

Warm Fraternal Greetings,

I hope everyone has had a terrific summer! It's hard to believe it is almost over already, but in just a few short weeks we'll be starting up a new Masonic year. In fact, we've got a *very* busy week leading up to our first Regular Communication of the year.

Saturday September 11th is Fidelity's next turn assisting with the Hospital Equipment Loan Program. This is a great opportunity to provide ongoing service to our local communities in a concrete, visible way. Indeed as our various places of Worship begin services again, why not take an opportunity to lend a hand at SMD/HELP, and then share the experience with your fellows the following day at service? This is a great way to spread the word about this fantastic program!

Sunday September 12th is the annual Victorian Fair in Melrose. This is always a great event with lots to do and eat for the whole family. We will again be helping the Melrose Masonic Trust run a booth with all the Masonic bodies in Melrose. Even more exciting, we will be holding our first **MyCHIP** event in a few years! This incredible program presents a fantastic service to the community. This year we will have the new digital equipment, which allows everything but the DNA swab to be performed in a single station and in much less time. Even so, we could still use more volunteers to help man stations and guide families through the process, and the more people we have the shorter the shifts! Even if you can't help out for an hour or two, but will be attending the fair, please contact us about possibly handing out fliers and providing people with directions.

Tuesday September 14th we will be installing the suite of officers for the coming year. We'll have a number of new faces getting installed in this semi-public (Masons and their guests) ceremony. As always, the support of the Brethren and their families and well filled sidelines is a most welcome sight and the best motivation we can provide to our officers.

Do you know someone who you think is already a Brother at heart, but perhaps they would like to know more about the Fraternity? Just ask any officer, and we will provide a folder with information about Freemasonry and Fidelity Lodge, as well as a great DVD from Grand Lodge on the Gift of Freemasonry.

I hope to see you soon!

Regards,
Sean P. Quinlan