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THE GOOD WORK CONTINUES

The Grand Re-Installation

Photo gallery from the Grand Re-Installation of MWBro. Richard Elkington

A Milestone for Victorian Freemasonry

United Grand Lodge of Victoria & Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia sign a concordat.

1889 Bequest Society

Freemasons Foundation Victoria launch a new way to support the Freemasons Benevolent Fund.



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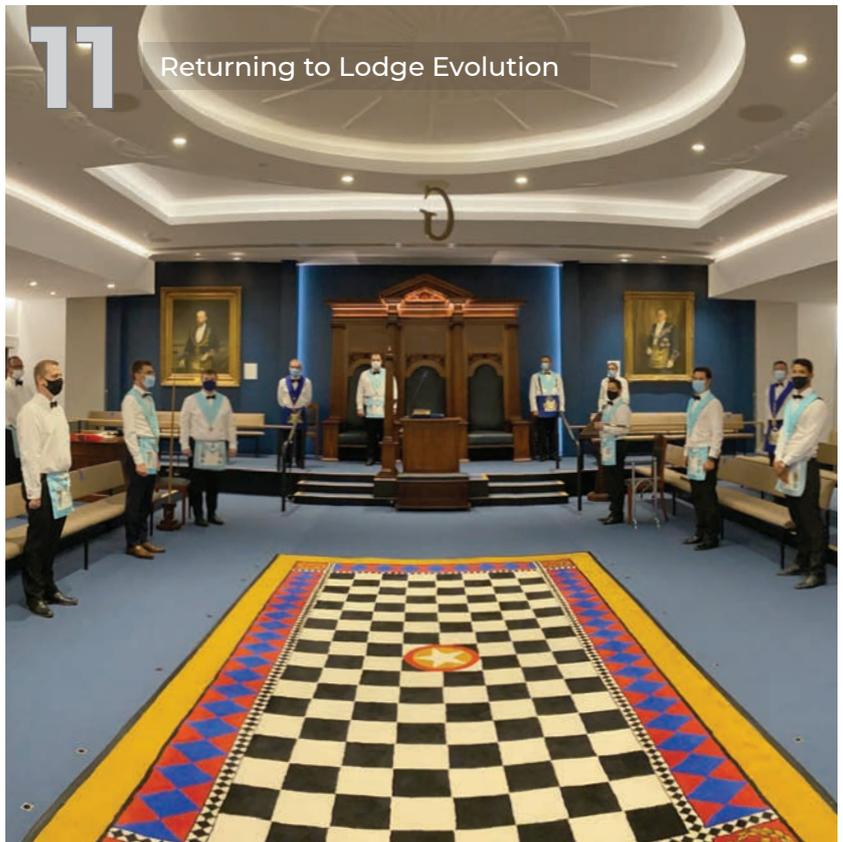
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Book Review



THE SALE of Myrtleford Masonic Centre

Grand Master MWBro. Richard Elkington hands over the keys to Myrtleford Scout Alex Cameron, 13
Picture credit: Mark Jesser

Freemasons Victoria handed over the keys to complete the sale of the Myrtleford Masonic Centre on Friday 26 February to Scouts Victoria. The newly purchased centre will support the Scouts in Myrtleford and surrounding areas. Both organisations are heavily involved in charitable works across Victoria, as well as their members practicing self-improvement and community works.

Scouts believe in preparing young people with skills for life. They encourage young people to do more, learn more and be more. The centre will support Scouts not only in the surrounding areas but across North-East Victoria.



“The Scouts were looking for a new home, and it’s great to see a youthful community body carrying on the legacy,” said Phillip Creek, a local Freemason.

“We’re pleased that it’s staying within our community.”

Grand Master of Freemasons Victoria, Richard Elkington, handed over the keys to Myrtleford Scouts, Alex and Will, together with Rod Byrnes, Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria.

“Scouts Victoria is grateful for our long association with Freemasons Victoria. We share a passion for supporting communities and building great citizens. The new Scout Centre will help grow Scouting in the surrounding district and provide a great facility available for use by the wider community”, said Rod Byrnes.

Richard Elkington added, “Our ideals are highly similar, and we believe that we have a long future together in supporting communities such as Myrtleford in developing premises that will service the needs of not only our respective organisations, but also the wider community.”

First Myrtleford Scout Alex said “It means we finally get to unpack our boxes of stuff, show off our awards and trophies and invite other Scouts to come and stay in our hall.”

Others who attended include Frank Warner, Acting CEO of Freemasons Victoria and Greg Landgren, Chairman of the Board of Scouts Victoria.



Freemasons have a proud and long history, particularly in regional Victoria, of civic and community leadership. The handover of the Myrtleford Masonic Centre to the community ensures that the Scouting movement will continue to grow and build tomorrow’s community leaders.



Freemasons Neil Geir, George McPherson, Phill Creek and Tom Witherow at the Myrtleford Masonic Centre. Picture Credit: James Wiltshire



Left to Right: Frank Warner (Acting CEO FV*), Neville Wiggins (District Coordinator FV), Rod Byrnes (Chief Commissioner SV), Jason Hagens (Scout Leader), Bernadette Hays (District Commissioner SV**), Phil Creek (last WM of Myrtleford Lodge), Richard Elkington (GM), Matteo Donato (GSuptWks), Jo McIntyre (Cub Leader SV), Melissa Duguid (District Commissioner SV), Mary Broz (Fellowship FV), Darren Leckie (Regional Commissioner SV) and Steve Simpson (DGSuptWks).
 *FV denotes Freemasons Victoria **SV denotes Scouts Victoria



Bernadette Hays and Alex Hays (Scout) – who was MC of the day.



Grand Master Richard Elkington saying a few words





A MAN OF MANY TALENTS

Lara actor and screenwriter Eddie Baroo is preparing to celebrate the cinematic release of mystery film *The Dry*, which he featured in alongside Eric Bana.

When Geelong residents watch *The Dry* as it screens at cinemas around the world in the New Year, they might be surprised to see a familiar face.

Not only was the film based on the novel of the same name written by former Geelong Advertiser journalist Jane Harper, it also stars Lara actor Eddie Baroo.

Eddie, who epitomises the description 'loveable larrikin', is remarkably humble for a man whose resume includes working alongside the likes of Eric Bana in *The Dry*, Hugh Jackman and Nicole Kidman in *Australia*, Nicholas Cage in *Ghost Rider* and Ewan McGregor in *Son of a Gun*.

Eddie landed the role as the publican McMurdo in *The Dry*, which was filmed in various small Australian towns last year.

His reputation for being a collaborative and versatile actor meant he didn't have to audition for the part. Rather, esteemed director Robert Connolly sought him out.

"Whether I'm acting or writing I go by the adage that my worst day on set is still the best day of my life."

"My wife Jacqui and I were driving to Melbourne, my phone rang and it was an unknown number, and at the time we were getting bombarded by telemarketers so I wasn't going to answer," Eddie, who has more than 70 film and TV credits, says. "She takes the call and puts it on speakerphone and it's Rob Connolly. He said 'I reckon I've got a part for you'."

"He said 'I know you're always in roles where you're punching people up or being a thug but I know the other side of you and I really want you to play this character'."

With a tendency to be cast as a villain, or in the likes of *Underbelly*, Eddie was rapt to play a more affable character.

The Dry follows Detective Aaron Falk, who after two decades returns to his drought-stricken hometown to investigate the suspected murder-suicide of his childhood friend. What he uncovers during the investigation reopens old wounds in the close-knit community.

Eddie travelled to Warracknabeal to shoot his scenes for the film, which also stars Australian actors Genevieve O'Reilly – who featured in the *Star Wars* franchise – Matthew Nable, John

Polson, Keir O'Donnell and Martin Dingle-Wall.

"It's filmed in the wheatbelt so it's dry and flat, but has a certain nuance about it," Eddie explains.

To capture the spirit of McMurdo, Eddie drew on his knowledge of the role of pubs in small rural towns as not only a place for a drink and meal, but as a meeting place.

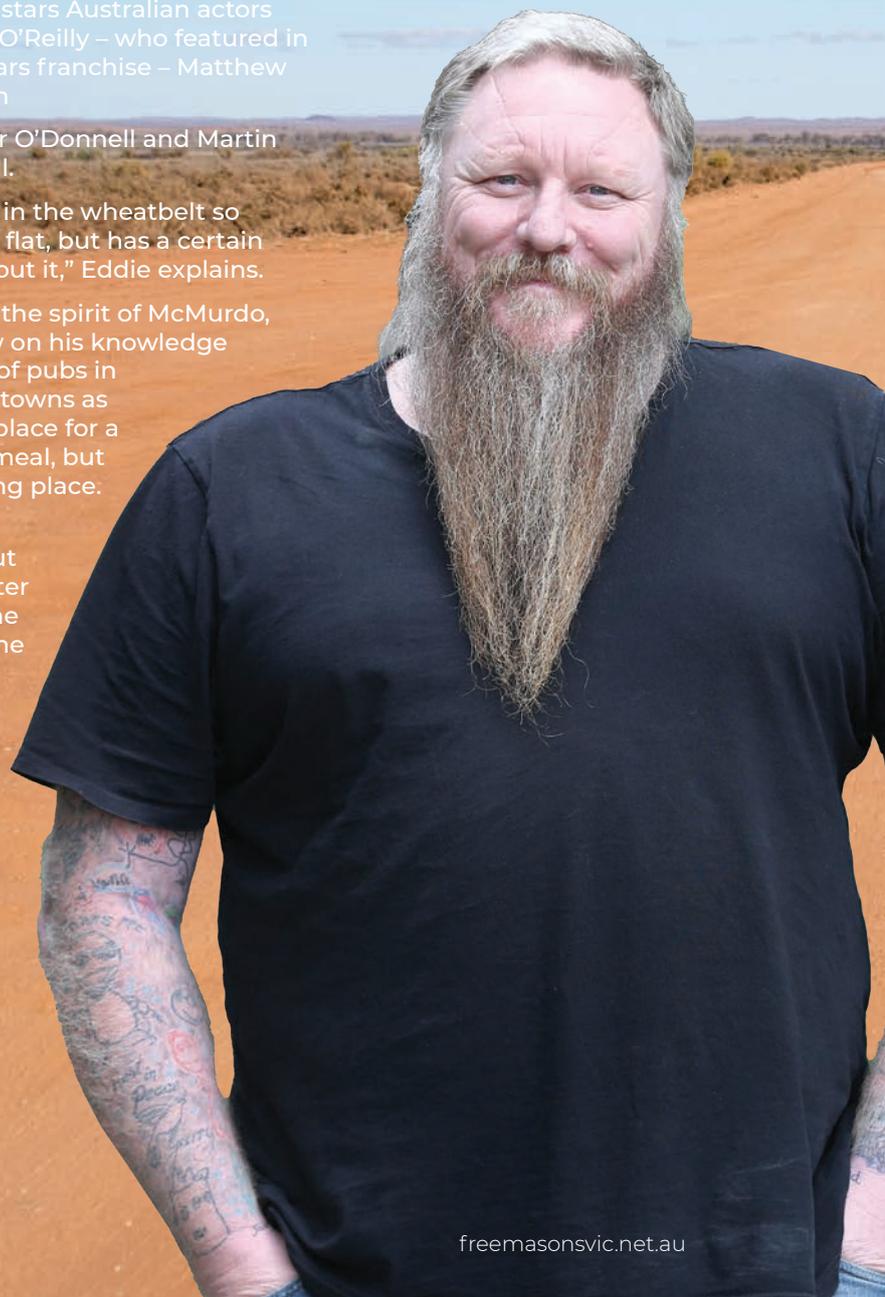
"Rob and I spoke about the character and what he meant to the fictional town that the story is set in and how the pub is like the beating heart of

community," he says.

"There's a lot of angst against Eric Bana's character on his return after 20 years so I form a partnership with him where I'm a little bit of an ally."

Eddie has nothing but praise for his colleagues in *The Dry*, including Eric Bana, who stars as Aaron Falk.

"I'd worked with Eric Bana a long time ago on *Something in the Air* and also in *Chopper*. He's always been fantastic as an actor and is a really sweet guy," Eddie says.



After working in construction, and even a stint in accounting, Eddie turned to acting at the ripe age of 30 propelled by his eagerness to get his hands on scripts. He started his acting career as an extra until the director of the ABC's *Something in the Air* noticed his interest and asked him to audition for a role.

"I said I'd give it a miss because I didn't want to let anyone down," says Eddie, who eventually accepted the role. "Eric Bana and Jeremy Lindsay Taylor, who is also in *The Dry*, said 'Eddie if you don't audition you'll regret it for the rest of your life'. I got that first role and once you get a taste of it you're hooked."

When he's not acting, Eddie can be found script writing at his Lara home, which he shares with daughter Ted and wife Jacqui. He co-wrote and acted in thriller film *Sweet River*, which premiered on Netflix two weeks ago.

The film, which won two awards at *Screamfest* in Los Angeles, follows a woman who returns to the town where her son was taken by a serial killer to find out what happened. But the town has its own secrets it wants to keep.

He has also written a 10-episode crime drama, *Husk*, which is in development with an Emmy award-winning producer and is about to pitch supernatural film *Hide Tom Hide* to studios.

Eddie can hardly contain his excitement as he speaks about feeling like he's on the cusp of something big.

"Whether I'm acting or writing I go by the adage that my worst day on set is still the best day of my life," he says. 

Credit to Olivia Reed from Geelong Advertiser for the article and photo credits to Peter Ristovski, Kane Skenner and supplied.

Bro. Eddie Baroo of Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence No. 5



Eddie Baroo stars in the recent Netflix film *Sweet River*.



Acting alongside Ewan McGregor in *Son of a Gun*.



Eddie Baroo attending CineFestOz Film festival with his wife Jacqui.





Freemasons Supporting the GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

with Uncle Bobs



Bob Couzin Wood and Bob Thornton -
Lodge of Australia Felix



Anna Li-Bucca, Tony Bucca, Graham
and David Foong - Geelong Lodge of
Unity and Prudence



Deputy Grand Master out
with his grandchildren



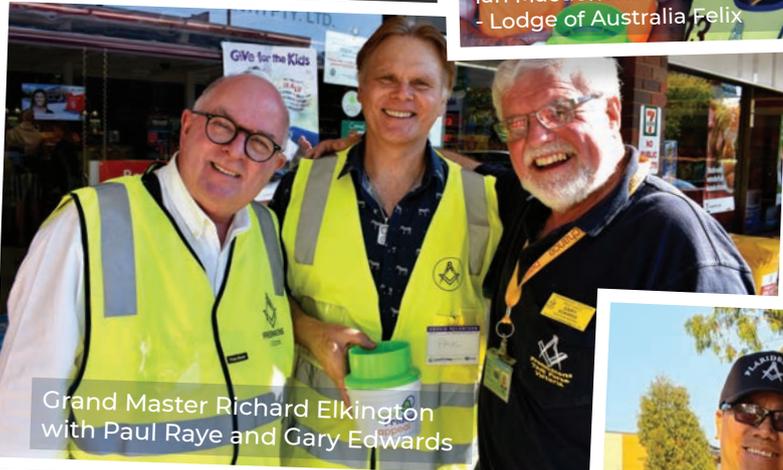
David Dolling and Ashleigh
Andrews - Lodge of Australia Felix



Gary Edwards and Barry Goodall -
Lodge of Australia Felix



Ian Macdonald and Joel Solomon
- Lodge of Australia Felix



Grand Master Richard Elkington
with Paul Raye and Gary Edwards



Cris Besas, Darren Dimabuyu, Quinton Todio and
Giordan Todio - Robbie Burns Pheonix Lodge



Gary Edwards, Bob Couzin-Wood, Bob
Thornton and Richard Elkington



Greg Todio and
daughter Gioreen



John Presley with his grandchildren
James and Michaela



Jenny Robinson and Gary Edwards - Old Scotch Collegians' Lodge



Ray Wyld and Kevin Richardson - Hearts of Oak Lodge



Lionel and Carol May with Jordan, Miller and Tyler - Peace and Loyalty Lodge



Larry Jackson and Anton Alers - SEAVIC Lodge



Ronald Perera, Mohan Nambiar and Sashi Sanmugathas - Lodge Observance



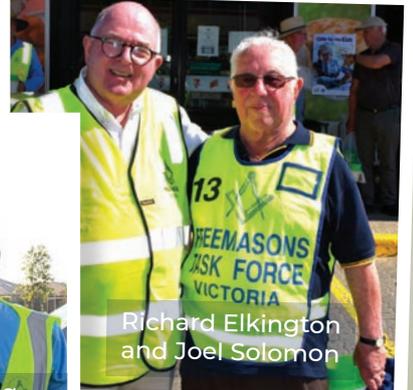
Michael Maher - SEAVIC Lodge



Tony Bucca, Eric Thompson, David Todd, David Webb and Anna-Li Bucca



Rodney Hales and Brad Brander - Clifton Hill Lodge



Richard Elkinton and Joel Solomon



Richard Elkinton, Arthur Tan, Anton Alers and Gary Edwards - Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence



Seff Fajardo, Mac Bongcaron and Greg Todio - City of Footscray-Wyndham Lodge



Steve Morandini and Wes Pettit - Old Scotch Collegians' Lodge



Paul Raye receives donation from Robin-Lindsay of Hawthorn



Richard Elkinton, Steve Morandini, Wes Pettit and Gary Edwards



Richard Elkinton and Steve Cusack

Freemasons Victoria and Uncle Bobs raised an amazing **\$250,079** for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal.



**Freemasons
Foundation Victoria**

**Contributing
to a better
Victoria**

Gippsland Emergency Relief



The Foundation recently granted an additional \$50,000 to Gippsland Farmer Relief in Traralgon to support farmers impacted by the Gippsland drought. Since January 2019, the Foundation has contributed \$219,500 to projects assisting farmers in the region. 

LaTrobe Regional Hospital

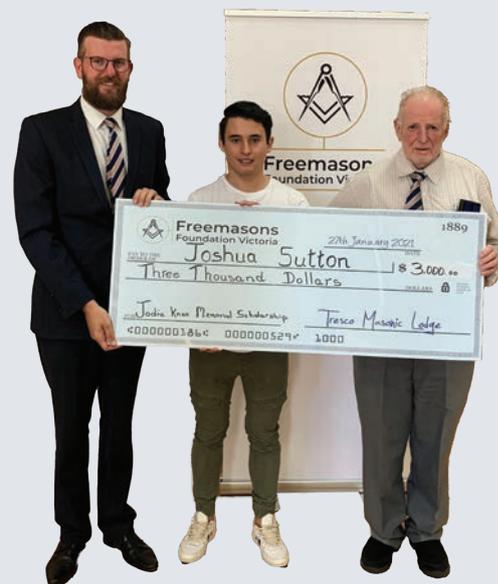
Morwell Lodge and the Foundation recently granted \$8,796 to LaTrobe Regional Hospital enabling them to purchase a new defibrillator. 



Rodney Lavin JP (Director Freemasons Foundation Victoria), Don McCrae (Assistant CEO Latrobe Regional Hospital), MWBro. Richard Elkington (Grand Master) and RWBro. David Grant (WM of Morwell Lodge).



WBro. Xavier Murtagh, Jenna Conlan and RWBro. Neil Gannon.



WBro. Xavier Murtagh, Joshua Sutton and RWBro. Neil Gannon.

Tresco & Chisel United Lodge

Now in its 32nd year, the Jodie Knox Memorial Scholarships were recently awarded at a gathering at Freemasons Swan Hill.

The recipients this year were Jenna Conlan from Sea Lake and Joshua Sutton from Swan Hill. Both recipients received \$3,000 to assist with the cost of their tertiary studies.

Funds for the scholarships were granted by the Foundation, \$2,000 of which was contributed from the Tresco Lodge Named Sub-Fund that was established in October 2018. 



As of January 2021, your Foundation has distributed

\$12.8

MILLION

since November 2014

DONATIONS

One of the most important tenets of Freemasonry is Charity, as learnt at the beginning of our Masonic journey. Your Foundation graciously accepts donations to support charitable work across Victoria. Donations of \$2 or more made to The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation are tax deductible. To donate please visit www.freemasonsfoundation.org





Bequest Society

CREATE YOUR OWN LEGACY

Leave a gift in your Will to support a cause close to your heart



You can obtain further information about the **1889 Bequest Society** by contacting our Executive Officer on (03) 8535 4780 or by email enquiries@freemasonsfoundation.org www.freemasonsfoundation.org



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Bequests

In 1889, the Board of Benevolence was established at the time of the formation of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria (UGLV) with a donation of 500 pounds by Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Sir William Clarke, Baronet.

The philanthropic giving by Freemasons within Victoria over the past 130 years is something that we can all be immensely proud of. It is the aim of the Foundation to continue this tradition for generations to follow.

One way to support your Foundation is to make a bequest to the Freemasons Benevolent Fund. Your bequest will become part of Freemasons' philanthropy in Victoria well into the future.

What is a Bequest?

A bequest is a gift included in your Will, a bequest can be:

- a portion (%) of a person's whole estate
- a portion (%) of the residual estate (that is, the sum remaining after creditors have been paid)
- a set sum of money
- property (land, goods or chattels, bric-a-brac)
- shares, cash, hybrids, life insurance policy, annuities and other types of investments
- works of art or memorabilia

Making a bequest to an entity is accomplished in two ways: by including the entity in a Will or by adding a codicil to an existing Will.

Bequest Society

Many organisations establish a bequest society. They are particularly successful for organisations that have a long history. The main purpose of a bequest society is to thank and acknowledge people in their lifetime. Furthermore, a bequest society exists to inform, steward and assist people plan their estate. It also provides the organisation an opportunity to learn how the bequestors bequest should be used.

In summary:

- Bequest societies exist to thank and acknowledge people in their lifetime
- Bequest societies help to inform and educate potential bequestors about the possibilities they can consider with their intending bequest
- Bequest societies are a very useful vehicle for promoting bequests via the pictures and stories they produce that can be shared

Making a bequest today will not change your bank balance tomorrow.

1889 Bequest Society

The 1889 Bequest Society was established to recognise and acknowledge people in their lifetime and can assist people to discover how they can create their own legacy.

If you have included Freemasons Foundation Victoria or either of its two registered charities;

The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation or Freemasons Benevolent Fund, in your Will please let us know and you will be invited to join the **1889 Bequest Society**.

Appropriate wording to make a bequest or to add a codicil can be found on our website www.freemasonsfoundation.org or to obtain further information please contact Neil Cripps on (03) 8535 4780 or by email enquiries@freemasonsfoundation.org

Founding Members

Every person who joins the **1889 Bequest Society** this year will be known as a Founding Member and will be thanked and acknowledged with these individually crafted tokens of our appreciation.





METRO VICTORIA



Returning to Lodge Evolution

With the relaxation of lockdown rules, Lodges were finally able to meet. Lodge of Evolution members, like many across the state were very keen to get back to Lodge and start practicing their work again.

Their February meeting was the second such meeting for the Lodge at Freemasons Melbourne (the first which occurred just before the lockdown in March 2020).

Coming back was always going to be a challenge. Habits form quickly. But the challenge was out there to contact all members and invite them to come along for a big celebration of returning to Lodge.

After a quick meeting to ballot for a candidate, the Lodge

progressed to Le Bon Ton restaurant in Collingwood for a banquet size dinner.

For some, it was twelve months since they had seen each other and for a couple of members, the first time they had been in Lodge for a number of years. Keeping in touch with Brethren you don't see at Lodge is always hard and bringing them back after a lockdown is all the more challenging. Each member has different needs. The Lodge found it was a combination of messaging via email, Facebook, SMS, Messenger, WhatsApp, LinkedIn and phone calls!

And finally, they were together again and still trying to talk to those they still had not seen. They will keep trying! 



Afternoon Tea with the 2000-2001 Grand Team

Members of the 2000-2001 Grand Ceremonial Team enjoyed an afternoon tea on their 21st anniversary at Coppin Hall. MWBro. Carl Stewart and wife Pat shared an amazing recollection of their Grand Team years and thanked Barry and Margaret Brooks and Bruce and Lynne Stockdale for organising a lovely anniversary lunch. 



Freemasons Victoria

The Lodge of Evolution No. 931

MARATHON MAN

Neville Emerson

At age 93, WBro. Neville Emerson truly is a marathon man.

Every day he fronts for active duty at Emerson National Property Consultants, which specialises in owners' corporation management and property management.

He has no plans in slowing down and says he has at least another seven years to go to age 100, before handing the business over to the youngest of his four daughters, Kate.

Freemasonry has been important to Neville since he joined St Phillip Lodge No. 409 at age 21. He became Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1964.

Neville explains that he always wanted to become a Mason since he was a teenager, with his curiosity triggered when a friend, Fred Kent, became a member as a 'Lewis' at age 18.

"I want to join too," Neville told his mate, but was advised that he would have to wait until age 21, when initiations were done four-at-a-time, in those busy post-World War II years.

Neville said his father, Frank, was first against the idea of him joining Freemasonry, but his mother Clarice changed that, explaining positive family links to the Craft. Within a month, Frank also wanted to join, and after being initiated at St Phillip, became a member at Legion of Honour Lodge No. 622, which met at Coburg.

Neville grew up in a house of 18 people, attending Spensley Street State School at Clifton Hill, and a few years at Collingwood Tech.

His first job was at a boot factory in Collingwood, then as a maintenance apprentice at Cyclone, working on nets for biscuit planes in the War effort. He also worked as a delivery jockey for Hatcher's Laundry in Abbotsford.

Then, as father-and-son, but also Masonic brothers, Neville and father Frank became carriers with a furniture van that also doubled to transport church groups to picnics on Sundays.

Later, they became bakers, when his future mother-in-law suggested that Neville should have a trade. Neville smiles as he reflects that he and wife Jean have been together for 70 years since meeting at the Trocadero dances.

The family operated bakeries at locations including Oakhill (Preston), Newmarket and Greensborough, before Neville injured his hand in a dough machine, which saw him switch to real estate.

Neville says that Freemasonry taught him in business to "be true and be honest."

"Always leave a nice smell behind you."

Around 1956, with business interests growing, and four daughters – Susan, Jan, Cheryl and Kate – Neville stood aside from Freemasonry: "I didn't have the money."

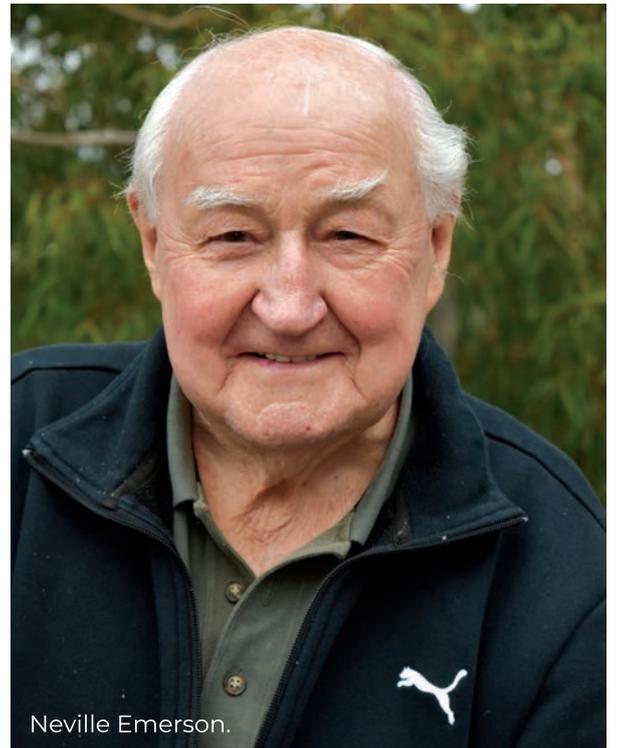


Neville Emerson and wife Jean.

Neville's career saw him appointed to Caltex, finding sites for petrol filling stations across Victoria and southern New South Wales.

He was involved in the early days of property development in satellite suburbs such as Melton, but the credit squeeze of the early 1960s, saw him work as a taxi driver – 'Astoria 252'.

Neville's community work included him becoming a founder of Eltham College, volunteer work with the



Neville Emerson.

Salvation Army, and being a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Eltham.

To keep up personal fitness, he became a marathon runner.

The Emerson property group, at its peak, had 22 staff, in the north-eastern suburbs of Melbourne, but it also brought Neville back to Freemasonry.

He was managing a shopping centre at Craigieburn, and one of the tenants was WBro. Haydn Gregson, who had a bakery business. Haydn invited Neville back to Ivanhoe Grammarians Lodge No. 584 in 1990.

He says Freemasonry has given him skills that he never expected. One Master, RWBro. Geoffrey Davey, asked him to become Treasurer of the Lodge.

"I didn't want to do it. I've never been a good administrator."

Neville took the job in his stride, and in his late 80s, learnt new business and computer skills.

Neville says Freemasonry has reinforced the need of absolute honesty.

"If you have a high standard, don't drop it.

"You can't ask people to respect you, if you don't respect them." 



YEAR OF THE OX



SEAVIC LODGE CELEBRATES Chinese New Year

In February this year, WBro. Anton Alers (WM) and wife Christine of SEAVIC Lodge No. 8 hosted a dinner to celebrate Chinese New Year – the year of the ox.

The day began with a short and informal business meeting of the Lodge at the restaurant covering routine matters and was followed by a night of great food, lively entertainment and good company.

Deputy Grand Master, RWBro. Anthony Bucca presented a 40-year pin to his long-time friend RWBro. John Rodrigo SGW.

Brother John's wife, Shanti, affixed the pin to John's lapel as she has been beside him every step of the way on his Masonic journey.

It was a delight for all to catch up with old friends and to actually see people in person after a long break.

Well done to SEAVIC and to all the ladies and Brethren who worked so hard to arrange what turned out to be a wonderful night of celebration. ✨



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SEAVIC
Lodge No.8



Two new Brothers

The Old Melburnians' Lodge No. 317 was proud to initiate Brothers Tim Doust and Alex May into Freemasonry.

Bro. Tim is a good friend of the Senior Warden, Bro. Will Billings. Bro. Alex is the younger brother of Bro. Garath May.

The meeting was followed by a partners and widows lunch at Yagiz Turkish Restaurant in South Yarra.

The youngest member of the Lodge, Bro. Ray Attanayake, and the oldest, WBro. Ian Hunt, met for the first time. The day was packed with good food, good fun and good fellowship. ✨





REGIONAL VICTORIA



Ballarat Cycle Classic

Freemasons Cycling Club (FMCC)

Freemasons doing what Freemasons do. Raising money for charity, supporting each other, supporting family, building friendships and working together for a greater cause.

The FMCC folks did just that on 14 March this year. Two riders completed the 160km course and another 11 riders completed the 85km course over tough terrain around Mt Buninyong and Mt Egerton.

Entries and donations tallied over \$1,700 which went to the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute.

An outstanding effort by the FMCC Vic members and supporters at the Ballarat Cycle Classic. 



Initiations and Service Awards

On Monday 15 March 2021 Eureka Daylight Lodge initiated Bro. Ashley Quiddington. After the initiation family and friends gathered to witness three service awards. 



RWBro. Keith Anderson PSGW 60 Year Bar recipient, RWBro. Robert Ower PSGW 60 Year Bar recipient, newly Initiated Brother Ashley Quiddington and WBro. Eric McCallum PM 50 Year Jewel recipient.

Serviceman Receives a Care Package

Brother Rhys Webb of Lowan Lodge No. 107 received a thank you card and letter from Major David Filmer, a serviceman who received a care package last year as part of a joint initiative by Lowan Lodge, WWRBLSC, Nhill RSL sub-branch and St Patrick's School Nhill.

In his letter, Major David Filmer wrote that he is a Freemason from Wagga Wagga Lodge No. 22 in New South Wales.

He thanked the Nhill community groups for producing these packages and stated "2020 has been a rough year for many Australians which makes me more thankful for your thoughts of Australians serving overseas."

Wagga Wagga Lodge No. 22 Secretary, VWBro. Owen Sandry also wrote to Lowan Lodge.

"Brother Filmer said that he had received a care package from the Lowan Lodge in Victoria! What a great gift and a perfect way to acknowledge our defence force, David is a Major and works usually at Kapooka Training Facility just out of Wagga Wagga and on his return will be invested as our new Junior Warden. Thank you for sharing that with us and thank you for your support of the ADF."

Brother Rhys said the troops overseas really appreciate the work the community put into the care packages and they will continue to support our troops in 2021. 



Brother Rhys Webb with card sent from Major David Filmer of the Australian Army.

Bob Pullin

Life, career and Masonry

Prominent Victorian Freemason, RWBro. Robert Pullin, is a strong believer in Lodges telling the general public about the good charitable projects being undertaken by members.

“Continually show and talk about our good works. We’ve hidden it under a bushel.”

Bob says that Lodges are often good at telling their stories on Facebook to other Freemasons but can be shy in telling the public. He thinks more promotion is key in advancing the membership development opportunities for the Craft.

Telling positive messages has been a big part of Bob Pullin’s life, with a history as a morning announcer on radio station 3YB at Warrnambool, and currently presenting the ‘Wednesday Lunchbox’ program on the Pulse community radio station.

Bob entered radio when he was Publicity Officer for the Geelong Football League, and he was encouraged by broadcaster Denis Scanlan to go to air on the ‘Local Leagues Footy Talk’ program.

Bob trained with the late Bob Taylor at the Announcer’s Academy, and he is using this experience as a senior member of Freemasons Victoria Communications and Marketing Volunteer Action Team.

It was March 1964 when Bob Pullin was initiated into Corio Lodge No. 193 at the Little Ryrie St temple, where his father, Frederick Robert Pullin, was Worshipful Master in 1945.

Bob was born in East Geelong, lived in Garden St, and attended the Swanston St State School, and later went to Geelong College and Geelong High School.

His first job came about through a Masonic connection. A Past Master visited his home one Saturday morning and asked the teenager if he would like a job as a clerk at BP Australia.

“I’ll pick you up at a quarter-to-eight on Monday,” were the final words of the impromptu job interview.

Bob progressed through jobs

such as Sales Promotion Representative of Colgate Palmolive Products, looking after displays and public address promotions at supermarket chains of the day: SSW, Moran and Cato, and Nancarrow’s.

The metropolitan round later became the entire Victorian country region as his territory, before becoming a Sales Representative. He filled a similar job at Nabisco.

For four years, Bob was involved with the taxi industry, buying his own cab licence, and working in the Geelong Radio Taxis communications room.

The lessons for a taxi driver in those days was “Don’t argue. Always agree, even if it goes against your own viewpoints.”

Bob went on to running a number of taxi trucks, with a number of contracts for Melbourne-Geelong cartage. He later worked for the Trans-Otway group and Myki.

The radio hosting job at Warrnambool opened his eyes to different qualities at different Lodges. When visiting one Lodge, no-one spoke to him as a visitor. At another, only one person approached him. At a third Lodge, the Warrnambool Lodge of Light, made him welcome, so he chose to join there. He said he regards this as an amazing difference.

In Freemasonry, Grand Master of the day, MWBro. Carl Stewart, asked him to be Steward. Another GM, MWBro. Garry Sebo, requested that he be Assistant Grand Pursuivant. Grand Master MWBro. Bob Jones invited him to fill the role as Grand Pursuivant.

Bob Pullin received conferral as a Past Junior Grand Warden, mostly for his community work which includes Secretary of the Oasis group for intellectually disabled adults, past Secretary and Paul Harris Fellow for the Rotary Club of Geelong East, and as a volunteer, working with cardiac patients at Geelong Hospital.

Bob also works with Stitch, which helps isolated people keep



Bob Pullin

connected.

As District Coordinator for the Bellarine-Otway area, Bob sees his role as being a representative of the Grand Secretary, RWBro. Garry Runge.

Bob is Secretary of Rosebank Lodge, and is nearing completion of a two-year term as Worshipful Master of the Great Ocean Road Lodge.

He is a keen member of the Coppin Choristers (formerly Grand Lodge Choir), he is Secretary of the Bellarine-Otway Installing Team, and he is ‘Grand Scribbler’ for the Wakanyanas, an annual function which has raised funds for Cottages by the Sea for more than 100 years.

Bob Pullin sees an opportunity for Lodges to work in cooperation with Freemasons Foundation Victoria to magnify their good works. Many don’t take advantage of the resources available.

Mostly, Bob Pullin enjoys the wonderful friendships made through Lodge: “I’ve really enjoyed that side of Freemasonry.”

He says he is “amazed” with contact from Brethren from around Victoria, across Australia, and even overseas, to lend support.

It’s a two-way process. Bob Pullin was radio-active in recent weeks, on air at Pulse FM, promoting the positive efforts of Freemasons collecting for the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal, especially at APCO service stations in the Geelong, Bellarine and Surf Coast areas.



A GRAND TOUR of Zetland Lodge



Freemasons
Victoria

Zetland
Lodge No. 25

Special thanks to WBro. Matt Salter of Guiding Star Lodge, Founder and 3D Photographer at Jolt Media.

The inauguration of Zetland Lodge in Kyneton occurred in May 1859 by Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master Francis T. Cell under the English Constitution with George A. Mockler installed as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Zetland Lodge was the 32nd Lodge to be inaugurated under the English Constitution in Victoria at the time, indicating the growth and popularity of Freemasonry in those early pioneering days.

Meetings were held at the Manchester Unity Hall from 1866 to 1890 in Kyneton. In 1904 Zetland Lodge purchased the Manchester Hall. Over time a number of rooms were added to the building including a large hall constructed at the rear of the building in 1927. Zetland Lodge is an example of Egyptian Revivalism

that become popular in Australia from the mid 1800s to mid 1900s. Interesting to note that The Great Synagogue located in Sydney was the first Egyptian revival building in Australia built in 1844.

Aesthetically for an Egyptian Revival Lodge, Zetland looks quite simple on the outside compared to the Emulation Lodge in Canterbury or the Sandringham Masonic Hall. What it lacks aesthetically on the outside is truly made up for on the inside. The interior is modelled on the Temple of Isis at Philae. There are murals throughout the Lodge depicting various Egyptian scenes including the Temple of Isis and the Sphinx to name a few.

One of the murals was altered to contain an Honour Roll of members who had served in the World War One. The murals were painted by a local painter and art teacher

Thomas Fisher Levick who was a member of Kyneton Lodge. Levick studied art design at the London College of Art and was awarded the National Medal for Design. He was the head of the school of art at Eastern Suburbs Technical College later to become RMIT. Levick designed the Patterson Memorial Drinking Fountain in Castlemaine to commemorate Sir James Patterson a Member of Parliament in Castlemaine and later to become the Premier of Victoria.

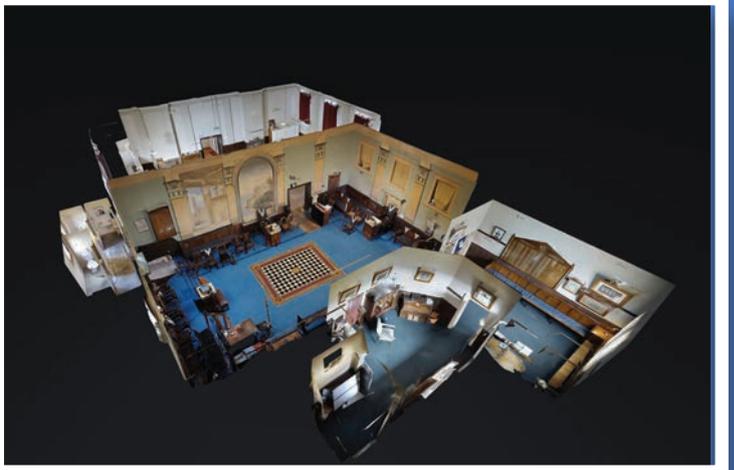
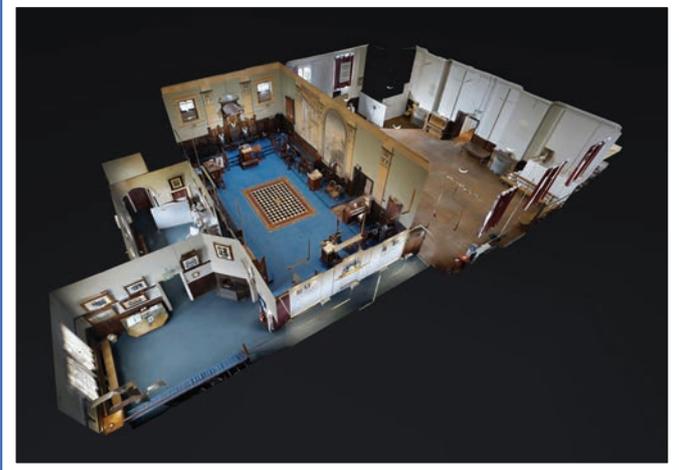
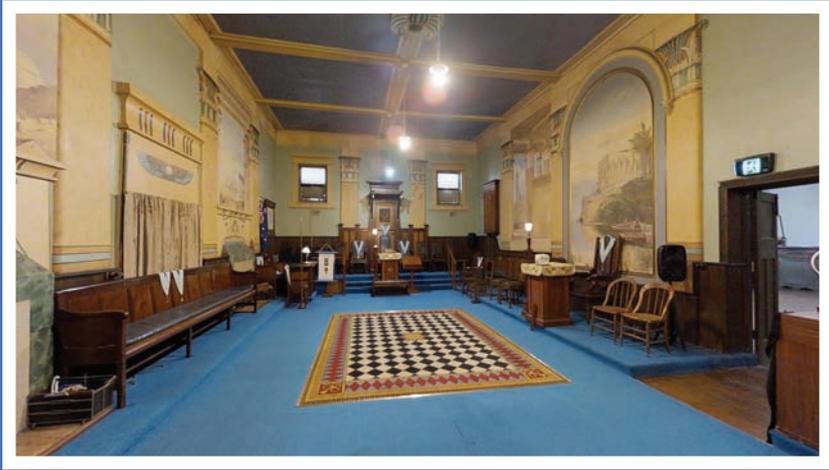
Zetland Lodge is the only Egyptian revivalist Lodge left in Victoria. Zetland Lodge should be cherished, it reminds us of the popularity of Freemasonry in country Victoria in those early pioneering days and the talented men such Thomas Fisher Levick who contributed to Freemasonry in their own unique way. 

SCAN ME



Take the 3D tour of this unique building.







Luci at Lodge

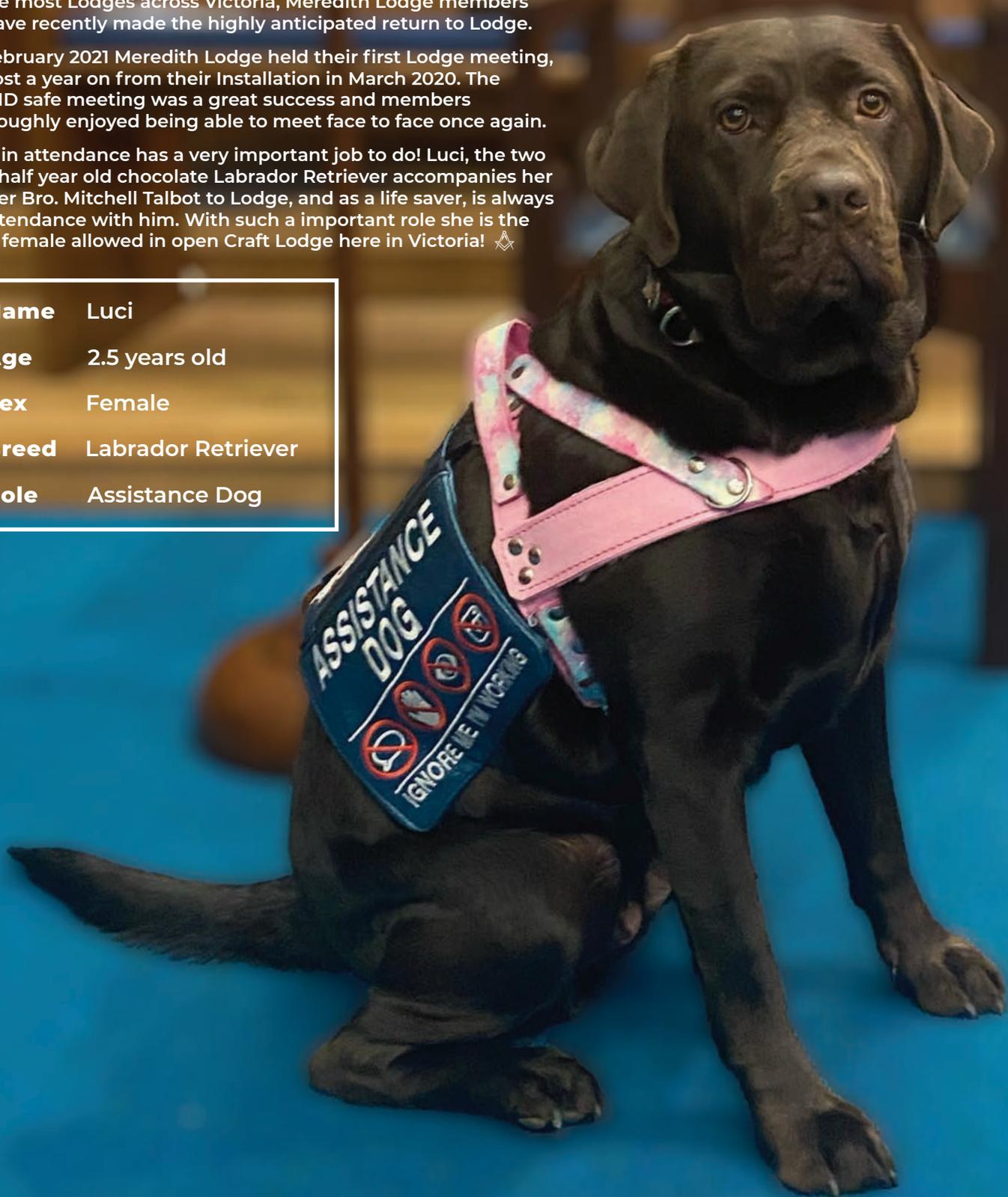
The only lady attending Lodge in Victoria.

Like most Lodges across Victoria, Meredith Lodge members have recently made the highly anticipated return to Lodge.

In February 2021 Meredith Lodge held their first Lodge meeting, almost a year on from their Installation in March 2020. The COVID safe meeting was a great success and members thoroughly enjoyed being able to meet face to face once again.

One in attendance has a very important job to do! Luci, the two and half year old chocolate Labrador Retriever accompanies her owner Bro. Mitchell Talbot to Lodge, and as a life saver, is always in attendance with him. With such a important role she is the only female allowed in open Craft Lodge here in Victoria! 

Name	Luci
Age	2.5 years old
Sex	Female
Breed	Labrador Retriever
Role	Assistance Dog



THE PORCHWAY





Masonic Counselling Services



The Grand Master has endorsed a free of cost Telehealth counselling service conducted by Dr Ted Stephens our resident Psychologist for Freemasons and their families. Total confidentiality is ensured with no requirement to visit a GP clinic for a bulk billed Mental Health Plan. Any member or dependent can ask for a confidential mental health consultation by reaching out to Dr Ted directly.

About RWBro. Dr Ted Stephens OAM

Dr Ted brings to counselling a background as farmer, teacher, academic, school psychologist and family therapist.

He has been acknowledged for his work as a psychologist with the Advance Australia Award and Order of Australia for introducing the Peer Support Program and counselling in 600 Primary and Secondary schools.

Dr Ted Stephens has formal qualifications in psychology from three universities. Registered as a psychologist in 1989 he first practised in Victorian Primary and Secondary schools. Over the past ten years Dr Ted has been in private practice counselling clients across their lifespan including students and couples. He is also providing support for clients self-medicating on alcohol and other drugs and assisting with skills to deal with workplace bullying.

Brother Ted was initiated as a Freemason in 1961 at Lord Brassey Lodge in Leongatha. He was the Junior Deacon in the 1996 Grand Team and is now a member of the Berwick Balcara Lodge.

How to contact Dr Ted



To arrange a consultation, Dr Ted can be reached directly by SMS text on **0427 643 221**

Alternatively, you may reach out to the Grand Almoner, RWBro. Barry Minster at galmoner@freemasonsvic.net.au



The Grand Master's Message

The excitement of Freemasons Victoria success in collecting donations for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, in conjunction with the Uncle Bobs Club, is still front of mind.

We did good work. We had hi-visibility at dozens of 7-Eleven and APCO outlets, and we were recognised on Channel 7's Appeal telecast. But more than image positives, we helped the Hospital and its patients in a very real way, with the cheque presentation of a quarter-of-a-million dollars.

Thanks to all our volunteers and donors for an excellent job well done.

The Easter project came on top of our March Quarterly Communication, and the Grand Re-Installation.

Thanks to all those who voted at the Quarterly to carry MWBro. Garry Sebo's motion that the Team, after the past COVID-affected 12 months, be given two clear years to do our work. There is much to be achieved.

Continuity in organisations means a consistent existence of something over time. Predictability is healthy for a member-based society like ours and enables us to optimise our overall and financial planning.

At Freemasons Victoria, we have had a predictable form of succession planning that has worked well over many decades.

In Lodges, after being initiated, passed and raised, a Freemason usually progresses through yearly positions of Inner Guard, Junior and Senior Deacons, Junior and

Senior Wardens, before being installed as Worshipful Master.

One local Masonic observer likens it to a seven-year Masters of Business Administration course, where an Entered Apprentice finds his way – step-by-step - to become a skilled Master of men in that time. He gains necessary experience over time, and learns important life lessons to steer his Lodge.

GAOTU willing, I will serve as your Grand Master in 2021-22 and 2022-23. Providing that there are no impediments, Deputy Grand Master Tony Bucca will succeed me in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 years. He was elected 22 months ago, according to our rules. And his successor will also be elected by our usual practices.

This certainty and stability enables our fraternity to plan diligently for the necessary changes that challenge every organisation.

We have an extensive change process underway that is meticulously planning for how we will operate Masonically and commercially for the rest of the 21st century. An important part of the conversation is to include as many viewpoints as possible.

A vital piece of this process is consultation. Given some of the problems of the past few years, we have looked to adopt a philosophy of rapprochement towards past troubles. Forgiveness doesn't make the other person right; but it can help make our organisation be free of bitterness and rancour over matters we can no longer alter.

Freemasonry is a brotherhood with time-honoured values of dignity, loyalty and best conduct.

We will short-change our potential successes if we permit disaffected individuals to stray from anything but best behaviours.

So, whilst we explore changes to business structures and organisational charges for future years, we need to be clear that the core values of 'Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth' remain central to our doings. For the best possible outcomes, we all need to play by our Rules.

When we think positively, good things happen.

As true Masons, let us be happy and communicate that happiness to others.

MWBro. Richard Elkington
Grand Master
United Grand Lodge of Victoria





GRAND *Re-Installation* 2021 PHOTO GALLERY







High Tea & Bubbles





GRAND LUNCHEON



Special thanks to WBro. Thau Tsen from SEAVIC Lodge No. 8 for photographing the events of the day.



A Milestone for Victorian Freemasonry



Back: Illustrious Bro. Alan Tyndall 30°, Illustrious Bro. Shawn Momen 32°, Very Illustrious Bro. Stephen J Ruglen 33° SGIG, Most Illustrious Bro. Dominic De Candia 33° Grand Secretary General, Illustrious Bro. Garry Runge OAM JP 30° Grand Secretary UGLV and Illustrious Bro. Rahim Samat 31°.

Front: Most Powerful Bro G.W (Bill) Morgan 33° Sovereign Grand Commander and Illustrious Bro. Richard Elkington 32° Grand Master UGLV.

United Grand Lodge of Victoria & Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia sign a concordat

At the March Quarterly Communication, UGLV signed a concordat with AASR for Australia. Grand Master, MWBro. Richard Elkington said, "In many ways, we are codifying the existing cooperative arrangement that exists within the AASR for Australia as it does in Victoria with all Masonic Degrees practicing within this jurisdiction."

What is a Concordat?

In his address, Most Powerful Bro. Bill Morgan explained to attendees, and those who tuned in via live-stream, that a concordat is an agreement between two parties. Really, it is a memorandum of understanding with an alternative Rite of Freemasonry, not another Order, providing additional opportunities for Freemasons to make daily advancements in Masonic knowledge.

History of the Rite

The Supreme Council for England and the Supreme Council for Scotland approved petitions for Charters to establish Rose Croix Chapters in Australia, the first one being Metropolitan No. 1 in Melbourne in 1858. Until 1945 progress of the Order in Australia was slow but steady. After 1945 there was a marked impetus to the development of Rose Croix Freemasonry in Australia.

It was a natural development because of the growth of this Rite post 1945 that there should be a demand for a Supreme Council 33° for Australia. In

response to that demand, in 1984 the Supreme Council for England and the Supreme Council for Scotland conducted a vote of all their members and chapters. The result of this proving favourable, the two Supreme Councils moved to establish a Supreme Council for Australia and on 12 October 1985 the 'Supreme Council of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia' came into being. We are now one of more than 60 regular Supreme Councils operating in different countries throughout the world.

Message from the Grand Secretary

Unity –‘the state of being united or joined as a whole.’ Freemasonry in Victoria is once again moving forward in a unified manner. The Grand Master and his leadership team continue to implement change in the best interests of the Craft. The membership can now see a clear pathway towards complete unity while building on the principles of **Brotherly love, Relief and Truth.**

The Grand Secretariat is implementing change in processes and practices to provide a more enhanced service to the membership. Red tape continues to be cut, allowing Lodge Secretaries to perform their important duties. Recent training courses and the posting of ‘How To’ videos on the Freemasons Victoria website are designed to support Secretaries and enhance their experience.

Managing the finances of a Lodge is a critical aspect of maintaining good Lodge governance and practice. A full suite of information can be easily located on the Freemasons Victoria website under Member Resources.

As Grand Master MWBro. Richard Elkington commences his second term in office, consider the words in the address to the Grand Master delivered by the Installing Grand Master, MWBro. Hillel Benedykt, at the recent Grand Installation. Words such as **Fortitude,**

Prudence, Temperance and Justice outline the importance of the role of Grand Master who should cultivate at all times the golden tenets of **Brotherly love, Relief and Truth.**

As we move forward with change, I remind you that our Fraternity is one of great antiquity with many customs and traditions which must be upheld. Remember the golden tenets of our Craft and practice them on a daily basis. Through that practice we will be enriched in the bonds of Unity.

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





Service Awards

JANUARY 2021 - MARCH 2021

CONGRATULATIONS

50 Years

RWBro. David Kweitel	Lodge Fraternal	603
VWBro. John Housey	Monash Lodge	938
VWBro. Len Young	Kyabram Lodge	225
WBro. John Andrews	Sandringham District Lodge	220
WBro. David Buist	Lodge Amalthea	914
WBro. Geoffrey Condon	Lodge of Welcome	510
WBro. Brian Dawson	Glenelg Lodge	154
WBro. Dick Keuris	Barwong Lodge	868
WBro. Dennis Larsen	Moorpanyal Lodge	467
WBro. Stanley Lewin	Swan Hill Lodge	919
WBro. Lothar Prager	The King David Lodge	460
WBro. Brian Pugsley	The Mornington Lodge	160
WBro. George Redenbach	Gippsland Lakes Lodge	715
WBro. Philip Robinson	Leura Lodge	50
WBro. Joseph Schmidg	Sandringham District Lodge	220
WBro. Dennis Setterfield	Lodge of Balnarring	850
Bro. Rodney Alford	Colac Lodge	83
Bro. Ian Apted	St Andrews in the South	149
Bro. Charles Bratton	Lodge Amalthea	914
Bro. Russell Male	The Spring Vale Lodge	389
Bro. Ian Ross	Lodge Killara	259
Bro. John Skitzis	Gregorios Lodge	865

60 Years

RWBro. Hugh Campbell	Barwong Lodge	868
RWBro. Ronald Cameron	Barwong Lodge	868
RWBro. Paul Dean	Lodge Fraternal	603
VWBro. Alan Benson	Lodge of the Great Ocean Road	886
VWBro. Gordon McCombe	Euroa Vega	185
VWBro. David Salter	Sandringham District Lodge	220
VWBro. Thomas Tresidder	Moorpanyal Lodge	467
WBro. Roy Chappell	Colac Lodge	83
WBro. Leonard Chatfield	Phillip Island Lodge	512
WBro. John Hanby	Middle Park Lodge	206
WBro. David Jenkins	Lodge of Australia Felix	1
WBro. William Mitchell	Berwick Balcara Lodge	359
WBro. Thomas Riley	Robbie Burns Phoenix Lodge	88
WBro. Robert Thornton	Lodge of Australia Felix	1
WBro. Wilfred Webster	Dimboola Lodge	144
Bro. Basil Bowman	Guiding Star Lodge	922
Bro. Ronald Broom	Guiding Star Lodge	922
Bro. Ian Haskins	United Service Lodge	330
Bro. Joseph Shneider OAM	Lodge Fraternal	603
Bro. Eric Wertheimer	United Service Lodge	330

65 Years

RWBro. Edmund Giraud	Lodge Eos	880
RWBro. Edward Mackenzie	Sandringham District Lodge	220
VWBro. Leslie Anderson	Leura Lodge	50
VWBro. Kenneth Drew	Lodge Amalthea	914
VWBro. Alan Hayes	The Mornington Lodge	160
VWBro. Arthur McQuiggin	Monash Lodge	938
WBro. Brian Jaspas OAM	Rutherglen Lodge	188
WBro. Alan Reynolds	Lodge Liberation	674
Bro. John Dodgshun	The Brighton District Lodge	37

70 Years

VWBro. Allan Eldridge OAM	Essendon Daylight Lodge	861
RWBro. John Foster	Allara Lodge	855
RWBro. Robert Hess	Brunswick United Lodge	924
RWBro. John Jones	Warrnambool Lodge	34
RWBro. Maxwell Mathes	Ballarat-Yarrowee Lodge	10
RWBro. McGillivray Morse	Golden and Corinthian Lodge	7
RWBro. William Ray	Lodge Observance	654
VWBro. Bruce Syman	Cosmopolitan Lodge	96
WBro. Col. Bruce Addis	United Service Lodge	330
WBro. Douglas Bower	Weston Street United Lodge	94
WBro. Peter Leake	Glenelg Lodge	154
WBro. Colin Richards	Mildura Lodge	170
Bro. Wilfred Haigh	Altona Lodge	572



75 YEAR JEWEL

RWBro. George Raphael PDGM OAM

On 8 September 1945, whilst on leave from his ship, a young man named George Lewis Raphael joined his father's Lodge, the Passfield Lodge No. 520.

A few years later in 1947 Lodge Valiant No. 606 was consecrated and George joined the Lodge in 1950 together with six other members and 12 initiates.

Lodge Valiant, a serviceman's Lodge, was a perfect fit as many ex-servicemen were joining Freemasonry at the time. Brother George served in the Second World War with the Royal Australian Navy on ship HMAS Norman.

75 years later, George remains an active member of our fraternity. His service award was celebrated on 25 February 2021 with members of Keysborough Lodge.

Grand Master MWBro. Richard Elkington spoke with RWBro. George in front of guests who enjoyed stories of George's life and long-lasting association with our Craft. They discussed his initiation, his elevation to the Chair, his involvement with Grand Lodge teams and community works.

MWBro. Richard Elkington and WBro. Harry (Henry) Dickson, a long time friend, presented the 75 year jewel to RWBro. George Raphael along with George's stepdaughter Julie and her husband Peter.

In 2018, George presented Harry with his 75 year jewel. (See below).

Honours were given by members of the Lodge, a representative of the South East Masonic Centre (SEMC) Social Club and the SEMC board.

George continues to be a mentor to all and a great supporter to all Freemasons. 



RWBro. George Raphael PDGM OAM, was last featured in the Freemasons Victoria Journal back in 2018 when he attended the presentation of WBro. Henry Dickson's 75 Year Jewel.

"His 75-year service to the Craft was honoured on 14 February 2018 at the Berwick Masonic Centre in the presence of family, friends and his Brothers. RWBro. George Raphael asked Henry's son, John Dickson, to present the Jewel to his father, and his daughter Anne De Kok, proudly presented her father with the certificate" 





65 YEAR JEWEL

Distinguished Past Master's Jewel

From Dorset Freemasons, United Grand Lodge of England

VWBro. Jim Barham

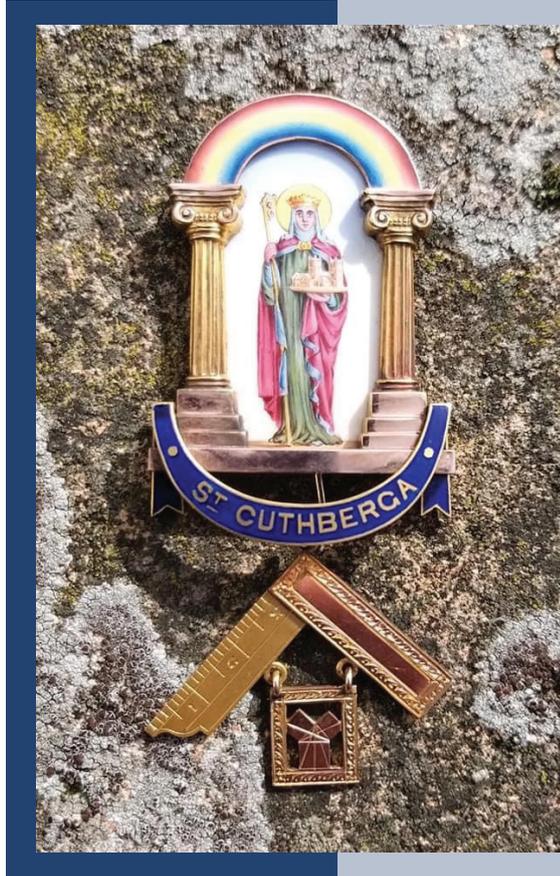
A belated 65-year Jewel was presented to VWBro. James (Jim) Barham, at Freemasons Stawell on 9 February 2021. Brother Jim was due to receive his service award on 2 April 2020, but like many, he had to wait.

On leaving school, Jim joined his parent's business in 1947 and later became a real estate agent, selling rural real estate for almost 70 years. Jim continues to be an active member of the Uniting Church where he has supported the local community for many years.

The night Jim was initiated on 2 April 1955, Jim's uncle presented him with an extract contained in the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Constitution (who was also the Chaplain of Marnoo Lodge for many decades).

Brother Jim has lived by the precepts and teachings of Freemasonry all his life. A man admired and revered in the community of Stawell.

Congratulations on 65 years. 



The Lodge of St Cuthberga 622 has recently gained custody of a Distinguished Past Master's (DPM's) Jewel presented to WBro. Henry Purchase in 1970. The jewel was offered to the Lodge by a family member. The jewel has an inscription on its reverse, "Presented to Henry Vernon Purchase PPGW in appreciation of his outstanding service to the Lodge."

The Lodge of St Cuthberga now has possession of ten DPM's Jewels.

By strange coincidence, and only a matter of a few days before, Brother Danny Cowden successfully won an online bid to purchase the '1937 Minutes of the Lodge of Instruction of St Cuthberga' which actually mentions Bro. Henry Purchase, noting

him as Inner Guard. How's that for a welcome "serendipity moment" to lighten the dark!

History of 622 DPM's Jewels - The present tradition of awarding a Past Masters Jewel to the WM after he has completed his year in office is a relatively new tradition adopted by the Lodge of St Cuthberga. Until this change was made a jewel was only awarded to Past Masters many years after they had vacated the Chair and after they had continued to give outstanding service to the Lodge. In the first 100 years of the Lodge of St Cuthberga only twelve jewels were awarded and 4 of them, including Lord Shaftesbury, who was also the Provincial Grand Master, each had to wait over 50 years for their jewel. It was considered in those days a truly great honour.

The original jewels were of gold but later editions were of gilt. It was hoped that the jewels would be returned to the Lodge after the recipient had passed to the Grand Lodge Above.



BEYOND THE CRAFT





Message from the Grand Master

Brethren,

The past 12 months have been trying for all and COVID certainly has tested our patience and resolve.

The use of Zoom has kept most of us together and we've improved our Masonic knowledge and understanding along the way. To all of those Lodge Secretaries and Brethren who have quickly mastered the new technology and used it to effectively to keep your Lodges and our Orders alive, I extend my special thanks.

I again extend my thanks to our Administrative Staff and Grand Lecturer and all who've assisted with lectures and talks and teaching us how to communicate effectively with and safely via Zoom.

We could look back at the difficulties and disruptions of the past year, but the better alternative is to look forward and work toward the future of Mark and Ark Masonry.

New younger members are the key to the future and our dedicated and experienced Freemasons are the stalwarts of the present.

Both groups are deserving of our attention and understanding. Their combined voices are what should be guiding our planning and strategic decisions.

As we look around our Lodges, we can clearly see that Freemasonry is again becoming a richly diverse organisation. Each member has something to offer and from each other we have something to learn.

Freemasonry should be a sanctuary of learning and personal development for all. It should provide a safe, peaceful, respectful and encouraging place for all good men.

We now draw closer to our Grand Installation and the end of my term approaches, no fourth year! I extend my thanks to all of my Grand Teams

who have generously given their time and dedication to ensure Mark and Ark Masonry has been well and diligently served.

I particularly thank the current team who has patiently sat in limbo for the past year. We could not foresee how long the COVID impacts would last, but you have stood by and remained ready to restart our ceremonial as soon as the opportunity arose.

The Mark and Chapter senior leaders have met almost every Wednesday for the past year, ensuring that we develop joint approaches to most of what we do. This has brought the two Orders closer together and allowed us to work as a strong and focused team.

Some of our decisions have been difficult but always in the best interests of our respective orders and our members in mind.

As we look forward to a Grand Installation like we have never seen before, and to slowly and safely restarting face-to-face meetings, we need to approach the future with careful optimism, supporting each other and our Lodges and finally seeing some Grand Teams work.

I take this opportunity to thank RWBro. Bill Jones GM-Elect and Penny for their support, friendship and company to myself and Lyn during my three years as Grand Master, it has been a fantastic journey.

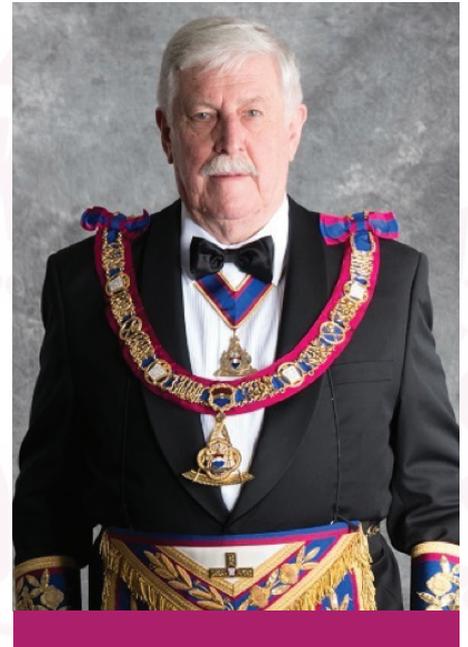
To my wife Lyn, I do thank her most sincerely for her continued support, company and assistance during my Craft, Mark and Ark journeys.

Mark well,

MWBro. Peter Julier

Grand Master

United Grand Lodge of Mark Master
Masons of Victoria





Message from the First Grand Principal

Companions,

This communication marks the end of my term of government over our Order, how different has it been, from ten months on the road performing installation ceremonies, toren-enactments of 100-year consecration ceremonies, and many service jewels, to fourteen months of virtual leadership via Zoom meetings learning a great deal about our order, seeing many Companions I have not seen for a long period of time. I am pleased to say that once I could move about our state and visit many of our members that they recognised me from their computer screen which was very encouraging indicating I was not quite "Peter Who" just yet.

At our January Quarterly Convocation, we had forty-one Companions along with the Grand Master and Deputy of the Grand Mark and the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of Grand Craft. What an exhilarating moment it was finally being back in harness and conducting a ceremony in a Chapter room, confirming many resolutions which had taken place at Zoom meetings.

I was very pleased to have nominated RtEmComp John Ives as First Grand Principal for the year 2021-2022 commencing 17 April 2021.

This nomination was supported by the companions in attendance. In his response John announced his Deputy –RtEmComp Len Lacey PDGZ GOrg, 2ndGrand Principal – VEmComp Brian Naismith PGSN, 3rdGrand Principal –RtEmComp Bruce Cowie PGJas his Grand Principals for 2021-2022 and I congratulate John and his team who have been waiting patiently to take office.

One of the great pleasures of being First Grand principal is being able to reward service to our Order. I was able to promote

RtEmComp Max Murray Grand Treasurer to PDGZ, for his constant and expert way he has kept the finances and other involvements in our Grand Chapter especially during the pandemic, along with REmComp Mal Hewish to PDGZ for his outstanding service in aiding our Grand Directors in their duties, also in his support in the Chapters as Inspectors of Workings. We are fortunate to have Companions of such stature amongst us.

The combined Installations were filmed during March and shown to all Companions and Brethren on April 16 and 17, commencing a new term of office over our Chapter and Mark Orders. I look forward to continuing to work with the Grand Mark and Grand Craft to build on what we have achieved over the last few years and I thank MWBro. Peter Julier and MWBro. Richard Elkington and MWBro. Keith Murray PGM for their support and cooperation.

Companions, I have been privileged to have been your First Grand Principal over the last two years, be that they have been very different, but I feel it has been a great experience. This has been even better by having the support of Helen throughout all of my activities, both Masonic and community.

Stay safe and well.

MEmComp Peter T Gurr OAM GZ

First Grand Principal

Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria
Most Eminent Companion Peter



Gurr OAM, First Grand Principal passing the Sceptre of authority to Right Eminent Companion John Ives DGZ, First Grand Principal-Elect who will be Installed as the new leader of Supreme Grand Chapter on 17 April 2021.





OTHER ORDERS



The Order of the Secret Monitor

Melon's Cottage

Bairnsdale's Order of the Secret Monitor donated \$5,600 dollars, with support from Freemasons Foundation Victoria, to Melon's Cottage for a multi-purpose swing.

Located in picturesque Lakes Entrance, Melon's Cottage is a holiday accommodation facility which stands in memory of Eli Charlie Simpson, fondly known as Melon, who lost his battle with cancer at 13 months old.

Members of the Order continued to support this worthy cause by restoring the yard by shifting mulch, pruning and replanting. They also helped level the slope toward the back of the yard. There are now five separate play or rest areas which are all wheelchair accessible. The entire yard refurbishment has now been completed.

'a wonderful haven for families'

The children now have access to a swing set, a sunny retreat with chairs, a slide and climbing set, a cubby house, a wet play station, an extra-large Jenga and chalk boards.

The cottage is fully self-contained, sleeps up to five people and has two bedrooms, a kitchen, lounge room, laundry and bathroom. It has a beautiful ambience with a memorial garden and swing set outside; a wonderful haven for families to regenerate and have some time away.

Thank you to Freemasons Foundation Victoria for helping to make this possible. 



The Early History of the Order of the Secret Monitor

The earliest history of the Order of the Secret Monitor (OSM) is somewhat vague and uncertain, but the modern system took root in London in 1887 when Dr Issachar Zacharie and a number of distinguished and likeminded London Masons who had previously received the Secret Monitor in their Masonic progress in various parts of the world, met on 5 May to form the Alfred Meadows Conclave (or Premier, No. 1) of the Order, with Dr Zacharie as its first leader. Matters progressed quickly and the Grand Council of the Order of the United Kingdom was constituted on 17 June 1887 with Dr Zacharie as first 'Supreme Grand Ruler', and with five warrants being issued by the end of 1887, including one for Penang, Malaysia. The Order grew apace, and from 1888, further warrants were issued for other far-flung parts of the Empire – including Southern and Eastern India, Burma, Jamaica, Singapore, South Africa and Australia. It was also in this first two years of the Grand Council that the modern degree structure for the Order was consolidated. 



OTHER ORDERS



Jacques DeMolay Victoria Chapter *Sponsored by Altona Lodge No. 572*



Joining civic youth groups is an excellent way for young people to develop good citizenship and solid virtues and have an opportunity to dedicate their lives to a higher cause. Within the Freemasons Family, Masonic youth groups like The Order of DeMolay are the beginning of that path.

DeMolay is a character-building and leadership development organisation for young men aged between 12 and 21. It has more than four million members from over 3,000 chapters worldwide – making it the world’s largest brotherhood of young men.

With challenges like climate change, geopolitical tensions and dwindling resources to name a few, the future needs great citizens and leaders of character. Alongside it, we see young people wanting to learn, to grow, to make a difference.

Today’s young people are by far the most educated, tolerant and generous generation in history. They

are growing up in a climate that highly values equality and diversity; it is a norm of their generation to donate time or resources to charitable causes; they are doers. They already possess the traits that Freemasons have!

DeMolay Australia has founded the First Chapter in Victoria, “Jacques DeMolay Victoria Chapter.” We call on to Freemasons to participate and help grow the Victorian chapter by promoting the organisation to your sons, nephews, grandsons – and encourage them to join! 



If you want further information on how to help or join, please reach out to Archie L Alvarez, Chairperson of the Advisory Council in Victoria at - info@demolay.org.au





CHANGE MANAGEMENT

2021

Coming together



In February members were invited to participate in a series of workshops aimed at giving all Brethren an opportunity to discuss options and priorities for the future of Freemasonry in Victoria. This was the first step of many towards a 'coming together' of Brethren across Victoria. MWBro. Garry Sebo and Professor Stephen Duns led the workshops with three main areas of discussion:

What needs to change at Freemasons Victoria?

What needs to change in my Lodge?

What needs to change in me?

Members were split into small groups for discussion, and groups changed with each new topic so that ideas were always fresh.

The four forums were a great success with many compelling ideas and some suggestions already being put into action.

The Grand Master recently announced a number of measures which would reduce 'red tape' for Lodges and the Grand Secretariat.





STEERING COMMITTEE

The formation of the Change Management Steering Committee is another step in 'coming together' for Freemasons Victoria. The focus of the committee will be to consider a report from The Ethics Centre which was made available to members in December 2020.

After expressions of interest were sought from members at large and discussions were held by MWBro. Sebo and Adjunct Professor Dr Stephen Duns with many of those considered to be qualified for appointment, the membership of the Change Management Steering Committee has now been finalised.

THE MEMBERS



MWBro. Garry Sebo PGM,
Sandringham District
Lodge, Chair



VWBro. Robert Brennand
PGIWkgs, Lodge
Amalthea, Deputy Chair



Bro. Ron Ferdinands MM,
Lodge Observance



WBro. Andrew Forbes PM,
Glenroy Lodge



WBro. Darren Poinen WM,
Trentham Lodge



Bro. Harry Pontikis
Master-Elect, Brighton
District Lodge



Bro. Jake Wilson FC,
Meredith Lodge



Adj. Prof. Dr Stephen Duns
Candidate and Facilitator.

In brief, the task of the Steering Committee is to consider the recommendations in the Ethics Report and to provide advice about the manner in which those recommendations should be implemented, varied or rejected. This committee will be supported in its work by a number of Working Groups.

Members can be assured that they will be consulted during this process and final decisions will not be made until after that consultation has taken place. Where required, the final decisions will be made by the members at formal meetings of Grand Lodge. MWBro. Garry Sebo PGM was appointed as Chair of the Steering Committee.



EDUCATION N

Freemasonry & William Hogarth's 'Night'

William Hogarth's "Night" is the fourth and last in the series entitled Four Times of the Day and is the most disorderly and violent of the four images and is the most widely known of Hogarth's Masonic influenced drawings. William Hogarth was born in 1698 (or 1697) in the parish of St. Bartholomew, London and became famous for his caricatures and satires.

In terms of Hogarth's Masonic career, there are indications that he became a Freemason sometime in the mid to late 1720s and that he was a member of the Lodge meeting at the "Hand and Apple Tree," Little Queen Street, London and later of the "Corner Stone" Lodge. Hogarth's name appears as one of the Grand Stewards on 17

April 1735 and he is credited with also designing the Grand Steward's Jewel for the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster.

The 'Night' is 29 May, the anniversary date for the restoration of Charles II to the English throne, hence the Charing Cross statue bust of Charles I in the background. The oak leaves on the alley-way signs and the hats of two of the men alludes to the English oak in which Charles II hid to escape the Roundheads following the Battle of Worcester in 1651. The story became popular after the restoration and was remembered every year as Royal Oak Day. So were the drunken Masons in the painting celebrating the restoration of the

monarchy or the Jacobite Kings in general, bearing in mind that one of the persistent accusations against Freemasonry at the time was that it was originally a Jacobite organisation.

The central characters in the engraving are a drunken Master of a Lodge being assisted on his way by the Lodge Tyler, both of whom bare the wounds of a recent skirmish of some sort. The aprons the Masons



William Hogarth self-portrait

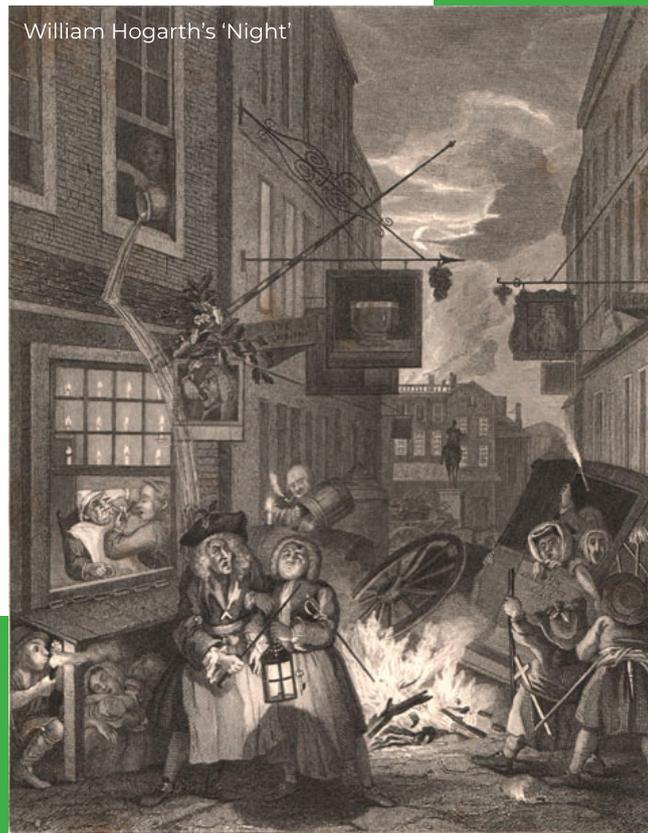
of gin-sellers, viewed as a hypocritical stance given his fondness for his own public drunkenness and debauchery.

The contents of the chamber pot being tipped on his head are perhaps an allusion to the lack of esteem for which he was held by the general public. However, are the contents of a chamber pot being tipped out the window, next to the symbol of an acorn, a subtle reference to the meaning given for the password leading to the Second Degree?

Hogarth's "Night" is a pertinent reminder for those who sometimes espouse a rather romantic view of Freemasonry in London and Westminster in the 1720s and 1730s, for it details the miseries of then current London life. From the drunken barber-dentist cutting his customer, with pots of blood resting on the window-ledge, under which a homeless family huddles, whilst the Masons bear the wounds of a recent fight, and in the background tenants with all their possessions in a cart flee their landlord by night.

are wearing are of interest as they are long, white, without any ornamentation and appeared to be tied at the waist by belts or tapes secured at the front.

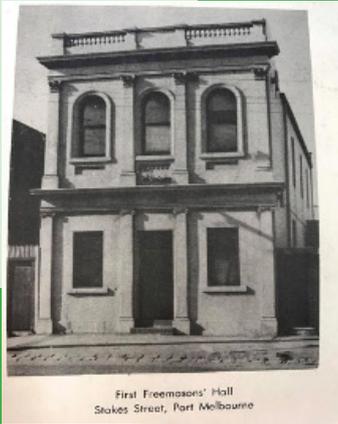
The figure of the Worshipful Master is generally accepted to be that of Sir Thomas Veil, a member of Hogarth's first Lodge, and a Magistrate at



William Hogarth's 'Night'



THE FIRST Lodge Building in Melbourne



First Freemasons' Hall
Stokes Street, Port Melbourne



The first known purpose-built Masonic Hall in Melbourne was at 18 Stokes Street, Sandridge (later known as Port Melbourne) built by Bro. Charles Gregory in 1858. The Lodge Hall was situated on the block of land bounded by Beach Street, Stokes Street, Rouse Street and Nott Street, which formed Block 1 in the Sandridge Township Plan and was among the first to be offered for sale.

The Gregory family were early residents in the Port Philip District for we find references in The Port Philip Herald for a R. K. Gregory; shop in Collins Street and Burgess in Lonsdale Ward, and Samuel Gregory resident shop Collins Street and also a Burgess in Lonsdale Ward, sworn in as a Special Constable before His Worship the Mayor 21 Oct 1845.

This may explain why The Crown Grantees for most of the Sandridge Township Plan Block 1 were S. (Samuel) and R.K. Gregory, and possibly why Charles Gregory, presumably a relative, built the first Freemasons' Lodge building in Melbourne on part of Block 1, whilst in 1859 Samuel Gregory built the Freemasons' (later Sandridge) Hotel on the adjoining site.

Samuel Gregory was a member of Lodge of Australia Felix, however that Lodge's records show he was suspended in default for non-payment of dues. Meanwhile, on the other side of the street, Thomas

Swallow was setting-up the Swallow & Ariell Biscuit Company. At the first meeting after the foundation of the Lodge, Thomas Swallow was initiated into Freemasonry.

The Lodge that met in the Sandridge Masonic Hall was the Sandridge Marine Lodge founded also in 1858, with an English Constitution warrant, No. 768, dated 21 December 1858. In a Victorian Masonic Directory from 1866, the Sandridge Lodge building is the only Masonic Hall listed in Melbourne at that time. Originally built as just a simple single-story structure, in February 1875 the Lodge held its first meeting at Stokes Street Hall after the addition of the second storey. The Sandridge Marine Lodge continued to meet in the Stokes Street Hall until 1917, when it moved around the corner to the Lodge's then new Masonic Hall in Liardet Street Port Melbourne.

At that time the original Stokes street building sold was to Swallow and Ariell Ltd for £400. The biscuit company still permitted the Lodge to use the Stokes St Hall for rehearsals, for a nominal rent, whilst the back room on the ground floor was rented to the Friendly Societies. The first purpose built Masonic Hall in Melbourne was a few years ago, converted into an apartment block with the front façade incorporated into the design.

The public Masonic processions and accompanying extensive press coverage for the laying of the Foundation Stones for the other early Lodge buildings of Melbourne, was in stark contrast to the lack of coverage in 1858 for the Sandridge Masonic Hall. The Hall did not have a Foundation Stone, so there was no Masonic procession and no foundation laying ceremony, consequently the construction of this Freemasons Hall was not reported in the press, and passed largely unnoticed.

Peter Thornton Memorial Lecture Prize

A 5000-word talk about colourful Victorian Freemasons in the back-and-white press on the 1800s has won the Peter Thornton Memorial Lecture prize run by the Victorian Lodge of Research.

Grand Master, MWBro. Richard Elkington, announced the result of the competition, judged by an independent judging panel at the March Quarterly Communication.

The lecture centres on press coverage of Victoria's early Freemasons, and includes details of a number of pistol duels held in the 19th century to settle disputes between Masons. The lecture was composed by VWBro. Ash Long, Grand Superintendent of Communication, who has donated the \$2,500 prize to five community groups.

Congratulations Brother Ash Long!



Victorian Lodge of Research No. 218

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

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

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



Library & Museum

Masonic Clothing and Regalia British and Continental

by VWBro. Ben Quick PGIWkgs

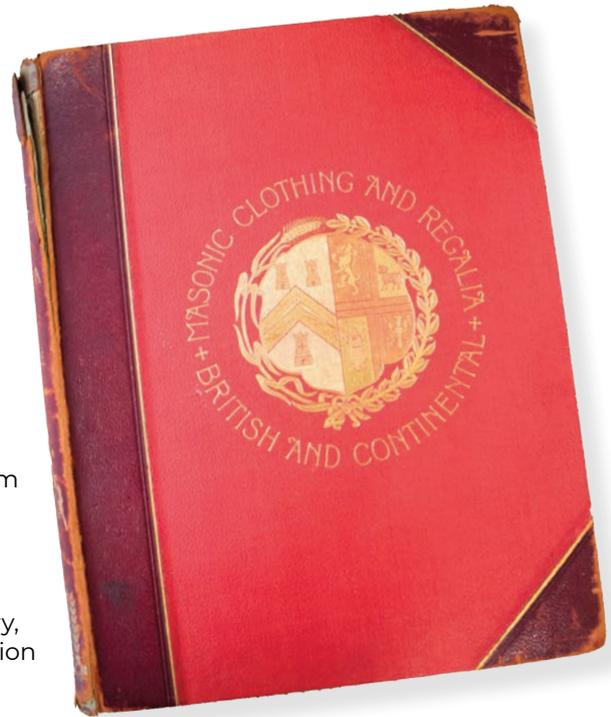
A rare item in the Library collection is a wonderfully illustrated book named 'Masonic Clothing and Regalia – British and Continental' by Fred J. W. Crowe. Published by Grange Publishing Works of Edinburgh in 1900, one of the two copies that our Library and museum own, with this book coming to our collection in 1917 after being purchased at auction for the estate sale of the Late Lord Allerton (Past Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire). Author Fred J. W. Crowe (Past Provincial Grand Officer of Devon) also authored the books "The Master Masons handbook", "The Scottish Master Masons handbook" and "The Irish Master Masons handbook".

Bro. Crowe's preface begins with the following... "Like its ritual and its ceremonial, the whole Clothing and Regalia of Freemasonry are highly symbolic and suggestive, and whilst the beauty and elegance of

design and wealth of colouring attract the eye and excite the imagination of the rank and file of craftsmen, the inner meaning, and the evolution from the ancestral type of leather or linen apron worn from 'time immemorial' by the operative Mason, interest the more advanced students of our history, and well reward their investigation and consideration".

He continues in his preface with references to papers wherein he professes his writings and submissions to 'Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, vol. v. 1892' are the first ever written as a distinct branch of research.

Finally Bro. Crowe ends his preface by giving us all a teaser of what is in store for the future... "Should the volume meet with the appreciation I confidentially anticipate, it is my intention to deal in a similar manner with Ancient Masonic



Clothing and Regalia, and also with the Clothing and Regalia of American and Australian Grand Lodges".

The images depicted are of 'Plates', all 36 plates in this edition have a very descriptive forward and history on each, some we would never have the opportunity to see up close, and others we would never see again.

Although our copies cannot be loaned they are on display at Freemasons Melbourne should you like to see the detailed illustrations.



◀ PLATE XVII - The Grand Orient of France



PLATE V - Clothing and Regalia of the Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland



PLATE XX - Grand Lodge of Greece



PLATE XXXII - Grand Lodge of Norway



PLATE XXXII - The "Grand Oriente" of Spain



PLATE XXXIII - Grand Orient of Hungary



PLATE XXXIV - Grand Lodge of Sweden and Grand Orient of Portugal

◀ PLATE XXV - Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes

PLATE XXXVI - The Grand Lodge of Egypt ▶





Freemasons Victoria Recovery Team **BACK TO BUSINESS**

Message from the FFRT CHAIR

Deputy Grand Master RWBro. Anthony John Bucca

It is pleasing to see that many Lodges have had face to face meetings this year albeit with restrictions in terms of capacity. It is also pleasing to note that Lodges are complying with directives of the FFRT and more importantly legislation and Victorian Government regulations.

Ceremonial work recommenced in March and there have been a large number of initiations conducted in accordance with the modified COVID-safe manual.

A number of Installations have also taken place again with modified ceremonial work.

Although there have been no community transmissions for some time at the time of writing, we must continue to be vigilant. The health of our Brethren and their families remains our paramount consideration.

Further announcements will be made following the next meeting of the recovery team.

We hope that restrictions continue to ease and that we will be able to have almost normal Lodge meetings before the end of the year.

KEY INFORMATION

QR CODES

From 27 March it is mandatory that QR codes used for electronic record keeping are linked to the Victorian Government. In the event of an outbreak visitor names, contact numbers, check-in date and time are shared with Victoria's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). At the time of publication the 2m² rule continues to apply at Masonic facilities and community venues.

SEATING

All attendees are to maintain proper social distancing. It is the responsibility of Centre Management to count the numbers of seats and work out how many people can be seated while still practicing social distancing.

ATTENDANCE

Lodge attendance is entirely voluntary. There is no compulsion to attend. There should be no prejudice

against any members who choose not to attend due to COVID.

VISITORS

Visiting Lodges across Victoria has resumed from Monday 1 March, subject to some conditions. The Worshipful Master, Lodge Secretary and Director of Ceremonies have a joint responsibility to know and supervise the maximum number of people able to be on the premises and ensure that this number is not exceeded. First preference under this attendance 'cap' must be members of the Lodge. If the number of members and visitors exceeds the number permitted on the premises, a number of the visitors (and subsequently, if necessary, members) must regrettably be declined admittance.

MASKS

Masks are required to be carried at all times. The voluntary wearing of masks when attending Lodge remains optional.

FFRT Manuals

The **FFRT Manual V2** (updated in January) and the **COVID-19 Modifications to Lodge Ceremonies** are the latest documents to assist you returning to Lodge safely. The most up to date versions of these documents can be found on the Freemasons Victoria website, freemasonsvic.net.au/member-resources/



We have migrated to

<https://freemasonsvic.net.au>

A revamped set of rules which govern .au domains and the .au Domain Administration (auDA) has come into effect in April 2021.

Key changes include changes to domain eligibility and allocation including major changes to eligibility for .org.au domains. It is now necessary to be a registered not-for-profit entity to hold a .org.au domain.

Since Freemasons Victoria is not a not-for-profit, we can no longer own the domain name <https://freemaosnsvic.org.au>. Freemasons Victoria had applied for the domain when the rules allowed for a 'club' to obtain .org.au status.

We have migrated back to our original domain, which many members are already familiar with.





Freemasons
Victoria

BECOME A FREEMASON

OUR THREE GREAT PRINCIPLES



Every true Freemason will show tolerance and respect for the opinions of others and behave with kindness and understanding to all people.



Freemasons are taught to practice charity and to care not only for one another, but for the community as a whole, through charitable giving and voluntary effort.



Freemasonry strives for truth and requires high moral standards of its members.

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.

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