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Grand Installation

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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Constitutional Change Webinar 4.00pm Monday 14 August 2017

Please join the Deputy Grand Master and me discussing the proposed Constitutional changes in a live webinar on Monday 14 August 2017. To register your participation see [HERE](#).

Lodge of Progress

I extend my sincere appreciation to all who made the Consecration and associated functions of the new Lodge of Progress 940 such a success last Saturday.



For many in the team, including the Grand Director of Ceremonies, VWBro Myles King, the day commenced at 10.00am. Congratulations also to the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Berwick Balcara Lodge for sponsoring the formation of the Lodge. Read on [HERE](#).

Grand Master's Movements

On Tuesday, I was to attend the Mooroopna Lodge to confer on RWBro. Allan McCormack the rank of SGW. Unfortunately, Allan took ill last week and the visit was called off. The Worshipful Master of Mooroopna, WBro. Ken Wratten decided to inform Allan of the reason for my trip in order to lift his spirits. So, given that the cat is out of the bag I congratulate Allan on his conferral and I wish him a speedy recovery so that I can present it to him in person. Read on [HERE](#).

The August Installation planner is available [HERE](#).



Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

Dear Brethren

Lodge Self Determination Roadshow
Now underway, see the schedule [HERE](#).

Member Ready Lodges
Such progress while I have been on leave!
Congratulations to those Lodges who are now member ready. We now have 52 Lodges who are compliant and ready to receive new members and over 67 Lodges with appointed Engagement Officers in place. You can see the updated list of all Lodges and status [HERE](#).

Lodge Flyer

Have you produced your own promotional flyer for your Lodge? See [HERE](#).

Lodge Plan

I trust you are engaging with the Roadshows and progressing on developing your Lodge Plan for the year ahead – see the template [HERE](#) or you may prefer this template [HERE](#).

Grand Registrar

Expressions of interest are called for the position of Grand Registrar. The Grand Registrar, an honorary position, is an appointed member of the Board of General Purposes, and the Senior Legal Officer of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. If you believe you have the necessary qualifications, experience and motivation to take on this challenging role, please forward a confidential expression of interest, including a detailed resume to the Grand Secretary [HERE](#).

Share Your Lodge Plan!

Please forward your plan to [HERE](#) with approval to publish on the Members' website to enable us to share the approaches being taken in your Lodge and to inspire ideas for other Lodges who are seeking guidance as they embark on their planning process. Your leadership will be valued!

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie

Grand Secretary

Brethren

Deputy Grand Master Selection Panel

I am very pleased to advise that elections are now complete for representatives from each District to serve on the Deputy Grand Master Selection Panel.

A complete list of all the elected members is attached [HERE](#).

I would like to congratulate all those who were successful in obtaining a position on the panel and thank all who showed an interest in nominating for this panel.



I would remind all Brethren, that Rule 41 of the Book of Constitutions, specifically prohibits the campaigning for the election or otherwise of candidates for the position of Deputy Grand Master. Such activity would be deemed as a Masonic offence and dealt with in accordance with the rules of the Constitution.

Calling for Expressions of Interest in the new Western Plains Dining Lodge!

The Western Plains Dining Lodge is inviting expressions of interest from you to join this exciting new proposed Lodge in Melbourne's West which will be built on a foundation of masonic principles that has philanthropy, community, and the perpetual improvement of its members, their families, and the community at its core. Read more [HERE](#) and send your interest to [HERE](#).

Grand Secretary's Bulletin

Bulletin No.143 is available [HERE](#) with details of the forthcoming September Quarterly Communication in Morwell on Wednesday 20 September commencing at 7.30pm. This will be a busy Quarterly with the launch of the Annual Report, a presentation by the Grand Treasurer, voting on important Constitutional Amendments and an address by the Deputy Grand Master in addition to an address by the Grand Master.

Please note that prior to the Quarterly there will be a Forum on compassion, commencing at 5.00pm. This will be a useful and informative Forum to learn about work happening on the fourth objective of the Strategic Plan "To further enhance capacity for compassion."

Bookings are essential for the Quarterly Communication [HERE](#) and the Forum [HERE](#).



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

Freemasons Victoria App

Further to your feedback about the need for an FMV app, we are pleased to advise that development is advanced and we are ready for testing!

The first stage of the app will enable access to information on Masonic events including Lodge meetings, a Lodge finder, access to the Book of Constitutions, The Journal, FMV messaging and more!

If you would like to be an early adopter helping us to refine the app, please contact Head of Membership Andrew Power [HERE](#).

Education Program

I do hope you have taken the time to explore the new Freemasons Victoria Online Education Portal now featuring MAP 0 and MAP 1. Please see [HERE](#) and enjoy!

Royal Freemasons Homes Open Day in Sale, Latrobe Valley

Don't forget the Open Day for the new Royal Freemasons Homes facilities in Sale in the Latrobe Valley is scheduled for Sunday 20 August 2017. Please join us to view the new facilities which will open for operations on Friday 1 September 2017. See [HERE](#) for more information.

Record Your Role in Our Masonic History

The FMV Library holds files on every Lodge within the Victorian Constitution, going back to their original petitions. These files are constantly being added so that our Masonic history is not lost, however, we are always looking for more. If you or your Lodge has any additional copies of installation cards, Lodge histories, photos, membership lists or details of any significant member, the Library would like to hear from you! [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) are some examples from the UGLV dating back to 1885. Information can be forwarded onto the Library through the main office or emailed directly to the Library [HERE](#).

Personal Bibles: Keeping the Memory Alive

Over the years, the FMV Library and Museum has been donated various Bibles which were once owned by fellow Brethren. Many of these Bibles are still in good condition and also maintain the personal dedication to whom it was given. The FMV Library and Museum would like to offer these Bibles to any Lodge who is interested in sharing these with newly initiated Freemasons. By doing so, not only will he receive his own personal Bible but he will also maintain the memory of the previous owner. If your Lodge is interested in obtaining one of these Bibles please contact the Collections Manager [HERE](#) or call 9411 0108.

Opportunity for Engagement with Blue Ribbon Foundation in the Northern Region

Expressions of interest are encouraged from members in Lodges in the northern suburbs to be a part of the local Blue Ribbon Committee, to liaise with their own Lodge and others in supporting a Blue Ribbon Foundation "Remembers Lives by Saving Others" project. The Committee will meet five times per year at

Matthews Steer offices, 2/7 English Street, Essendon Fields, with other contact as required for specific activities. Express your interest to Christina Chia, Head of Marketing [HERE](#).

Freemasons Victoria August Member Benefits



Freemasons Helpdesk

When you email [membership](#) for any membership enquiries, or [marketing](#) for any media and marketing enquiries, your email will be handled by our Helpdesk system which means you will receive notification as we work to deliver swift responses. Alternatively, you can visit [support](#) and submit your enquiries via our Helpdesk system directly.

Upcoming Events

- **Bayside Masonic Masquerade Ball** – Tonight at 6:30pm at Milanos Tavern, Brighton. The night will include a special guest speaker and many worthwhile events. Find out more [HERE](#).
- **Special Battle of Long Tan Commemoration Meeting** - 7.00pm Saturday 19 August 2017 at Ivalda Masonic Centre, 40-42 Salisbury Avenue, Ivanhoe. See [HERE](#) for further information.
- **Northern Health and Freemasons Victoria** - On Saturday 7 October 2017 a Fundraising Dinner at Melrose Reception Tullamarine. In partnership with Northern Health, please join Freemasons Victoria at a Fundraising Dinner to support critical community work. See [HERE](#).

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