

BP 488 Newsletter



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From our Worshipful Master



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

Greetings to all the members and families of Baden Powell Lodge.

What a wonderful night we all had with the night of Installation, the Past Masters of the Lodge presented an extremely high standard of ceremony with a warm relaxed atmosphere. It was the greatest night in Freemasonry for myself. I thank all the members for the wonderful night. There was the traditional "life & times of the new Worshipful Master" delivered by the Installing Master WBro Peter Trenergy.

Unfortunately the first item of lodge business to be addressed in the lodge meeting was to deliver an obituary to WBro Bob Collins, a member who will be sadly

missed. Bob's funeral was well attended by members of the Lodge at the Greek Orthodox parish of St. Constantine & St. Helens.

The social calendar has already started with a lovely brunch on last Sunday 10th; we had a small group of 10 and enjoyed a lovely sunny morning. There is a very busy social calendar for this year so please put all the dates in the diaries. The next event is on Sunday 5th December, a day on Puffing Billy. All social events are listed on the Summons and please contact our JW, Adrian Kamer.

We have another exciting event for the Masonic family of which Baden Powell is a member with the consecration of

our grand daughter lodge, *La Familia* on Saturday 30 October. We at Baden Powell will become a lodge in a family of 5 Lodges, North Melbourne, United Service, Baden Powell, The Lodge of Evolution and the new addition, *La Familia*.

Congratulations to Darren & Nola on the birth of their daughter Isabella, a little sister for Nicholas.

I extend a warm greeting from my family: Lesya, Alice and Alexander, to all the members of the Baden Powell Lodge and an exciting year ahead.

Regards,

Craig Shankland

Special points of interest:

- ABSENT BRETHREN TOAST TO BE INTRODUCED AT EVERY MEETING.
- CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS.
- MORE MEANINGFUL COMMITTEE REPORTS.
- CGP MEMBERS TO BE MORE ACTIVE.
- RENEWED RECRUITMENT STRATEGY.

Our Masonic Family



Nigel, John and Craig at the recent United Service Installation conducted by the Grand Master.

Few Lodges can lay claim to five generations of active Lodges. Soon we will be in that position. The bonds between our Lodge and United Service have always been strong but trying to maintain strong links between all five Lodges will be difficult. Perhaps a better way to encourage this might be

an annual gathering of the family, hosted in rotation between the Lodges. This will not affect the traditional visits between BP 488 and US 330. What do you think? Is this part of our heritage worth preserving or are there more important issues?

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Re-introduction of Absent Brethren Toast



This could be YOU

The Committee of General Purposes has resolved to re-introduce the Absent Brethren Toast at every meeting.

This Toast is intended to remind those of us at Lodge of our Brethren who have been unable to attend for whatever reason. It will also enable those who are absent to pause wherever they may be on the Fourth Monday and to share a thought with those who will be thinking of them at Lodge.

Why? Because everyone is important in this Lodge, whether they be present or absent.

It is proposed to stop whatever may be happening in the Festive Board at 10.15 each meeting night. All will sing the traditional Absent Brethren Ode and then the Toast will be honoured. There will be no frills or anything else; the Ode and the Toast are self-explanatory, they stand alone.

Copies of the ode will be provided on the tables.

If you are absent from Lodge for whatever reason: sickness, domestic obligations, business or travel, this will remind you that you are remembered at that specific time. Perhaps you would like to remember us at Lodge at the same time.

Remember the Third Degree: ... I will support you in your absence as in your presence ...

Code of Conduct for Electronic Communications

“... ALL EMAIL MESSAGES SHOULD REFLECT MASONIC VALUES IN THEIR TONE AND CONTENT ...”

There is increasing reliance upon electronic communication within Freemasonry, particularly email messaging.

The Committee of General Purposes is concerned that all email messages should reflect Masonic values in their tone and content. There is plenty of scope for disagreement during discussions but try to avoid of-

fence when expressing the disagreement. Privacy issues also need to be addressed.

Email rules for courtesy:

Avoid UPPER CASE

Avoid **bolding for emphasis** except in special cases

Differentiate between messages to an individual and those sent to an electronic

list

When messaging multiple individuals avoid broadcasting their addresses; use the BCC provisions.

Committee reports

The accreditation process relies upon documentary evidence of what the Lodge is doing. The CGP relies upon information from the various committees to assist the deliberations affecting the Lodge's welfare. The Planning Committee consolidates

all reports to develop long-term plans for the Lodge's future. Without meaningful reports the various processes flounder then stop.

All future committee reports are required to include a final section headed Matters for the

CGP. Any matter requiring CGP responses are to be listed here in summary. Nil matters requiring responses will result in the reports being tabled and accepted. This will facilitate deliberations on those matters deserving more attention.

Committee chairmen are requested to include this matter in their planning and to plan meetings to match the CGP schedule. More details will follow when the Planning Calendar is released in November.

Committee of General Purposes

Long-term futures demand long-term plans. The last meeting of the CGP was lengthy due to many items requiring attention. Better attention could be given to the vital issues if the sub-committees were to address their concerns more proactively. They are presently inhibited because of the reticence of Lodge members to be involved at both ceremonial and administrative levels.

There are two Master Ma-

sons' and two Past Masters' representatives on the CGP. They are there to reflect the concerns of the members; other members are involved with administrative issues.

Unless all members of the Lodge contribute information to their representatives on the CGP nothing will be raised, nothing will be done, nothing will change and nothing will improve.

Master Masons' Reps:

John Currie

Peter Doyle

Past Masters' Reps:

Darren Brain

Bob Evans

These brethren have volunteered to work on our behalf. Let's make them busy so that they know they are appreciated.

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Know Your Members—Peter Doyle

Personal: Peter is 52, married to Valerie (who is a nurse) for 23 years with two children, Natalie 22 and Joseph 19. A volunteer member of VICSES, he provides pro bono training and assessment to his SES unit. Peter is a member of Rotary International as well as our Lodge; he has been involved in Meals on Wheels with City of Kingston Council for several years.

Experience: Over 30 years of senior executive and GM experience. Specialising in Marketing & Sales, Operations, Business Analysis and Strategic Planning, including Blue Ocean Strategic Planning and New Product Development, skilled negotiator and policy formulator. Experienced working with Government

Departments and Project Teams and Government Protocol, Strong Retail and Finance background. Skilled Facilitator and Trainer.

Previously worked with: Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Transport

Company Experience: GE Capital Finance (Australia and UK), Retail: Debenhams, Harrods, House of Fraser, Owen Owen, Principles Men, Principles Women, Top Shop, Top Man, Dorothy Perkins, Wesfarmers Energy (Kleenheat Gas), The Necropolis Trust, Franchise, Pets Paradise, Billy Baxter's, Warner Bros, Ray's Outdoors. Driver Education Centre Australia (DECA)

Company Types: Retail, Retail Franchise, Commercial and Not For Profit, Government Agency.

Qualifications: MBA, Marketing & Innovation Management – Victoria University; Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment; Certificate IV Business Management; Certificate III Transport and Logistics; Certificate II OH&S; Level 2 First Aid; Diploma Business Management; Civil Celebrant. Currently taking NEIS training Certificate IV Business Management



Bro Peter Doyle, MM
- one of the Master
Masons' representa-
tives on the CGP



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

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Annual Renewal of Scout Promise

This Lodge has been recognised as a Chapter of the Scout Fellowship. One of the requisites for membership is that the member must be prepared to make the Scout Promise. What better way to demonstrate our commitment to Scouting than to make an annual renewal of the Scout Promise at our Annual Founders Night meeting in front of the Chief Commissioner or his representative?

This concept is now included in the planning for our February meeting.

Thanks

Our Installation Ceremony was a great success. Why? ... Our new Worshipful Master said so. Many others who were present, including visitors from other Lodges, said so as well. We should extend our thanks to all of our Past Masters who formed the Installation Team to support Peter Trenergy as Installing Master. It is always a pleasure to acknowledge those who continue to contribute to the functioning of the Lodge in whatever way. To those who were absent we can only say that we missed you but you missed a great night.

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

Victorian Branch Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Victorian Branch Council will be held at Monash University, Clayton, South 1 Lecture Theatre, Building 64 on Friday, 29th October commencing at 8.00 pm. This will be followed by the Annual Reports and Presentation Meeting.

Many have tasted the fellowship of Scouting in the past. Why not try it again? Come along and see how the new generation of Scouts do it. There are many differences to be noted; the old way with which many are familiar would be unrecognised by many today.

Come along, be prepared to be stimulated, our youth today are impressive.

Thanks Again

We have a new Secretary. After 11 years at the helm Nigel Cavell has passed the reins across to John Glover. He hasn't retired from service altogether because he is now one of our Historians, along with Sid Smith. Having created history for 11 years he can now record the history.

Spare a thought for John ... He is a New Chum of the highest order. A Scouting history at 1st Echuca, 1st Rochester, 1st Ringwood and nearly 25 years as a Grand Officer does not have the Masonic heritage of 1st Hartwell. Treat him gently: drop a tear of sympathy on his failings but if you must bucket him do it gently (*preferably with warm water—ed.*)

Nigel, enjoy your retirement, rediscover that spare room at home and accept our sincere thanks.

