support people with disabilities and their families, primarily across Melbourne's outer eastern and surrounding regions.

The IOE Sibling Support Program, founded by RWBro. Keith Thornton gives children and teens,

who have a brother or sister with a disability, the chance to do fun things and make connections with others who understand their particular situation – connections which develop often into firm friendships and provide ongoing peer support. While IOE is government funded, the Sibling Program is not, and Monash Gully District No. 114 are the reason these children have the chance to take a break from their family circumstances and have some time just for themselves.



Above: RWBro. Graham Flaherty, WBro. David Pearce, RWBro. Alan Ambrose, VWBro. Jim Puohotaua, VWBro. Myles King, WBro. Sashi Sanmugathas, WBro. Gary Liew, WBro. Peter White and Team Leader (IOE) Kimberley.  
Below: Freemasons from Monash Gully District handing over the cheque to IOE.

On Wednesday 24 October 2018 Monash Gully District Lodges, with support from Freemasons Foundation, donated \$50,000 to IOE to help continue fund the Sibling Program. WBro. Lionel May, DCO, thanked the Monash Gully Masters Group for their commitment and all who generously donated to the cause and thanked WBro. David Pearce who organised the District Gala Night at Waverley Golf Club which raised \$10,360. WBro. Peter White, District Secretary Treasurer said "the Lodges donate and the District coordinates. In the first year we donated \$5,000 and they [IOE] named a room after Keith [Thornton]. We started small and now Lodges want to help more and more. The work IOE does is phenomenal."

Chairman of Freemasons Foundation VWBro. Myles King spoke on the day and reiterated how the Lodges are the reason that the Foundation is in the position it is in today. "I need to reinforce that the corpus that I am fortunate enough to be part of, actually belongs to every Freemason in this state. Whilst Lionel [May] says he comes to me for the money, it's actually like he's come to the bank to make a withdrawal of our money to put to one of our programs. So please don't think that the Foundation is doing it, Freemasons in Monash Gully District – they're the ones that make this happen year after year. And that's why I am happy to sit over there and let the District get up and do their thing because they're the ones putting in the hard yards to support all of you guys."



# Wimmera Health Care Group



Above: WBro. Andre Clayton Freemasons Foundation, Mr Mark Knight Deputy CEO WHCG, WBro. John McRoberts, WBro. John McTaggart and Mr Robert Goudie Deputy Chair WHCG.  
Below: The construction site for the new Wimmera Health Care Group.



At a meet and greet in August 2018, organised by Wimmera Blue Lounge Social Club, Grand Master, MWBro. Keith Murray and Chairman of Freemasons Foundation Victoria (now former Chairman), WBro. Andre Clayton announced that Freemasons Foundation Victoria had supported Wimmera Lodge's grant applications to support the Second Horsham Scout Group and Wimmera Health Care Group. The establishment of a scholarship for a student attending Longerenong Agriculture College was also announced.

A \$5,000 contribution from Wimmera Lodge plus a matching grant from the Foundation for the Second Horsham Scout Group will enable Horsham Scouts and leaders to attend the 2019 Australian Scouting Jamboree at Tailem Bend, South Australia.

A grant of \$150,000 to Wimmera Health Care Group will assist in the fit out of an Oncology Room and a Consulting Suite at the new Wimmera Cancer Centre in Horsham. The purpose-built facility is specifically for cancer treatment, renal dialysis and community palliative care and will provide increased access services to patients and their families across the Wimmera and Southern-Mallee region.

The Freemasons Foundation Victoria Limited Scholarship, valued at \$5,000, is for a student enrolled full-time in the second year of the Advanced Diploma of Agribusiness Management course at Longerenong Agriculture College. The Foundation has agreed to support the annual scholarship for three years.

## Quotes from the Interchange Outer East Sibling Program Donation

Jenna Tatterson from IOE:

*"Without Freemasons the Sibling Program would not have any funding, so as long as you guys are supporting and helping us out we'll still be able to run the programs and the kids will be able to enjoy the activities."*

Sibling

*"Before this I didn't have friends but now I know there are others like me."*

Parent

*"He was so shy at first and after a few activities he had so many friends. It really makes a difference for our family."*

Parent

*"My sons are able to forget about what's happening at home. One has got his love for drawing back."*



# Some Thoughts on Leadership

Bro. Jack Aquilina

*This is an extract of a speech delivered by Bro. Jack Aquilina to the Lord Somers Australasian Chapter in July 2015*

## Understanding Leadership

Leadership, whether it is in the national forum of federal politics or in our local communities, has a fundamental role to play in our society and in determining our future prosperity. As such, I have decided to address the topic of leadership this evening because I believe now, more than ever, we will need leadership if we are to meet the ever-complex challenges of our times.

Whether it be the transformation of the Australian economy, the immense social and institutional changes of modern culture or the opportunities and challenges associated with the rapid evolution of modern technology, there would be few who would disagree that leadership will be fundamental to meet such change and to secure our hopes and dreams.

In addressing this topic;

- I will first ask; “what makes a great leader?”; and
- I will then share some thoughts on what sort of leadership we need to successfully face our future challenges.

## What makes a great leader?

His Holiness Former Pontiff John Paul the Second, who served as Bishop of Rome from 1978-2005, is a fine exemplar of effective leadership.

John Paul II is universally recognised as having been instrumental in enabling the collapse of Communist rule in his native home of Poland and eventually in much of Eastern Europe. He significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Anglican Communion. He was also internationally renowned for his devotion to peace, religious tolerance and for modernising the Catholic Church's practices with a changing society.

In an article written in Forbes Magazine not long after his death in 2005, the unique qualities of John Paul II as a leader were reflected on. A former Swiss Guard listed the following five qualities that made John Paul II a great leader in the eyes of his contemporaries:

1. He encouraged people to dream big and to keep their eyes on the long term;
2. He was fully present for every conversation;
3. He was able to show people that he believed in them;
4. He viewed “work” not as a burden, but as an opportunity; and
5. He celebrated entrepreneurship.

The qualities of hard work, optimism and inspiration are well-respected qualities in any leader. However, John Paul II's most outstanding leadership quality was his ability to create real presence in those who looked to him. The capacity for a leader to make those who follow them believe that the person to whom they aspire can understand, listen and comfort them in a manner that is enriching; is a quality not to be underestimated.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, is another fantastic but contrasting example of leadership that warrants admiration. In 2012, The Queen celebrated her well-earned Diamond Jubilee marking 60 years of service on the throne. It is well accepted that amongst all her achievements, Her Majesty's most notable has been the profound dignity associated with her leadership that has been celebrated as cautiously adaptive, optimistic and a cause for a level of unparalleled stability.

True to Her Majesty's usual graceful manner, she made the following observations about leadership in a recent speech:

*“I know of no single formula for success. But over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration to work together.”*

The power of unity and stability that a leader can inspire in ordinary people is an invaluable trait. Her Majesty, unlike politicians, the Pope or other more conventional leaders, has an almost incomprehensible responsibility to be both a leader by example and at the same time a leader above controversy.

Sir Robert Menzies served as Australian Prime Minister for 18 years. Menzies is renowned for one of Australia's most memorable political speeches entitled "The Forgotten People" where he demonstrated his unique style of leadership which enabled him to communicate frankly with ordinary people and to inspire a sense of aspiration.

This was demonstrated in a radio interview conducted on the ABC with Menzies after his retirement:

*"Those, like I, who have been or are leaders, more commonplace in our quality, will do well to remember two things. One is never to forget posterity when devising a policy. The other is to never think of posterity when making a speech"*

Aside from the charm and humour of Menzies demeanour, he clearly had a unique capacity to inspire optimism and aspiration in ordinary people. This capacity to inspire aspiration is a worthwhile quality a good leader needs.

Unlike the United States or the United Kingdom, Australia is yet to have a leader that can be fairly classified as an international household name. Nonetheless, the lessons of leadership can rightly be found in the qualities of our recent former Prime Ministers Hawke, Keating and Howard.

Australia has for the last 30 years experienced an unprecedented amount of reform that has led to immense beneficial growth. During this period, some of modern Australia's most redefining and controversial decisions had to be made in order to secure the foundations for the strong and prosperous nation we now can claim to be.

According to Australia's second longest serving Prime Minister John Howard:

*"Successful leaders need to believe in something, anyone who lacks convictions cannot be a successful leader"*

Former Prime Minister Paul Keating further develops this idea when he said:

*"Leadership's always been about two main things: imagination and courage"*

The need for a good leader to have convictions upon which they base their ideas and have the imagination and courage to pursue those convictions is a fundamental quality. It is also necessary for a good leader to be mindful of the responsibilities they have when in positions of leadership, as was sensibly concluded by former Prime Minister Hawke:

*"The essence of leadership is the knowledge that what you do is going to have an effect not just an immediate but perhaps a lifelong effect on the happiness and wellbeing of millions of people and so I think the essence of leadership is*

*to be conscious of what it can mean for others."*

If the examples of our former Prime Ministers have shown us anything, it is that leadership very much needs to be based on strong values, with a healthy sense of courage and imagination whilst appreciating the reality of the impact the discharge of responsibilities may have on countless others.

However, as our brave Victoria Cross recipient Ben Roberts-Smith VC recently suggested:

*"Leadership is about making the right decisions, not because they are easy"*

But, as we all must concede, the question of what is right and what is easy is a difficult one which can explain why one man's leader can also be another man's most despised adversary.

If we can conclude anything with great certainty, it is that leadership may successfully be discharged in many forms, at varying times in ways that only history can truly judge.

### **What sort of leadership do we need to successfully face our future challenges?**

Once again, clearly the answer to this question is very subjective. If there is anything we can learn from the past, it is that there are particular examples we may reasonably draw upon in planning for the future.

From my own personal point of view, the great leaders of our immediate past do provide us with dearly brought experience from which we may profit.

So, I put to you that if the past has shown us anything it's that our future leaders will need some or all of the following qualities:

- They will need to be able to inspire a presence in us, beyond that of sloganeering or artificial empathy, by establishing a strong and human connection with ordinary people;
- They will need to be able to lead by example and be a symbol for unity and stability through the challenges ahead;
- They will to inspire us to be our best aspirational selves, optimistic about our future and not adverse to the work that needs to be done to meet our future challenges; and
- They will need to have conviction, imagination and courage to see that the right, not the easy solution, is perused, whilst also appreciating the impact their position of leadership may have on others.

It is impossible to say whether such leaders will materialise in our community into the future.

However, it doesn't hurt to be optimistic.

*Brother Jack Aquilina is the State President of the Blue Lounge Social Club of Victoria and the Senior Warden of the Brunswick United Lodge No 924.*

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# The Grand Master's **Gold & Black**

CHARITY BALL

Saturday, 10 November 2018

On Saturday 10 November 2018, Freemasons came together and hosted The Grand Master's Gold and Black Charity Ball at Melrose Receptions Ballroom to raise funds for Northern Health's Paediatric High Dependency Unit. It was a wonderful evening with a fantastic gathering of over 350 Brethren, partners and friends who came together to help their community and support a great cause. More importantly, donations were gathered and everybody contributed to raising a staggering \$150,000 for the Paediatric High Dependency Unit at Northern Health, and for children who are deaf or hard of hearing through Taralye. This is a record amount raised by Freemasons at a single event!

The Grand Master, Bro. Keith Murray, thanks all Brethren, ladies and friends for attending

and contributing to the cause. A special mention also goes out to all the event organisers for their tremendous support and dedication to the fundraising initiative. Thank you WBro. Dominic Gullace, Norma Gullace, VWBro. Matteo Donato, Helen Donato, RWBro. Ronald Swift, Ros Swift, WBro. Charles Charalambous, Kathy Charalambous, Gail DiBlasi, RWBro. John Molnar and Fiona Murray for your generous collective effort.

It was fantastic to have Brethren and ladies from all parts of the state, particularly noteworthy was a whole table who had travelled from Tasmania, emphasising the strong bonds that unite us across any borders.

*Below: Guests at the Grand Master's Gold and Black Charity Ball on 10 November 2018.*



# Support After Suicide - Charity Luncheon

Tuesday 11 September 2018

Presidents Room, Brownlow Stand, GMHBA Stadium, Geelong

Proudly presented by Bellarine Otway District Freemasons and Hope, Bereavement and Care

Hope Bereavement Care's Support After Suicide (SAS) is a service that provides grief support to anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one by suicide, and professionals in the wider community who may be caring for them. The SAS Charity Luncheon sponsored by Freemasons Foundation Victoria and proudly presented by Bellarine Otway District Freemasons, shined light on the complexity of suicide and how we as a community can help. Master of Ceremonies Hamish McLachlan, sports broadcaster, engaged the crowd the entire afternoon while keynote speaker (and brother to Hamish) Gillon McLachlan, AFL CEO, spoke of the importance of mental health within the AFL and how player welfare has evolved.

Freemasons of the Bellarine Otway District have been the catalyst behind the establishment of SAS in Geelong. They have always been committed to suicide awareness and have supported SAS for the last two years with two consecutive Charity Luncheons and a third on the way for 2019. WBro. John Patterson, WBro. Bill Lodge, VWBro. Bob Pullin and RWBro. Don Robinson are leading this awareness program by promoting suicide awareness and continuing to support people who have been bereaved by suicide.

After the luncheon, WBro. John Patterson said "The idea is to open it [suicide awareness] up to the community. We are trying to gather funds and promote the value of the cause in order to receive vital funding from large organisations. We have now branched out to South-West Victoria in areas such as Warrnambool as a result of this luncheon".

The initial focus was to support the Bellarine Otway District; however, the long-term vision is to go regional. "If you were to access suicide services from regional Victoria, you would travel to Melbourne. We are trying to set up services in regional Victoria, so people don't have to wait months to go to seek the care they need and access these services. There have been many incidents of people committing suicide

while waiting months for an appointment. The idea is simple - get the service when you need it no matter where you are in Victoria".

With the support from Freemasons Foundation Victoria, \$103,000 was donated to SAS who were extremely thankful for the effort of the Bellarine Otway Freemasons and their ongoing support.

On the day, Hamish McLachlan asked Gillon McLachlan if he had seen players become more open with mental health issues. "It [AFL] has been through a whole series of different reforms where the issue of players understanding that part of the solution for them and for the leadership toward others is to be open. We have a situation now where players are comfortable talking about it publicly, not publicly per say, but within their club environments. We do a much better job now although we can do much better. One of the biggest issues for our clubs and players is player welfare generally and mental health is the key part."

When asked if player welfare has changed in the last decade, he responded "Yes. Every club has player welfare officers, I would say more than half the clubs now have full-time psychologists. There's a whole lot of other programs and things to do so that players can have balanced lives and healthy lives, and clubs do an exceptional job to manage the pressure on young players now with all the media attention. The numbers are staggering as to how many of a playing group, are having some sort of player welfare or mental health challenge. It doesn't mean that they are in a terrible position. We work hard with the clubs and with the [AFL] Players Association and continue to refine the support networks to encourage them to go to the people in place and get that that support.

*Below (left): Master of Ceremonies Hamish McLachlan, sports broadcaster, and keynote speaker AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan (brother to Hamish). Below (right): WBro. John Patterson and Grand Master Bro. Keith Murray.*



# The Rise of Bulgarian Freemasonry

## Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Bulgaria

RWBro. Jeffrey G. Carswell PJGW, Henty Lodge No. 279 UGLV, Hiram Lodge No. 37 UGLB

Since the formation of the Republic of Bulgaria in 1990, the nation regained its freedom from the previous one-party socialist state system and transitioned into a democracy and market-based economy. This allowed Freemasonry to re-establish itself in Bulgaria and the fraternity has seen exponential growth in the last 26 years.

There are currently 123 Lodges throughout Bulgaria which is immense for a country with a population of 7.1 million. The membership is rapidly growing and there are currently over 4,000 affiliated members with an average age of 56. There are also 270 new candidates who are waiting to be initiated. Of the 123 Lodges, six work in Emulation of which two are English speaking Lodges, 12 are within the Scottish Rite (First, Second and Third Degree) and the remaining work in the German Ancient, Free and Accepted Mason ritual.

There was a time, not that long ago, when Freemasonry could not be practiced in Bulgaria. It is great to see the Brethren restore all the great rituals and ceremonies that Freemasonry has to offer and motivate each other by the pursuit of spiritual and moral improvement.

## Meet the Man who has been Giving 'the Gift of Life' for over 40 Years



People say that donating blood is like giving someone a second chance at life. Ange Kenos can certainly testify to that, being amongst Victoria's most regular blood donors.

With over 600 donations under his belt, the Melburnian was recently honoured by the Australian Red Cross for his selfless devotion over the last 44 years which helped save the lives of around 2,000 people.

In an interview with SBS Greek radio, Mr Kenos recalls the time of his initiation in the blood donor community.

"I was 18 years old, a student at Melbourne University, and I saw a Red Cross mobile unit outside the campus. I've been a blood donor since that day."

While estimated that one in three Australians will need blood or blood products in their lifetime, a mere three per cent of the population commits to giving blood each year.

According to the Red Cross' data, the country needs more than 25,000 donations every week, with demand expected to grow by 100 per cent over the next decade.

The concerning stats are sufficient enough to convince us that we should all make "giving the gift of life" one of our New Year's resolutions.

But Mr Kenos says that sadly Greek Australians are also among the most under-represented ethnic

groups among blood donors, despite a great demand for blood donations within the community.

The demand, he explains, is attributed to the prevalence of thalassaemia cases among Greek populations, given that the blood disorder is particularly common in people of Mediterranean ancestry.

"It saddens me deeply that while our ethnic community has a higher need for blood than the average Australian, our community donates far far below the miserable Australian average of three per cent ... With thalassaemia and other conditions that require frequent blood transfusions, we should be doing more," says Mr Kenos.

Most people are able to give blood as long as they are in good health and and comply with some basic eligibility criteria, while the process is quick and simple.

In fact, for Mr Kenos the experience is both enjoyable and rewarding every time.

"It's like a mini medical check-up, no fuss, you give blood and then they offer you pies, beverages..."

"But the most important thing is that you leave the place knowing that you potentially saved someone's life, a kid, a woman hospitalised with her baby, somebody hit by a car, you know that you have helped someone make it to the next day."

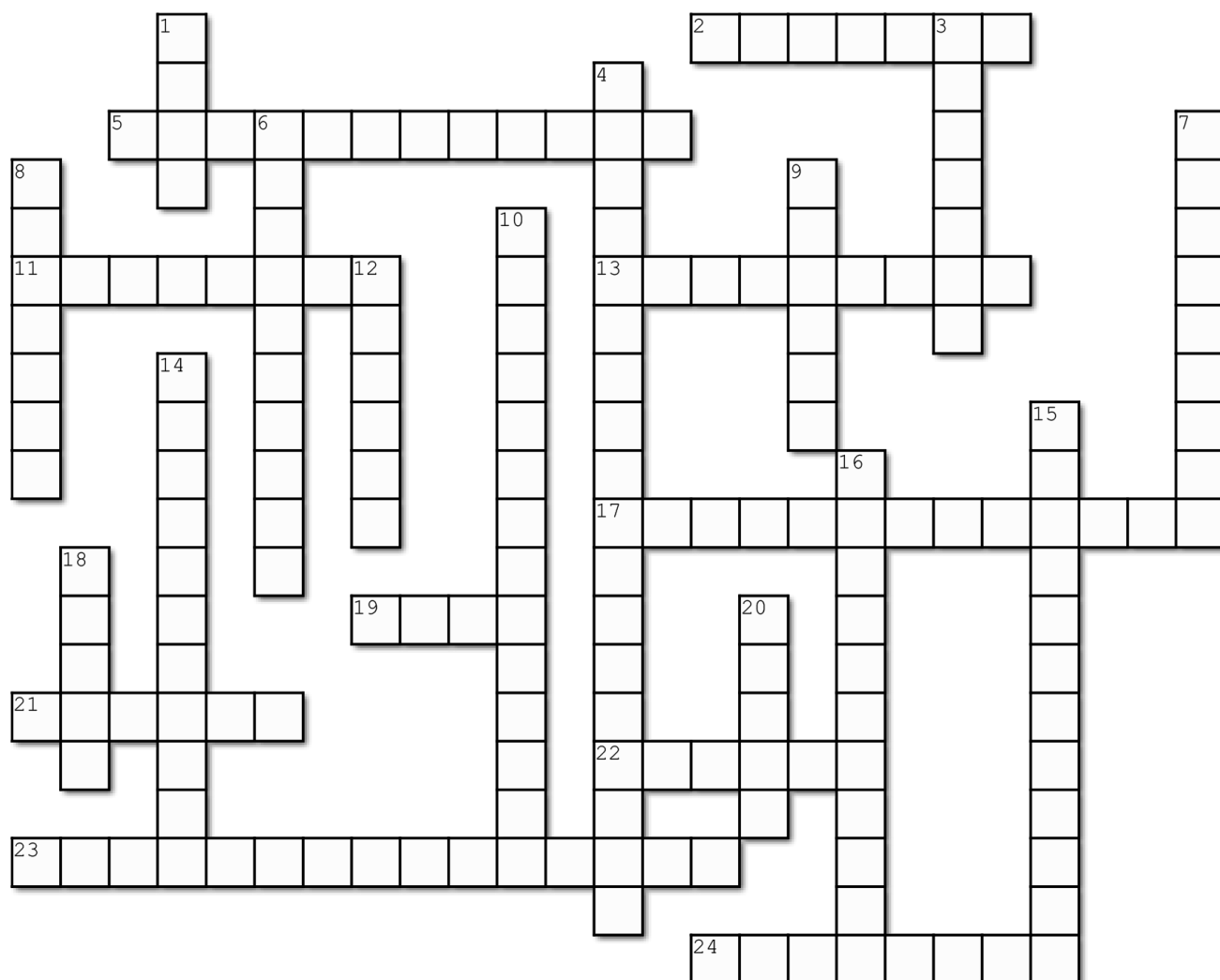
Above: Greek Australian Ange Kenos has been a regular blood donor since he was 18. With over 600 donations under his belt, he has helped save the lives of thousands.

Photo: Supplied

*Ange Kenos makes a compelling argument for why becoming a blood donor should be on the top of our New Year's resolutions list.*

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# C R O S S W O R D



## Across

2. Recordings of a Lodge
5. Seated at the right hand of the Senior Warden
11. A Mark Master Mason is \_\_\_\_\_ to a Royal Ark Mariner Mason
13. Commanders are \_\_\_\_\_ in a Royal Ark Mariner Lodge
17. Symbolises the immortality of the soul (3)
19. Emblem of refreshment in a Dedication that reminds one that he is to be refreshed with the word of the Great Architect
21. Brotherly love \_\_\_\_\_ and truth
22. Principles, beliefs and doctrines are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Freemasonry
23. A title commonly used in addressing Brethren of the 33rd Degree (2)
24. To receive something offered with approval

## Down

1. In accordance with fact
3. Companions are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Supreme Degree

4. Assembly of Brethren congregated without a Warrant of Constitution under the direction of a lecturer (3)
6. A Master Mason is \_\_\_\_\_ to an Excellent Master Mason
7. Meaning harmony in Latin
8. Cornucopia is the jewel of this office
9. Guardian of a Lodge or principal officer
10. Christian order with colourful ceremony (2)
12. Name the Freemason pictured (last name)
14. Masons were called this during the building of King Solomon's Temple (3)
15. Imagery used to explain the principles of Masonic beliefs in Degrees (2)
16. In Masonic buildings it is always placed at the northeast corner
18. Number of the Liberal Arts and Sciences
20. Officer of the Lodge placed outside the door

*"We help other people regardless of their background or where they come from. It's not about doing good things for the community to be recognised for it, it is about doing good things because you want to."*



*"I've always been a social person, but this goes deeper than that. You have a group of men (brothers) around you who are all out there to be better. There's something real about that and as a consequence of being aligned internally, I've made some life long friendships externally."*

*"Freemasonry has taken me to my next phase in life. I have learnt to be more confident and it has helped me grasp the importance of life and how my actions affect others. Surrounded by people that share common values, I feel a great sense of belonging with Freemasonry."*



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