

BP 488 Newsletter



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From our Worshipful Master



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



Dear Brethren all,
Over the last month we have been able to enjoy two exciting events in Baden Powell Lodge.

On a bright and sunny Sunday afternoon a group of us were lucky to spend time discovering a hidden secret of Boronia, The Old Orchard Winery. The winery is located among the chaos of suburbia but once there you feel that you are in a lovely country location with an uninterrupted view of the Dandenong Ranges. The winery has a total community focus, having the members participate in all activities from the mainte-

nance of vines to the wine bottling for a return payment of some bottles of wine. We all enjoyed the selection of wines for tasting while being entertained by our host, David Smith, with the story of the winery and the occasional trivia question with a prize of a bottle of wine.

We returned to the nearby Scout Hall to have a BBQ lunch. Thank you to everyone for their contributions of salads for lunch and the assistance in setting and cleaning up. The day raised \$200.00 for the Royal Children's Hospital.

WBro Peter Trenerly and I enjoyed the evening with North Melbourne Lodge. The evening was attended by members from United Service Lodge, Baden Powell Lodge and Lodge of Evolution bringing the whole family together. This was the first time that all four Lodges had come together since the consecration of Lodge of Evolution. We have learnt that in August 2012 North Melbourne Lodge will be celebrating 150 years, may be the next time to see all four Lodges meet up again.

Regards,
Craig Shankland

Special points of interest:

- WINERY VISIT A SUCCESS
- PMS' MEETING IDENTIFIES MORE CHALLENGES
- RECRUITING STILL A MAJOR PRIORITY
- LODGE BBQ ENGAGES THE LADIES
- VISITING THE NEW BP LODGE IN NSW
- A GOOD STORY FOR A SCOUTS' OWN



Brothers across four generations: WBro Stewart McArthur (Lodge of Evolution), WBro Craig Shankland (Baden Powell), WBro Roger Schie (United Service), WBro John Mayer (North Melbourne)

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The Old Orchard Winery, Boronia

Every now and again one ventures into foreign lands to make an unexpected discovery: the Old Orchard Winery at Boronia would surely be one of those places.

Community gardens are common, a community garden with a 5 acre vineyard as part of it is uncommon, a working winery within the community garden has to be a rarity. Gold medal wines produced there only add to the mystique.

Too few of our members made that discovery when we visited but those who did go would say that you missed something special. David Smith and his wife Pat share a passion for good wine and food and their story is unbelievable. The winery started as a Knox Council venture then was sold when the State Government eliminated council indulgences. Novel marketing strategies have enabled David and Pat to bring their winery into prominence in

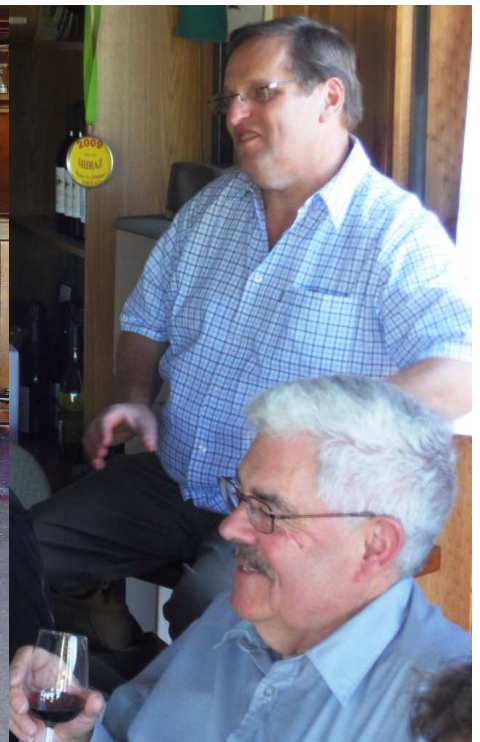
ways that are reminiscent of the old barter economies. Their output is small but their supporter base is huge, reflective of David's passion and entrepreneurship. Anyone who is curious about small business would be well advised to visit this place, the ambience created in a small garden shed is deceptive but the passion is self-evident. I feel we may be going back there again.



... For he's a jolly good fellow ...



Sandy: "It was this big."
Kit: "You never told me about it."
David: "Stop the world, I want to get off."
Sid: "If I shut my eyes I can just imagine ..."



Some people held wine glasses;
the DC held ??? (? memories)
Is he really on the dry?

Past Masters' Meeting, 9 May 2011

A small group of Past Masters gathered at the home of our Worshipful Master to assist the Master-Elect to finalise his Team and the proposed programme for the new Masonic year commencing in September. The Lodge does face some challenges in filling all offices but we are committed to ensuring that new Master Masons pro-

gress at a prudent pace. This will mean that some PMs will be asked to fill floor offices and even to progress through the Chair again in the next few years. The other equally important challenge is to find new candidates for the Lodge. Our age profile indicates that we should strive for at least 5 candidates annually to compen-

sate for members withdrawing from active involvement for the usual reasons facing older members. The membership recruitment challenge is a personal challenge for each of us, not just the office bearers. An innovative recruitment tactic, never tried before in this Lodge, is being planned. Don't miss it.

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The Working Tools of an Internet Freemason

WM: I now present to you the w... t... of an Internet Freemason; they are the <CTRL> key, the <ALT> key, and the key. The <CTRL> key allows us to prioritise and manage the sequence of our tasks, the <ALT> key is for easily switching between alternatives, and the key is to remove any superfluous knobs and excrescences

or unintentional blunders from our work. But, as we are met not as operative but rather as Free and Accepted or Symbolic Internet Freemasons, we apply these t... to our morals. In this sense, the <CTRL> key reminds us that when encountering a posting we disagree with, we are to subdue our passions before pressing the <REPLY> key. The

<ALT> key reminds us that whatever we believe and might hold sacred, we should always respect those who believe differently. The key points out to us the advantages of education and prudence, by which means alone we know what to accept or reject and what to forward to others.



The Lodge BBQ

Social activities always face the same dilemma: are large numbers more important than the camaraderie of those few who do attend? The BBQ at Boronia was held in glorious weather after a superb visit to the Winery. Palates had been whetted at

the Winery and old-fashioned hunger did the rest. Peter Trenery proved he is multi-talented (he cooks well, too) and nothing was left for the birds. As always, we appreciated the company of the ladies who provided great salads, too.



Consecration of Baden Powell Lodge, UGL NSW & ACT

The new Baden Powell Lodge No 1908, NSW Constitution will be consecrated at Hurlstone Park Masonic Centre on Saturday, 9 July at 3.00 pm, by the Grand Master, MWBro Greg Levinston, himself an enthusiastic Scouter. The Lodge will tyle at 4.30

pm and the Festive Board at 7.00 pm. Costs are \$40 per person, ladies will be entertained. It is vital that anyone planning to attend should advise our Secretary immediately to facilitate planning. Scout uniform must be current if worn at all.

The Grand Master has decreed that Grand Officers must be in full Masonic dress to participate in his escort and he has asked that visiting Victorian Grand Officers be part of his escort.





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

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It's worth a look. Go to www.freemasonsvic.net.au
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THREE TREES

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, 'Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty.'

Then the second tree said, 'Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take Kings and Queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull.'

Finally the third tree said, 'I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me.'

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, 'This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter,' and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree the woodsman said, 'This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard.' The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, 'I don't need anything special from my tree, I'll take this one,' and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for.

The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying Kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by and the trees forgot about their dreams.

Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man and He stood and said, 'Peace', and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realise that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, God will give you great gifts.

Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined.

We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.