

BP 488 Newsletter



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From our Worshipful Master



Craig Shankland
Was our new Master ... and an Apprentice new father. Much ritual and many nappies later he will soon become another Past Master. What a way to generate memories!

Dear Brethren all,

What an exciting month we have had; the July meeting was the highlight of the year with the double Second Degree with United Service Lodge. Bro Benjamin Casey and Bro Simon Morris, each members of United Service Lodge, were conducted through the ceremony of Passing by a combined team from both Lodges. Thank you to United Service Lodge for this opportunity of ceremonial work.

The preparation for the night took a bit to coordinate by our Director of Ceremonies, WBro Rob Kamer, to ensure each position and charges were suitably adapted for two candidates. Bro Adrian Kamer JW and Bro David Kamer SW took on Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon respectively. They spent many hours rehearsing the floor work with all the variations demanded for two candidates. All that commitment resulted in fantastic work by the whole team. To make the night even more special it was decided that military and Scouting uniforms be worn by all attending. The night was a wonderful success to see the colour-

ful mix of uniforms.

There are always little surprises that pop up on the night and this was no exemption for our DC. When it came to the preparation of the candidates for the ceremony, one candidate was wearing a kilt instead of trousers.

Even though the night was a long one the programme also included the obligation of our Master-Elect Bro David Kamer in preparation for his installation as Worshipful Master in September.

During the past month we recognised the loss of WBro Bob Youl PJGD to the Grand Lodge above. The funeral for Bob was well attended by Lodge members to say good bye to a man who always considered other people's welfare above his own, he will be missed and remembered. We had a fitting eulogy for him at the July meeting delivered by WBro Len Blanche along with a toast of port from Bob's own collection. The official visit to United Service Lodge was well attended and that was an excellent night for a 3rd degree; there was a special technique used to ensure no-one nodded off during the ceremony: the

air conditioning was on instead of the heating; it was chilly. The visit to our mother Lodge is always an enjoyable night. Friday 2nd September is the night of installation at The Lodge of Rapport and it has been a custom over the years that Baden Powell Lodge acts as stewards for the night and they return the favour at our installation later in September. We need to have as many members as possible attending. The working bee at Gilwell Park was a fantastic day with great weather. A detailed report was in the previous edition of the newsletter; thank you to all those who put in their time to make the day so enjoyable and also thank you to Annette Cook Scouts Victoria Branch Commissioner Environment for her assistance in coordinating the day. As we approach the final social event in my year as Master I do invite everyone to make the special effort to attend the Ladies' Luncheon on Sunday 11th September at Nelsons 382 in Wantirna South. The Social Secretary will happily record your bookings.

Regards,
Craig Shankland

Special points of interest:

- STRONG TIES WITH OUR MOTHER LODGE STRENGTHENED
- RECRUITMENT REMAINS THE LODGE'S HIGHEST PRIORITY
- EVERY MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECRUITMENT
- WE NEED AT LEAST FIVE CANDIDATES ANNUALLY
- SUPPORT FOR SCOUTING TAKES MANY FORMS
- A NEW BANNER, NEW PUBLICITY AND NEW CHANCES
- THE SHARED SYMBOLISM OF SCOUTING AND FREEMASONRY EASILY ILLUSTRATED

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What a Year That Was!

Every Master in every Lodge wonders what his year in the Chair is going to be like. Will my plans be enough, can I master the ritual, will my Team perform adequately, will the programme be exciting and sustaining? I guess it does not get any easier simply because one has been in the chair before.

Our Master, Craig Shankland, would have experienced these emotions and more as he embarked on his second year as Master last September. Not only was he trying to add to his previous record he also had a new baby to contend with and even the best relationships get strained with babies test-

ing the harmony at home.

A reflection over the last year says that Craig lived up to his Scouting background: Be Prepared and Do Your Best. Our Lodge was certainly given a year with a difference; Craig has given his successor a challenge.

October

Masonic education - Differences between World Constitutions

65 yr jewel to Eric Davey

November

Loss of Stan Barton, Tom Kilburn

Impromptu lecture - John Glover - The Pride of Freemasonry

December

Christmas Party in the hills at Emerald Lake

February

Annual Uniform Night

John Glover - Fellowship and Fantasy, Investitures and Initiations, Scouting and Freemasonry

March

3rd Degree Chris Parr

April

A Pathologist's Perspective of Ecclesiastes -

RWBro John Maynard, PDGM

Dinner at a restaurant

Old Orchard Winery

May

Official visit to North Melbourne

Full Opening and Closing

Man behind the Apron - Adrian Kamer

June

A Walk Through the First Degree

RWBro Merv Hallam PDGM

July

Consecration of Baden Powell Lodge NSW&ACT

Working Bee at Gilwell Park

Loss of Bob Youl

Double Second Degree for United Service

August

Official visit to United Service with North Melbourne.

Full Closing

A Night With a Difference!



Few Lodges would ever share the experiences that we shared during our double Second Degree in July. Vibrant colours, special links between Mother and Daughter Lodges, good ceremonial, some outstanding ritual and two excellent candidates.

What does this mean for the future? Learning to scope new activities, rejecting second-rate standards and accepting new challenges creates an exciting experience for all concerned. It makes a meeting worth attending and members wanting to return for more of the same. Most importantly, one can only speculate on the impressions given to the new Candidates.

Committee of General Purposes

The recent CGP meeting devoted extensive time to requirements for accreditation. Summaries of the meetings to all members will ensure they stay informed but Minutes are restricted because of confidentiality.

There is now a higher level of accountability expected of all office bearers so our meetings are better documented. Follow-up after meetings is rigorous and exacting as it ought to be.

The revised Lodge Resolutions will be distributed to all members annually to

ensure ready compliance and awareness of mutual obligations.

The changing profile of our membership causes concerns on several fronts. Older members lose their ability to deliver at the standards we are accustomed to and become reticent to work. More members of pensionable age seek Country Membership status and Lodge finances become challenged. Older members are unable to tolerate late meetings so attendance rates drop. Social programmes need to be different and timed differ-

ently. Even catering needs alter. These challenges are being addressed.

Recruitment is the other major challenge. We need to recruit at least five new members annually. Those new members must want to develop, advance and take office. Coercion is not an option but neither is indifference. Every member is urged to be alert to potential new members and to encourage the members we do have.

A massive publicity drive is being planned.

You could be co-opted to help. Be prepared.

ACCREDITATION IS A DYNAMIC PROCESS INVOLVING MANY PEOPLE, NOT ONLY LODGE OFFICERS. IT CANNOT BE COMPLETED IN ONE SHORT SESSION.

Support for Scouting

Our Lodge is committed to supporting the Scout Association in whatever way we can. Opportunities present in many ways but we ought to be selective to ensure the best publicity for the Lodge whilst achieving the best outcomes for Scouting. New members will reflect the perceived value of what we do.

Rover Dinner
October 22, \$46 per head

The Lodge is forming a table, uniform must be the current design, lounge suits are acceptable, ladies are welcome to attend.

Vic Branch ARAP
November 18, Monash University

This is more than the usual AGM of the past. Our presence will be noted by many Scouting VIPs. This is passive publicity but at the highest level. All members are welcome to attend.

Rover Service Award
This slipped in significance in the past but has returned to its rightful place recently. The Rovers want to retain it, we need to ensure it is more appealing and competitive. New publicity from the Lodge will help achieve this.

Gilwell Park Projects

The Lodge has a high profile at Gilwell Park, several members are constantly involved with Gilwell projects. These are high value projects because of the extensive exposure to numerous Scouting members. There is scope for many more over future years.

Branch Special Activities Committee (BSAC)

Tony Eijgendaal was our initial representative on this committee, soon to be replaced by Jon Franklin. The Lodge enjoys equal status on this committee with the Special Activities team and can use the contacts to great effect.

A New Lodge Banner

Designs are being finalised for a new Lodge banner for use on external activities such as working bees. It will be easily portable and accessible to anyone who can use it. Anyone with creative thoughts for the banner may like to speak with Doug Waldron.



If Scouting is for youth and Freemasonry is for men then this Lodge must actively create links between upright young men, Scouting and Freemasonry. We cannot afford to overlook the significance of the Rovers.



Uniting Masonic Principles and the Scout Law in thought, word and deed.

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Monthly updates, previous copies of Newsletters, opportunities for you to suggest changes

An elderly man wearing a dinner suit and carrying a regalia case is stopped by the police around 1 a. m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, "I am going to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body".

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"
The man replies, "My wife."

Scouting and Freemasonry Illustrated



Much is made of the similarities between Scouting and Freemasonry. If you can draw the parallels between these sets of symbols then you have the whole picture. (The tree is *the* Gilwell Oak.)

Do Your Best to Be Prepared to Look Wide and to be of Service.



Success

A person is a success
Who has lived well,
Laughed often and loved much;
Who has gained the respect of adults
And the love of children;
Who has filled his niche
And accomplished his task;
Who has never lacked appreciation
Of earth's beauty or failed to express it;
Who leaves the world better than he found it,
Who looked for the best in others
And gave the best that he had.

A Short Course in Human Relations

The six most important words
I admit I made a mistake
The five most important words
You did a good job
The four most important words
What is your opinion?
The three most important words
If you please
The two most important words
Thank you
The one most important word
We
The least most important word
I