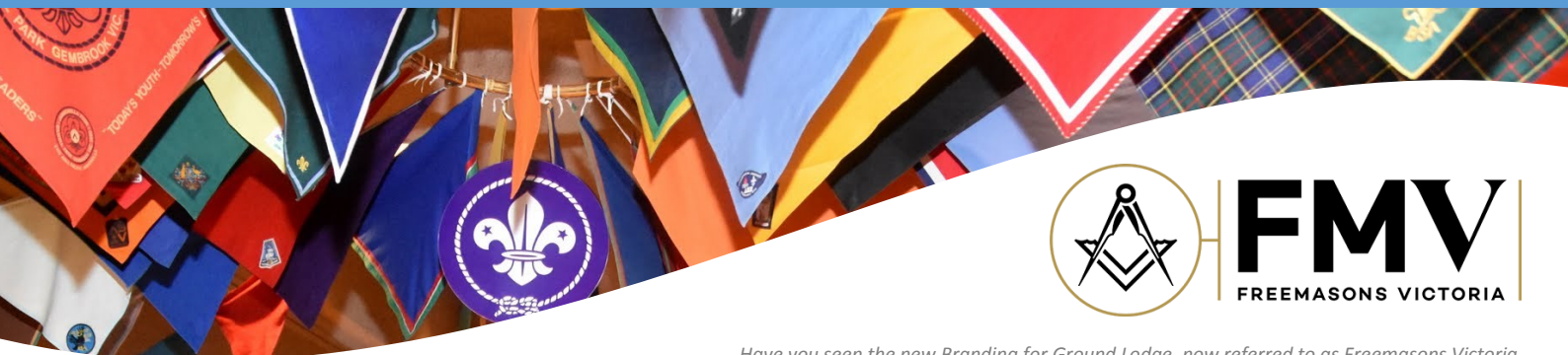




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Occasional Newsletter of the
Baden Powell Lodge No 488 UGLV



FMV
FREEMASONS VICTORIA

Have you seen the new Branding for Ground Lodge, now referred to as Freemasons Victoria (FMV)? Why not visit the FMV website to see the new changes which are currently filing through to individual lodges.

Founder's Night Success

The Lodge Annual Founder's Night was a sell out occasion and, once again, a fantastic night of celebration, reunion, recognition and promotion.

We were honoured with the presence of our Grand Master and his escort together with Freemason's Victoria CEO, Jane Sydenham-Clarke, the Scout Deputy Chief Commissioner, Jon Willis and the State Commissioner, Rover Scouts, Bro Jody Freeman.

The evening commenced in the Lodgeroom where the winning Rover Crew of the annual Crew Service Award were presented with their certificates, honour board and banner. The Mahogany Rover Crew travelled all the way from Warnambool to be presented with this award and were later hosted at the 6th Box Hill Scout Hall.

Whilst in the Lodgeroom Wor Bro. The Hon. Michael Baden-Powell also presented our Grand Master with a framed certificate and scarf from the Agoonoree in recognition of the continued support by FMV towards Scouting.

Retiring to the supper room our members and guests enjoyed an opportunity to socialise with Scouting and non

Scouting friends.

Our WM set a target for the night to raise £1000 to assist with the repatriation of the Rolls Royce & Caravan (Jam Roll & Eccles) presented to BP at the Arrowe Park Jamboree.

To assist with this fundraising there were the regular raffle prizes together with an auction of unique and well sought after items including a camp blanket tirelessly prepared by Joan Bradd.



The evening included our regular campfire songs under the direction of Su Perins and Wor Bro Darren Brain.

Bro. Phil Davenport proposed an excellent toast to the Scout Movement and this was responded to by the Deputy Chief Commissioner, Jon Willis, who gave a detailed account of the great work and fantastic growth that Scouting Victoria has seen over the last 10 years.

In his address our WM thanked the Odonata Rover Crew (winners of the 2016 Rover Award) for their hard work as stewards throughout the evening. A BP Lodge scarf was also presented to our Grand Master and Grand Director.

INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION

- Founder's Night Success
- Charitable Giving
- Budget Benefits
- BP Lodge Family Grows
- New Members
- Facebook Page

Lodge Charitable Giving



With the assistance of the Freemasons Foundation the Baden Powell Lodge has been very successful over the past 12 months to support a number of worthy causes. This is in addition to the regular minor donations the Lodge provides to various initiatives and causes such as the District Charity.



With the great work undertaken in Wor. Bro. Charles Charalambous' year the Tende Beck Scout Group (focussed on bringing scouting to young people with disabilities and special needs) was do-

nated \$10,000 towards much needed repairs on their Scout Hall. This was presented in November last year.

The charity during V.Wor Bro. Russell Bradd's year as Master was the restoration Cleve Cole Hut at Gilwell Park. "Cleve Cole has a long and deep history with both Scouting and Freemasonry. As a Scouter and adventurer, he founded the "Lone Scout Section" for those in the movement who, due to their location, were unable to attend their regular Scout meetings. He was also the foundation treasurer of our Lodge.



A cheque to the value of \$11,450 was presented during our Founder's night this year.

As mentioned earlier the Lodge managed to raise £1,000 to assist the repatriation of Jam Roll & Eccles to Scouting the UK.



The Lodge preparing an application to the Foundation to bolster monies already raised for the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

We are also hoping to raise in excess of \$10,000 for the acquisition of defibrillator machines for various Scout Camps around the state.

Budget Benefits

The finance sub committee have been working hard over the past few years to ensure financial resilience of the Lodge through some great work on the Budget.

Under the direction of our treasurer, Bro. Doug Waldron, and the support of our Planning & Committee of General Purposes there have been a number of successful initiatives to bring the budget under control.

As a result of this work the Finance committee are hoping that, as of next financial year, every meeting (including Founder's Night) will be free for members.

New Bank Details

As part of reducing costs and providing simplified payment systems the Lodge has recently moved its accounts across to the Bendigo Bank.

With the aid of online banking we can make reimbursement payments quickly & easily. As with the recent Founder's night we also have access to free EFT facilities.

These are the main account details:

BSB: 633 000
Account No: 159260371

New members

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed a number of new members to our Lodge. Please make yourself known to these members who are as follows:

Initiates:

- Bro. Laurence Clarke
- Bro. Scott Harrison
- Bro. Paul Clifford

Joining Members:

- Bro. Robert Millen
- Wor. Bro. Doug Mackrill

BBQ In the Hills



Our next social event will be occurring at the relaxing environment of Gilwell Scout Camp. This is a great opportunity to see some of the great work being undertaken by the volunteers & financial support by the Lodge.

RSVP:
22nd May 2017
Phil Davenport - JW
0409 197 211
social@badenpowelllodge.com

Please let us know what you plan to bring and share.

When:

Sat 27th May 2017 from 11am

Where :

Gilwell Park Scout Camp
"The Lodge" - Enter via Gate 5
Gembrook-Launching Place Rd
Gembrook
Melways Ref. 299 F1

How Much:

\$10/person for members & wives/partners
Guests & Children Free

What to Bring:

Salad, Sweet or Fruit to share
Chairs & BYO Drinks

Lodge will supply:

A selection of meats, bread, soft drinks

Master's Message

Ladies and Brethren,

With four months to go, there is still a great many things happening. Firstly, over the past month or so we have welcomed two extra members to our wider Lodge community. At our last meeting we Initiated Paul Clifford into our fraternity and we welcome him, Joanne and the kids into our family. Brethren, Paul is going to be one to keep an eye on. His enthusiasm for the Craft is very high and is looking forward to stretching his Masonic knowledge. He has also just changed his Warrant to GL of 7th Cheltenham. Secondly, Sarah and I congratulate Sam Popilko (our Fellowcraft) and Blanche on the arrival of baby Violet and look forward to meeting them at our next social.

WOW! The re-enactment of the Masonic meeting near King Solomon's Temple by the ANZAC's in 1917, last weekend was certainly an awesome experience. Not just the meeting itself down the Central Deborah Gold Mine but also at the South and certainly in the organisation that went into it. Thank you to those BPL members that supported this activity. I have had many congratulatory praises from Masons and friends as to the experiences and comments they have heard from others regarding the weekend. We did our Lodge proud. This was the first time that a meeting was held down in the mine at Bendigo and we are now working hard to ensure that the Freemasons in Bendigo get the rewards from such an occasion. Personally, I learnt some key lessons in the 'behind the scenes' organising for this event including all the safety and security concerns and timetabling. For example, a week prior to the event, the Mine management contacted us and said there was a problem with the oxygen

levels in the Mine! Wow, who would have thought we'd have to ask Brethren to hold their breath!

The Defibrillator Initiative has certainly taken a good leap forward. We are now confident, with the help from Wor. Bro Peter Rutley, State Commissioner Campsites, that the following Campsites are in need of a Defib: Gilwell (Training Ground), Mafeking, Bay Park, Eumeralla, Tree Tops, Warringal, Pax Hill and the Rover Chalet at Bogong and the BRC head office. These 9 defibs will be a huge asset to Scouts Victoria and the Branch Rover Council and will further strengthen the Lodge's resolve in assisting all Scouters and youth members right across the State. With your support, in selling as many Monster Scout Raffle tickets as possible and towards our Trivia Night in July, I have no doubt, that we, as a Lodge, can achieve this result.

On the 27th May the Lodge is having a BBQ at Gilwell and Sarah and I are looking forward to seeing you all up there with some interesting entertainment I believe.



Worshipful Master's Travels

Our WM and SW recently spent a fantastic evening with a number of Members of the Baden Powell Lodge 350 WA during a visit to Perth.

This group included the newly installed WM, Wor Bro. Brian Hill. Our Worshipful Master commented that "...it was great to see this Lodge now has every floor office filled with a Master Masons. Onwards and Upwards!".

Wor Bro. Chris went onto say that it was an opportunity to swap many great ideas. Also commenting "Thanks also to my SW, and ME for joining my family this evening".



In February our Worshipful Master travelled to New Zealand with his family to holiday and visit the Baden Powell



Lodge of New Zealand for the Installation.

He was made to feel very welcome and the Baden Powell Lodge NZ was very honoured to have him attend.

In March Wor Bro Chris travelled down to Koo Wee Rup for the presentation of the Baden Powell Award (pinnacle awards in the Rover Scout sec-



tion) to Jess Berton from the Odonata Rover Crew. For her BP, Jess earned her wood beads for the Rover section and her community development project was to learn Auslan and create programs for each section of Scouting to teach them some basic Auslan. Jess



also signed most of her presentation, including her speech.

The Odonata Rover Crew were the winners of the 2016 Rover Crew Service award and provided some great support for our last Founder's Night.

Dig Deep for Legacy!

Last month six of our brethren were fortunate to join with the Monash Gully Masters Group in conjunction with Bendigo Freemasons to commemorate the lives and sacrifices of Australian Armed Service men and women.

The event, entitled "Dig Deep For Legacy", consisted of a historic lodge meeting 62 meters underground in the Central Deborah Gold Mine in Bendigo, Victoria where the ceremony of the Unknown Soldier was carried out, followed by a fantastic fundraiser dinner to raise funds for the important work that Melbourne Legacy does to support war widows and families.

The State President of the Blue Lounge Social Club Bro Jack Nathan Aquilina was invited to be the honorary guest speaker at the fundraising dinner where he spoke about the legacy of those fallen hero's who have died in conflicts past, the lessons that Freemasons Victoria has imparted to change his life and why the craft is more relevant than it has ever been.

MWBro Bob Jones, Past Grand Master of Freemasons Victoria, provided an introductory speech which was well received by all.

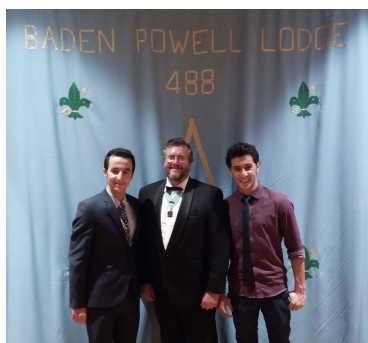


April Meeting

Our April meeting was one of mixed emotions as we learnt of the journey that Saad & Omar Al Kassab took from war torn Syria to Australia.

The young men fled with their family from the bloody civil war in Syria to Egypt via Lebanon before eventually seeking refuge with an uncle in Australia in 2013.

The brothers were also part of the Syrian Scouts



and provided food and aid to those affected by the bloody war. Their scout leader was kidnapped and tortured to death during a targeted attack when police caught wind of the humanitarian work being carried out.

Saad & Omar talked about learning English by watching the parliament question time.

Both young men are continuing their links with Scouting by becoming active members of the Cleve Cole Rover Crew.

We're on Facebook !

As of May 2nd our Lodge officially has a Facebook page. Titled "Baden Powell Lodge No 488, UGLV" this is a closed group page which will serve to share information on Lodge activities.

Those members who are on Facebook should join the page to help keep abreast of current and future activities.

Thanks to Wor. Bro. Peter Trener for setting this page up. Check out the page sometime soon. Head to:

www.facebook.com/groups/badenpowelllodge/



Congratulations Neville



Our April meeting commenced with the presentation of the 65 Year Jewel to R.Wor Bro Neville Lee PSGW.

A man of undisputed accomplishment, Neville has a history of community service that is second to none. He didn't make Assistant Chief Commissioner of the Victorian Branch for nothing, either.

Wor. Bro. Sid Smidt PGStdB detailed that along with Neville's time in Scouting and Freema-

sonry he also served 9 years as a Councillor in the old City of Camberwell where he was the youngest person to serve as Mayor.

Neville also had a long and distinguished connection with Rotary International which he joined in 1978 and amongst other activities, led three teams of volunteers to Papua New Guinea, erecting school buildings and dormitories at Popandetta.

Along with his Masonic awards and achievements Neville has also been recognised by receiving:

- Medal of the Order of Australia
- Paul Harris Fellowship (Rotary)

- Service above Self Award (Rotary)
- Medal of Merit & Bar (Scouts)

It was fantastic to see Neville at the Lodge. Over the past many years he has been occupied in caring for his wife, Helena, who sadly passed away in June last year.

Neville as Region Commissioner of East Suburban Area



TRIVIA & SPIT ROAST NIGHT

Saturday 29th July
from 6pm

Whites Lane Scout Hall
Whites Lane, Glen Waverley
(near cnr. Watsons Rd)

\$30/Adult

\$15/Child (under 16)

Includes:

**Spit Roast Meats,
Salads, Deserts,
Tea & Coffee.
BYO Drinks**

A great night of fun and
entertainment for the whole
family

Secure your tickets at:

www.trybooking.com/QAYR

All proceeds will go towards the Lodge
Defibrillator initiative.

For more information contact: Phil Davenport 0409 197 211
social@badenpowelllodge.com

Secure your pin !



The commemorative special edition pin showing the connections between Freemasonry and Scouting are now available.

To secure your copy of the pin contact our Junior Warden, Bro. Phil Davenport on 0409 197 211 or email him at social@badenpowelllodge.com

Measuring 20mm x 19mm they are great value at \$10 Each.

Please provide your feedback and contributions on The BP Times to
newsletter@badenpowelllodge.com

LODGE PROGRAM

May 2017 - Double 3rd Degree Ceremony

Note - 7pm Tyle

June 2017 - 2nd Degree Ceremony

July 2017 - Talk by Kim Wells MP

"My debt to Scouting"

*Note - This will be held on Mon 17th July
at the Keysborough Masonic Centre*

August 2017 - Master's Last Night

September 2017 - Installation