

# BP 488 Newsletter



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## From our Worshipful Master



David Kamer  
Our new Master ...

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

I would like to start by thanking you for making the night of Installation a wonderful and memorable night for me. There was an extremely high standard from the ceremonial team lead by MW Bruce Bartrop, PGM and all conducted with a personal touch.

It was the greatest night in my Masonic life so far and I appreciate all who helped to make it such a wonderful night.

I am sure that this is just the start of a superb year to come as we have one candidate to initiate this year and another couple in the wings for next year.

My aim this year is to take Freemasonry to the Scouting Movement and

make the Scouting Movement understand who we are as Baden Powell Lodge and what we do. We have many ideas about how we do this; e.g., attending Mud Bash with the mobile Lodge Room, taking the Lodge to the Friends of Gilwell AGM. I plan on lifting the awareness of the Lodge and will endeavor to create the situation such that if a Scout is looking to join Freemasonry then the Baden Powell Lodge will be his Lodge of choice.

On the social side we have many social activities starting with an afternoon of music at Monash University on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, tickets \$25 Adult and \$20 Concession. All your Proms favorites will be there including Elgar's stirring "Pomp and Circumstance", the regal

"Rule Britannia" and who could forget the "British Sea Songs".

This will be followed by a lunch by the bay at the Sorrento Sailing and Couta Boat Club on the 20<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm. We will have lunch in the restaurant and then those wishing to go for a sail can enjoy the wind through the hair with the fresh and salty sea breeze.

Please contact our SW, Bro Adrian Kamer, with your availability to attend as they will both be afternoons not to be missed.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and trust you will join me in making this Lodge of ours grow from strength to strength.

Kindest regards,  
David Kamer

## Installation a Family Affair



MWBro Bruce Bartrop, PGM, WBro David, our new WM, and WBro Rob Kamer, PJGD, a proud father.

Freemasonry provides many memorable moments over the years as we participate in its ceremonial. Few can be more moving than watching a proud father deliver the Address to the Master when the new Master happens to be his eldest son. Rob Kamer had that de-

light and gave us that memorable moment during David's Installation in September. Rob would not have delivered that charge too often in the past; delivering it in front of his Grand Team in his own Lodge to his own son would have been a challenge. He did it well. Well done, Brother father!

## Special points of interest:

- A FAMILY INSTALLATION IS A SPECIAL CEREMONY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.
- TONY EIJGENDAAL HONoured BY SCOUTS VIC BRANCH FOR HIS WORK ON BEHALF OF THE LODGE.
- CGP PREPARING FOR RE-ACCREDITATION.
- NEW MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM PROMISES MUCH.
- NEW BROCHURE TO ENHANCE LODGE VISIBILITY.

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The Token.

## Commissioners' Token of Appreciation

Tony Eijgendaal's passion for Scouting has not wavered over many years, even after relinquishing his Warrant. During his first year as Master he introduced the Rover Service Award and during his second term as Master he actively encouraged closer ties between the Lodge and the Scout Association. He became the foundation representative of the Lodge on the

Branch Special Activities Council (BSAC) and

stepped down this year in line with the Lodge policy to rotate representatives on external bodies.

As a member of BSAC Tony also engaged in helping produce an index for the Scout magazine, raising funds for the Russell Troop Hall restoration project at Gilwell and was a major seller of Scout raffle tickets for the Lodge. None of this would have been possible without the tireless support of Judy.

The Assistant Chief Commissioner granted Tony a

Commissioners' Token of Appreciation in recognition of his work, one of few non-uniform members to receive this award so far. It might have been presented at the last BSAC meeting attended by Tony but instead it was presented on our night of Installation by John Glover, also a member of BSAC.

Tony truly has "done his best" despite health setbacks and his Masonic commitments. He deserves our thanks and congratulations.



RWBro John Glover and WBro Tony Eijgendaal admire the Certificate accompanying the Commissioners' Token of Appreciation.

## Installation a Family Affair (cont)



The Grand Cake Bearer



Our new WM with MWBro Bruce Bartrop and RWBro Len Jenkins PAGM, WM of Baden Powell NSW & ACT



MWBro Bruce Bartrop PGM, our WM, Brother Father, Brother Brother (also our SW), VWBro Perry Cohen



The Cake under attack ... enjoyed by all.



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A beautiful Installation Cake ... before desecration... by sword.

The Installation Team ...job well done.



## Committee of General Purposes

Your CGP remains committed to effective administration of Lodge issues whilst planning for a vital future. Re-accreditation is the biggest looming issue whilst recruitment of new candidates for Initiation is the biggest challenge to our continued vitality.

The transition between old and new secretaries always creates questions about how and why things are done certain ways. This is not a reflection on Nigel's great stewardship of the past nor on John's ability to maintain the standards. Rather, different people present with different experiences and their questions sometimes

highlight opportunities for new directions. The goal remains unchanged: service to the Lodge and its members. Be prepared for new lodge resolutions to reflect these changes.

Lodge publicity beyond the immediate membership is always a challenge. Doug Waldron's son has helped us obtain two superb banners to advertise the Lodge when we are outside on working bees, etc. Similarly, Jon Franklin has helped us obtain a table banner to lift internal décor in the South and to highlight the Lodge in other places. All will be displayed at the next meeting.

Lodge demographics are now of concern. Many of our members are of pensionable age and this can result in decreased finances, limited ability to conduct ceremonies, etc. A younger membership is vital. We still need our older members but must recruit younger ones to augment our diminishing talent pool. Recruitment is never a committee role, it belongs to every member.

If any member has any thoughts, criticisms or issues affecting the Lodge always feel free and welcome to contact a member of the CGP. Your input is vital to our success.

## New Grand Lodge Membership System

Every member will soon receive a new membership card from Grand Lodge. This will be your key to the new Membership System currently being evaluated in several Lodges across Melbourne.

Once operational, all members will be able to access their personal record to enable amendment of personal details. Secretaries will have access to all members in

their Lodge. Improved accuracy will be a bonus and much appreciated outcome.

The new system highlights the transition of Grand Lodge administration from old paper-based systems to new electronic records. There is a risk that older, less computer literate members could be isolated but Lodge Secretaries have been empowered

to ensure this does not happen.

If you would like to join the new computer generation at Grand Lodge take advantage of the computer offers advised in the Grand Lodge Bulletin now on issue.

Further details of the new system will be advised once the transition phase is completed and each Lodge is linked to it.

## Successful District Open Night

Monash Gully District recently held a very successful Open Night at Waverley. Very efficient organisation behind the scenes led by Alan Ambrose, District Education Officer, was reflected

in the full Lodge Room with a good range of members from District Lodges plus numerous visitors. VWBro David George, GSuptMembership addressed the meeting and answered some interest-

ing questions. Our new Lodge brochure was available on the evening and attracted favourable comment. Several Lodge members including

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OR BETTER?

Chris and Sarah Parr attended. It would be wonderful to have a greater participation by our members at the next Open Night.



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](http://www.freemasonsvic.net.au)

### A New Lodge Brochure

The Membership Committee has produced a new Lodge brochure to attract attention to our Lodge and to advertise our strong Scouting links. Based on an earlier brochure pro-

duced by Michael Baden-Powell, it has been developed in conjunction with Grand Lodge staff skilled in publication matters. Photographs depicting our diverse

Scouting activities have been selected to appeal to current Scouts. Professionally printed copies will soon be available for wide distribution to key target groups.

### The 2012 Prestonian Lecturer

The annual Preston Lecturer is a prestigious recognition of an eminent contributor to Masonic education by the UGLE. The 2012 recipient is WBro Tony Harvey, a close friend of Michael Baden-Powell.

Tony's subject is Scouting and Freemasonry and his designated charitable project is the digitisation of Scouting archives in the UK. Tony has been in regular contact with John Glover during his re-

search and several aspects of BP 488, including photographs, will feature in his lecture booklet. Tony hopes to visit our Lodge to deliver a lecture. Copies of his booklet will make interesting reading.

### Victorian Rover Dinner



Saturday, 22 October.  
Our Lodge has booked a table at the Rover Dinner. Tickets are only \$46 per head. No need to wear Scout uniform or dinner suit— a lounge suit will suffice. We will be presenting the perpetual Rover Service Award to the BRC at the Dinner. A good attendance will be a good recruiting tool. Come along, have fun ... and be amazed. Former Rovers and partners especially welcome. Contact John Glover urgently if you want to attend.

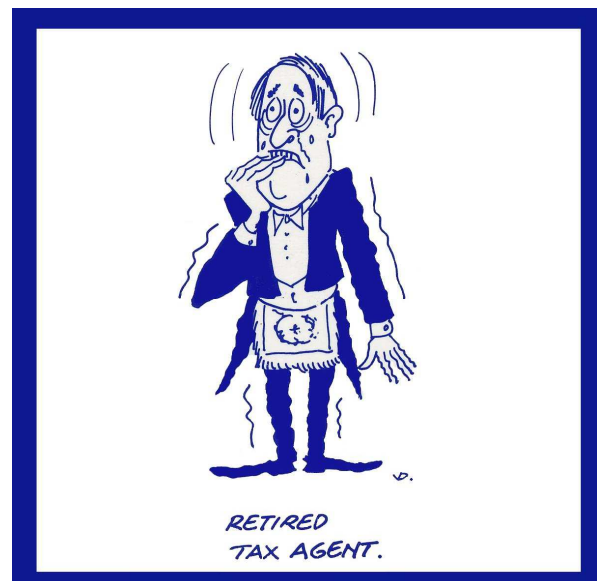
### Victorian Branch Annual Meeting



The Annual Meeting of the Victorian Branch Council will be held at Monash University, Clayton, South 1 Lecture Theatre, Building 64 on Friday, 18th November commencing at 8.00 pm. This will be followed by the Annual Reports and Presentation Meeting. The evening will conclude with a generous supper. The Lodge needs to be represented by more than our Master.

### Rehearsals On-Line

Can't make Rehearsals conducted by the DC? Don't worry about it .. he worries enough for everyone. Try our hints below:



**Learn to manage your nerves.** The only person not nervous about delivering ritual is the person who has never delivered ritual more than once. Nerves are normal; the best ritualists tell great stories about nervous moments. Experience beats nerves; experience come from rehearsing. Watch the DC: he overcomes nerves every meeting.