

BP 488 Newsletter



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From our Worshipful Master



Craig Shankland
Our new Master ...
and a new father.

Dear Brethren all,

What a month we have had in May. At our meeting we welcomed an official visit by the Master and Brethren from our mother Lodge, United Service 330. As always we enjoy the visit from them in their military dress but on this occasion we had the addition of a timely accidental fanfare from a mobile phone.

The evening was filled with extremely informative Masonic Moments and a very high standard full closing ceremony; well done to all officers for this high level of floor work which was praised by our visitors. The presentations by RWBro Warwick Pace who presented "The Four Cardinal Virtues", VWBro Max Martin "The Mark & the Chapter" and WBro David Stewart "A brief look into Rudyard Kipling's Masonic History" were well done and greatly appreciated. Thanks to WBro David Stewart for his continuing contributions for the Masonic Moments; we are considering collecting them into a publication for members. In the South we were enlightened by the academic challenges and

accomplishments of our JW, Adrian Kamer, in his studies and clinical placements. Adrian sees and assists people in the community who face life challenges far greater than we can imagine; keep up the great work serving people in need.

This month we also held the Past Masters' meeting. This is traditionally the night for the Master-Elect to present his team and the planned calendar along with any other topics that need addressing. Following Bro David Kamer's presentation of his plans the topic of new members was discussed. Baden Powell Lodge, like much of Freemasonry, is facing the challenge of finding new members. We all need to try to find gentlemen wishing to join us and then we must work extra hard to retain them.

The Committee of General Purposes was also held with great discussions of Lodge management. A reminder to the brethren that we have representatives for the Master Masons & Past Masters on the committee and should any member require a topic brought to the meeting to approach their representative or the

Lodge secretary.

What is coming in Baden Powell Lodge? In June we will welcome RWBro Merv Hallam to present his famous "Walk through the First Degree". We are all looking forward to this very informative presentation. Our July meeting will be a very busy night as we host a double Second Degree for United Service Lodge and also obligate Bro David Kamer M.E. in the Second Degree prior to his installation in September. August will be my last night with a full closing and membership presentations in the South.

Plans for the next social functions are being finalised. Our day at Gilwell Park will be a working bee in the new Environment Centre. We will assist in the cataloguing of the numerous items they have for use in teaching the Scouting members about the environment. Our September function has changed from the original; we are now holding a lunch in Wantirna South.

I look forward to your support at each of these functions.

Regards,
Craig Shankland

Special points of interest:

- WORKING BEE AT GILWELL PARK
- SCOUT RAFFLE RAISES SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS FOR THE LODGE
- BADEN POWELL LODGE NSW CONSECRATION CLOSE
- RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS IS A CONSTANT CHALLENGE
- APRIL MEETING FORMAT WORTH REPEATING

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Know Our Members ... Warwick Pace, PSGW



Warwick was born in 1937 in Fairfield, and because his father was a teacher they moved to Armadale, Essendon and Yallourn. While at Yallourn, Warwick joined the 1st Yallourn Cub Pack. The family then moved to Hartwell where he joined the 1st Hartwell Scout Group. From Cubs he became a Scout, then to Seniors and received his Queens Scout Award, then on to Rovers.

While still a Rover he was ASM to the 1st Hartwell 'Buna' troop. For a short while he was Rover Leader and Warwick describes this as "a complete disaster", so he returned as Scoutmaster to which he was better suited. He was appointed Assistant District Scoutmaster for Scouts in Camberwell, and finally Assistant Area Commissioner for Scouts in East Suburban Area. During this time Warwick was also a member of the National Training team.

When Warwick was 20

years old he asked his father, Bro Bill Pace of Warrions Lodge, to propose him into the Lodge. His father refused, and said, Wait till you are 21 and then talk to Alistair Clark, Peter Edmonds, and Fred Watson. They are connected with a Scouting Lodge, and I think you would be better suited there. Maybe this proves 'Father knows best'.

At 21 years of age Warwick was initiated into Baden Powell Lodge, and held every floor position and finally became master in 1970. Bro Bill Pace had twice got to Senior Warden, but never Master. Warwick felt he had finally gone one better than his Father. Warwick was invited to be a Junior Grand Deacon in the 1973 Grand Lodge team. As he was in his thirties, this was a departure from the usual older members of Grand Lodge. The younger members in that team were instructed to mingle with the younger Freemasons in the Lodges they visited.

Warwick is a Radiographer and holds both Australian and British qualifications, and worked at the Royal Children's Hospital, was Chief Radiographer at Box Hill Hospital for 27 years, and did locums for the Angliss Hospital and Maroondah Hospital and of course for three Scout Jamborees.

Now retired, genealogy is one of Warwick's hobbies, and he is also a puppy raiser for Guide Dogs Vic. Digital photography and use of Photoshop on the computer also keep him busy. Soon after his retirement he was a semi-professional calligrapher for a few years.

Regrettably, Warwick is suffering from memory loss, and has difficulty in remembering ritual, which is a great disappointment to him, as he would love to be able to assist in the Lodge work.

Warwick is married to Jeanette, and they have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

DID YOU
KNOW?

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RADIOGRAPHERS
KNOW ALL THE
POSITIONS

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FOR WHAT ...
IS THE SECRET

A Riddle

Craft Freemasonry has three Degrees, the Scout Promise has three elements, the Scout Sign uses three fingers, there are three radiographers in this Lodge.

Why do these three photographs mean so much to Warwick Pace?



Scout Monster Raffle

Nick Rinkel and Tony Eijgendaal earn the prize for commitment, ingenuity and perseverance when it comes to the recent Scout Monster Raffle.

They took the initiative with the Scout Monster Raffle, and after obtaining permission from Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre Management, set up a stall.

Shoppers' response was positive. So much so that Tony and Nick spent four days in shopping centres.

All books have now been returned and it appears that the Lodge has raised over \$850 for Scouts. Well done! A special thank you to Tony and Judy for their enthusiastic coordination of this task.



Recruiting for Baden Powell Lodge

Recruiting creates the future for our Lodge. Every Lodge tries to work the three Degrees annually but our Lodge has failed in that respect recently.

The new MAP concept specifies time constraints before Degree ceremonies

and routine administration contributes to delays before new candidates can be admitted.

Unless a recruit can be enticed NOW we have little hope of doing all three Degrees in the 2011-12 Masonic year. That

creates a challenge for us all. Who is up to it? Can we establish new records for the Lodge?

Unless we recruit 10% of our membership annually we will continue declining until the momentum overwhelms us. Let's Do Our Best.

**RWBRO GREG
GODING'S RECIPE
FOR
SUCCESSFUL
LODGES**

A Meeting With a Difference



Our April meeting was unique: convened in the Rehearsal Room, a fascinating lecture on Ecclesiastes from a Pathologist's Perspective, the Festive Board in a nearby restaurant. How often have we dined in tuxedos in a public restaurant open only to our group?

This was creative programming at its best, something to which we should aspire more frequently.

Few would have heard RWBro John Maynard's presentation in the past: few in the Lodge would have understood his scientific details but all appreciated the focus on a passage we love dearly and fewer still would have contemplated delicious pasta after viewing pathological specimens. This was a night to remember.

What stood out most? Was it John's passion and knowledge? Was it the impact on Chris Parr, our newest MM or was it the personal impact on those of us who had contemplated the real meaning of the Third Degree many years ago?

Let's have more of the same.



1. IMPROVE HARMONY
2. SLICK BUSINESS
3. IMPRESSIVE RITUAL
4. QUALITY FESTIVE BOARD
5. ELIMINATE THE CRINGE FACTOR

Remember Baden Powell Lodge in Sydney

Some of our members will be attending on 9 July. Will you? Please advise our secretary immediately to help the planning.



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

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From the Mouths of Babes ...

1. A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'
2. A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.' 'And why not, darling?' 'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

Annual Rover Dinner

The Annual Rover Dinner will be held on Saturday 22 October. Further details will be published here as they become available. If this Lodge is genuine about its desire to serve the Rover Section in a way that might help entice new members into our Lodge then this is

one most tangible way of doing so. We should start planning now to make up a full table of 10 including some in Scout uniform and others in dinner suits. Perhaps we even need a table banner for the Lodge. Anyone interested?



The Mason's Tools

A tool resting upon a shelf
Can do nothing by itself.
But if taken up with purpose pure
It can build and shape for sure

The Mason's tool will help him grow
If he looks inside to learn and know
The tool has a greater message for each
As life's important lessons it does teach.

That tool in his hands can change his life.
Raise him above mortal strife
Used with purpose and with care
He can build a temple fair.

Some tools give a standard true,
To measure our lives through and through
While others shape a character fair
As we learn their lessons there.

The compass around us a circle draws
In which we overlook our flaws
With the plumb line and the level we meet
Others.
Upright and true we travel with our brothers

The gavel governs and teaches all alike
That our rough edges from us we should strike
Smoothing and shaping as a block of stone
Ready to stand before God's holy throne.

With a twenty-four inch gauge
time is divided into work and rest,
Service to God and to our fellow man -
measured and laid out - drawn by the best.
A trowel binding into a sacred group
spreads the cement of brotherly love
Masons building, learning and growing -
guided with light from above.

We use our tools most sublime.
And take them up our lives to shape
Tools for learning - tools for growing
Tools for building - tools for knowing.

And when at last our journey ends
And from our hands the tools fall
When tis time to "Part upon the square"
May it be said of each and of all

He knew the lessons which were taught
And with those lessons hard he wrought
To build a character so sublime
One noble, upright, pure and fine.
One which stood the test of time.

