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Lodge Program

April

Lecture - Board of Benevolence

May

Presentation on the "Life and Times of Sherlock Holmes"

June

Presentation by John Glover - "The Hidden Mysteries of Nature and Science"

July

50 Year Jewel Presentation to Bob Collins
Election of Master Elect
Closing in Full.

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Projects completed at Gilwell Park.

Seven brethren from BP Lodge ascended on Gilwell Park Scout Camp in Gembrook during February to assist in their ongoing work program.



Work commences on the landing

The Lodge was assigned the task to construct a retaining wall/ stairway down to the existing landing and an additional landing adjacent to this.



Max Martin adding the finer touches



Saturday team with completed stairs

The brethren took to the task with enthusiasm and skill (for some of us it was more of the former!) and managed to complete both projects by lunchtime Sunday.

The constructions were put to trial at the recent Cuberee of which over 3000 Cub-Scouts attended.



The finished product

Master's Message

The Masonic year is well and truly into full swing as is the calendar year. Although, the Master for 2004-2005 has just commenced his year!

The meeting in March was my first to open and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, albeit with initial nervous anticipation.

I would again like to thank those brethren who covered for me during my absence last year, especially David Bennell who kept the Master's seat warm.

As always the calendar year has begun with a vengeance. Prior to our first lodge night we met at the Melbourne Zoo for one of the many Twilight Jazz evenings.

The annual uniform night was again a great opportunity to catch up with Scout-ing friends and reminisce of past Scout-ing adventures.

In March we raised Bro. Hugh Douglas and remembered recently passed brethren with Eulogies for Bro. Michael Wilson and V. Wor. Bro. Keith Cameron by Bro.

Darren Brain and Wor. Bro. Nigel Cavell respectively.

I would like to commend the great efforts of the Almoner/Welfare Team. Along with all the terrific work in keeping in touch with absent brethren they have had a busy time visiting those ailing members.

I look forward to catching up with you all very soon.

Faternally yours,

Ted Whitworth Rover Service Award.

Wor. Bro. Michael Baden-Powell represented our Lodge at the March meeting of the BP Lodge of South Australia. Below is an excerpt from his report.

The Anstey Rover Crew was presented with the Ted Whitworth Rover Service Award for an unprecedented second time.

Sponsored by the Baden Powell Lodge of South Australia, the aim of the Ted Whitworth Rover Service Award is to support Scouting by encouraging service to the Scout Movement and the community amongst the Rover Section of the Movement.

Presentation of the award to the winning Rover Crew was made during the Lodge's "Uniform Night" (Thursday 3rd March 2005) which is held annually, to commemorate the Founders birthday. Attendance is usually good, and this year was no exception. There were many visiting Freemasons including the

Grandmaster of South Australia M.W.Bro. Robin Casson, the Grandmaster's escort, an encouraging number of Scout leaders, both males who were not Freemasons and females, representatives of past winning Rover Crews, the Branch Chief Commissioner Mr Reg Williams, the Branch Commissioner for Rovers and the current Chairman of the Branch Rover Council.

The Master, Wor. Bro. Jeff Bettens invited the Grandmaster, the Scout Chief Commissioner and myself to assist with the Award presentations.

The late Wor. Bro. Rev. Ted Whitworth was a highly regarded icon of South Australian Scout-

ing and Freemasonry. During his long and fruitful life, Ted was a true Scout who actively lived by the principles of the Scout Law and Promise, that B-P laid down for the Scout Movement in Scouting for Boys. During his professional life, Ted served his community as a teacher and as a Scout Leader. On his retirement, Ted became an active Minister of Religion and was a foundation member of the Baden-Powell Lodge of South Australia. It is therefore not surprising, when the Lodge decided to inaugurate the concept of an Award for Rover Scouts; they named the award after Ted Whitworth as a fitting tribute to this inspiring man who lived by example to others.

Uniform Night continues to be a roaring success.

There were over 120 masons and guests at our last uniform night in February. Visited by our Grand Secretary, Rt Wor Bro Barry Reaper PSGW, the evening was again a great success.



Within the Lodge Room Masonic and Scout-ing visitors were received by the WM. The Flag Party then preceded the Rover Crew who were selected as winners of the 2004 BP Lodge Rover Crew Service Award.



In his address to all the Victorian Branch Commissioner for Rovers, Mr Craig Whan, detailed the efforts achieved by



the winners. The Keith Farquhar Rover crew from Strathmore were then presented with individual certificates, a crew framed certificate and a perpetual honour board.

The South was adorned with even more scarves than previous years (and continues to grow). Our Camp Fire leaders lead us through a great selection of familiar and not so familiar songs.

In his response speech the Grand Secretary commented on the similarities between Scouting and Freemasonry together with the great bonds linking to two organisations.



Social Calendar.

Gang Show Visit

This annual Scout show is always a lot of fun for all ages. Feel free to bring along your children or grand children. We will also likely meet for lunch preceding the show.

When: Saturday 25th June 2:00pm

Where: Besen Centre
Station Street, Burwood.

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Jazz in the Zoo

Over 30 BP Lodge Brethren, family and friends attended the February 2005 social event at the Melbourne Zoo.

The Big Band sounds were an enjoyable addition to the relaxing environs of the Melbourne Zoo. The weather was perfect throughout the

day and into the evening.

This was another successful and entertaining event organized by our Social team (David & Pauline).



Taking Charge !

Did you know that within the 1st three degree ceremonies there are 20 different charges which are delivered to the candidates? Within the BP Lodge we pride ourselves in the quality with which these charges are delivered however to maintain this quality we need to ensure we have all charges covered by more than just a couple of brethren. There is currently a fair number in which this is not the case. If any brother is interested in learning a charge please contact Peter Trenery or David Stewart to discuss this further.

Almoner's Report

It is with regret we advise Michael Wilson passed away at the Box Hill Hospital in January 2005. A funeral service was held for Michael at Le Pines Croydon and attended by a number of members of the Lodge and a large contingent of Scouters.

Bob Collins is now back home after a spell in hospital. Bob is on the mend and we look forward to seeing back at Lodge meetings soon.

At first it was diagnosed Tony Eijgendaal had an inner ear infection but after further tests it was found Tony had had a minor stroke. And in addition to Tony's problems he had an eye operation in February. We wish Tony a speedy recovery.

Great to hear John Tommasini, John Boardman and Frank Storey are doing well.

On March 2, 2005 Mr. Ian Doggett, father of Robyn Kamer, fa-

ther in law of W.B. Robert Kamer, grandfather of Bro. David Kamer and Bro. Adrian Kamer passed away at the Valley Hospital. The Master and Members of the Baden Powell Lodge extend their condolences to the Doggett and Kamer families.

John Currie has not been well lately. John has had a fall and broken his arm and at his age a cast for his arm is not an option. We wish John a quick recovery.

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Submissions to the
BP Quarterly Newsletter

Submissions for the next BP
Quarterly Newsletter should
be sent to Rob Kamer by the
end of May.
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The Freemason Lecture

There's a man, walking down the street at 1:00 in the morning and he's quite inebriated.

A policeman stops him and asks: Where are you going in that condition?

Man: Il'mm on mmyy waayyy to a lectttuurre on FFreemmassonnrrry.

Policeman: Where can you possibly get a lecture on Freemasonry at this time of night?

Man: Frromm mmyy wifffe, wwhenn I gget homme!

Profile of a BP Mason

Each edition of the Quarterly plans to include a profile of one of our brethren. It's a great way to get to know our members (other than through our social activities). Watch out, you could be next.

V. Wor Bro. R.P. Edmonds, P.G.I.W.

Masonic Background. Peter was initiated into Freemasonry in the BP Lodge in 1952 and progressed through all Chairs to be installed by M.W. Bro. Sir Robert Risson as Worshipful Master for the 1974-75 year of the Lodge.

Following the year of WM he served in the position of Assistant Secretary for 14 years and Secretary for 9 Years. As a result of this service Peter was recognised with conferred Grand Rank in 1989, promoted in 1996 and again in 2005 to PGIW.

In addition, Peter has been a Director of the Waverley Masonic Temple Company and is currently still Chairman of the Committee of Enquiry for the Lodge and Assistant Secretary.

Most Memorable Masonic/ Scouting Time. Without a doubt the most memorable and satisfying were the years as Rover Leader at 1st Hartwell particularly as 5 of our BP Lodge members were in the Crew during my tenure. A further 3 are no longer members of our Lodge.

In addition to being installed by the GM who was a member of our BP Lodge at the time, the highlights of my years with the Lodge would be to have Installed Hugh Stevens and Nigel Cavell (former Crew members) as WMs.

Scouting Background: Peter joined Scouting in 1938 and held positions in

the Cubs, Scouts, Seniors (Venturer) and Rover Sections.

Warrants held during this time were as follows:

- Asst Scout Master — 1st Armadale
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- Rover Scout Leader — 1st Hawksburn
- Rover Scout Leader — 1st Hartwell
- Asst Area Commissioner — East Suburban Area
- Area Commissioner — West Metro Area in WA.

Occupation: For 42 Years Peter was employed with General Motors Holden, including 18 years in Senior Executive positions with the Service Parts Operations. He retired in 1986.

Community Involvement: For the wider community Peter was a Returning Officer for Victorian State Elections in Malvern, Forest Hill and Mitcham.

Other interests and involvement included Vice President, Chairman, National Secretary and Treasurer of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Victorian Branch, Past President of the Glen Waverley Probus Club, membership of the RACV Club for 45 years, member of the Mount Waverley Bowling Club for 16 years and affiliate member of the Waverly RSL.