

BP 488 Newsletter



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From our Worshipful Master



David Kamer
Our new Master ...

Greetings to all Brethren and families of Baden Powell Lodge,

The learning curve of a WM is somewhat steeper than I expected however that has just made my time more enjoyable; and what a buzz getting out and visiting with my Masters Group, "The Constructors"

On October 22nd a table of eight from BP Lodge attended the Rover Dinner and I had the honour of presenting the Rover Service Award Shield. We were blown away by the number of Rovers who wanted to talk to us about Freemasonry and Baden Powell Lodge. Thank you to those who supported the Lodge and me on this important occasion for our Lodge. Those who attended will never forget the amazing crystal cream jugs on the tables.

Our October meeting saw the presentation of a 60 year Jewel to RWBro Neville Lee by RWBro Bill Harrison and it was great to see Neville honoured in this way. It was a particular thrill to declare my younger brother Master Elect for 2012/2013 year and I trust Adrian will gain as much from his year as I am now and am sure I will continue to have. Adrian also entertained us in the South with a presentation on Alzheimer's disease. Well done Adrian and thank you for a most interesting and professional presentation. I thought question time would keep us there all night.

The morning after our last meeting I boarded a plane to China to sail the China Cup International Regatta. What an education. Yacht racing rules in Chinese just don't have the same urgency! Three

days sorting out how to make a Beneteau 40.7 yacht go and then five days of very competitive racing. Trouble was we then had to come home and I am still running trying to catch up.

This coming meeting is also exciting as we are Initiating Matt McKernan. Matt is the immediate Past Branch Rover Council Chairman. This will be a Ladies in the South and we are hoping to have Matt's partner Bee with us on the night together with some of Matt's friends and family.

Thank you Brethren for assisting in that big learning curve I talked about; I am always willing to listen.

Kindest regards,

David Kamer

Special points of interest:

- WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR THE SCOUT FELLOWSHIP?
- MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM EXPERIENCES TEETHING TROUBLES
- NEVILLE LEE— A MAN WITH AN AMAZING HISTORY
- ROVER DINNER WAS IMPRESSIVE

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The Scout Fellowship — Do We Need It?

Those reading the heading will be suffering paroxysms of shock—relax, of course we need the Scout Fellowship but does the Fellowship need indifference? Has this Lodge done anything to disprove

its indifference to the Fellowship?

We were proud to proclaim that the Lodge had become a Chapter of the Fellowship but what has this Lodge done to promote the Fellowship?

Why don't we undertake at least one annual event to demonstrate our involvement and commitment? There must be plenty of ideas out there; let's hear them. Any volunteers to do something?

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Lodge Committees 2011 — 2012

Committees are appointed to help the Master run the Lodge and to empower members by their participation. All members are empowered to express views by making contact with the appropriate Chairmen or representatives. No idea is too radical but no ideas are unacceptable; we need ideas to progress and survive.

Committee of General Purposes

WBro David Kamer, WM
Bro Adrian Kamer, SW
WBro Peter Trener, JW
WBro Robert Kamer, PJGD, DC
RWBro John Glover, PSGW, Sec
WBro Sid Smidt, Assist Sec
WBro David Bennell, PGStdB, Treas
WBro David Wain, Almoner
WBro Rob Evans, PMs' Rep
Bro Chris Parr, MMs' Rep
Bro Peter Doyle, MMs' Rep

Planning Committee

RWBro Laurie Ogilvie, PDGM, Chair
WBro David Kamer, WM
Bro Adrian Kamer, SW
RWBro Rod Rowe, PJGW, JD
Bro Peter Doyle, Stwd

Almoners & Welfare Committee

WBro David Wain, Almoner, Chair
WBro Nigel Cavell, PJGD
Mrs Elizabeth Oberin
Mrs Bev Storey

Quality & Accreditation Committee

WBro Sid Smidt, Assist Sec, Chair

Membership Committee

RWBro Rod Rowe, PJGW, JD, Chair
WBro David Bennell, PGStdB, Treas
WBro Sid Smidt, Assist Sec
Bro Hugh Douglas, Stwd
Bro Peter Doyle, Stwd

New Members Committee

WBro David Bennell, PGStdB, Treas, Chair
RWBro John Glover, PSGW, Sec
WBro Sid Smidt, Assist Sec

Social Committee

Bro Adrian Kamer, SW, Chair
WBro Rob Kamer, PJGD, DC & Sandy
WBro Tony Eijgendaal, PGStdB & Judy
VWBro Nick Rinkel, PGDC, SD & Leah
WBro David Wain, Almoner & Pauline

Promotions Committee

Bro Adrian Kamer, SW, Chair
WBro David Kamer, WM
RWBro Rod Rowe, PJGW, JD
WBro Jon Franklin, ADC
WBro Peter Trener, JW
Bro Doug Waldron, Stwd
WBro Tony Eijgendaal, PGStdB

Scout Service Award Committee

WBro Darren Brain, Chair
WBro Nigel Cavell, PJGD
WBro Tony Eijgendaal
WBro Jon Franklin, ADC
WBro Rob Kamer, PJGD, DC
VWBro Max Martin, PGIWkgs
VWBro Nick Rinkel, PGDC, SD
RWBro John Glover, PSGW, Sec

Ceremonial Committee

WBro Peter Trener, JW, Chair
WBro Robert Kamer, PJGD, DC
WBro Jon Franklin, ADC

Finance Committee

WBro David Bennell, PGStdB, Treas, Chair
RWBro John Glover, PSGW, Sec
Bro Doug Waldron, Stwd, Auditor
WBro Nigel Cavell, PJGD, Auditor

Historians

WBro Sid Smidt, Assist Sec
WBro Nigel Cavell, PJGD

Lodge Education Officer

WBro Sid Smidt, Assist Sec

Royal Freemasons Representative

RWBro Rod Rowe, PJGW, JD

Scouts Vic Branch BSAC Representative

WBro Jon Franklin, ADC

New Grand Lodge Membership System

It came, we saw, it failed!

All members would have received their new membership cards, the key to the new membership system, plus a letter detailing how the system would work. The only trouble is, when we tried to follow the instructions nothing happened.

Teething troubles are common to all systems, we are not alone. The identified problems were predictable to those familiar with some of the

shortcomings in the old system but experiential learning is said to be good for the learner. Refinements are rapidly being introduced.

Monash Gully District is one of the metropolitan Districts to test the new roll-out and Baden Powell Lodge is one of the selected Lodges in the trial. Full roll-out across the jurisdiction will follow within a month of the testing.

The new system will enable members to update their personal details.

Check small details like date of birth, occupation, etc.

The mature system will enable better interrogation of the system which will enhance centralised data collection and Lodge attendance data will be facilitated when scanners are introduced into Masonic centres.

Costs are considerable but better understanding about our members and their attendance characteristics will enable improved services to them. It's a worthy motive.

RWBro Neville Lee OAM, PSGW — a 60 Year Jewel

Neville Lee was honoured by his mates at our last meeting. He was also honoured by Grand Lodge ... and our Lodge was honoured because he has chosen to be one of us.

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.

And still he serves despite

being entitled to a good rest. An elected member of the Victorian Branch Council, Neville gives wise counsel that speaks volumes of his experience in the community, at work and at leisure. Scouts are beneficiaries of his generosity and commitment as they have been for decades.

Neville was initiated into Hartwell Lodge, became its Master then transferred to Baden Powell when Hartwell closed. Along

the way he served as Grand Sword Bearer in an Active Team.

Neville loves his Freemasonry and Scouting very much but his absence from Lodge these days is testimony to the love he shares with his wife, Helena. Her health demands his constant care and presence. We admire his commitment and dedication and understand his predicament. We salute his decision.

MEMBERS ARE ANY LODGE'S MOST VALUABLE ASSETS. TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, REJOICE IN OUR LINKS WITH THEM AND SHARE THE PRIVILEGE WITH OTHERS — RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS. MANY WANT TO SHARE BUT DON'T KNOW HOW. LET'S SIGN THEM UP.

THE SILENT MAJORITY SHOULD NEVER BE AN ISSUE IN A LODGE. STAND UP, SPEAK UP, CLAIM A HEARING. THE MEMBERSHIP SATISFACTION SURVEY IS A USEFUL TOOL. RESPONSES TO IT MUST HAPPEN OR IT HAS BEEN A WASTED EFFORT.



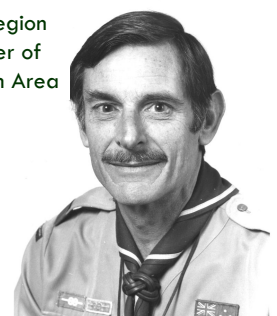
Neville and Bill

RWBro Bill Harrison congratulates Neville

RWBro Neville Lee with his good mates ... a wealth of experience and years of service.



Neville as Region Commissioner of East Suburban Area





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

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Have you checked out the Freemasons Victoria website recently?
It's worth a look. Go to www.freemasonsvic.net.au

The Victorian Rover Dinner

A wet night, a huge crowd of enthusiastic Rovers, a prime table for our Lodge and some cultural challenges with noise and dining provided a memorable experience for those who represented the Lodge at the Rover Dinner. We can't wait for next year!



Our WM, David, presents the Shield to Mattie McKernan, former BRC Chairman ... and our next candidate (we hope).

Our new Lodge Table Banner



Where would we be without the Ladies? Sandy, Judy and Lesley added to the night for us.

Duty is tough. Adrian, Rob, Tony, David (WM), Doug and John at the Rover Dinner.

