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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER



Grand Craft & Royal Arch Chapter | 2018

Grand Installation

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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

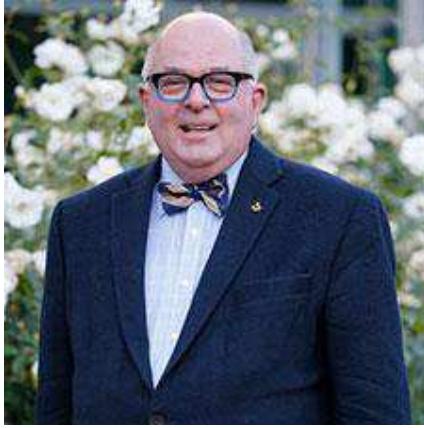
Grand Master's Movements

Last Saturday, I installed WBro. Clint Crout as Worshipful Master of Seymour Lodge. We were all impressed with the work that has been completed on the Masonic Centre and enjoyed the evening with local members of Freemasons Victoria.

Whilst I have had a number of meetings with members of FMV it was good to be part of the webinar last Monday and to talk to the President of the Board and the Deputy Grand Master about the upcoming proposed changes to the Constitution. Read on [HERE](#).



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



Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

Dear Brethren

Constitutional Amendments

See [HERE](#) for the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master in conversation with me on the proposed changes.

Lodge Self Determination Roadshow

Hope you have been participating in the Roadshows now underway, see the schedule [HERE](#).

Member Ready Lodges

Terrific to see continued progress with many Lodges now member ready. We now have 54 Lodges who are compliant and ready to receive new members and 73 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](#). Please send your completed Lodge Plan to [HERE](#) to enable sharing with others.

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie

Grand Secretary

Brethren

2018 Grand Ceremonial Team

Applications have now closed for the 2018 Grand Ceremonial Team. RWBro Keith Murray, Deputy Grand Master and Fiona, would like to thank all those who have expressed interest.

Auditions have now been scheduled for September and advice has been sent to all applicants, however we have experienced some difficulties with email, so if you have applied and not received advice on the audition, please contact WBro Graham Berry immediately on 9411 0117. We want to ensure that no one misses out on this opportunity to be part of the 2018 Grand Ceremonial Team.



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](#).

Expressions of Interest: New Academic Lodge

Expressions of interest are called from those with higher education and an interest in ongoing learning for potential membership of a possible new academic Lodge. The focus of the Lodge will be on the

intellectual development of its members through the exploration of academic and masonic inquiry and the fostering of real world skills in entrepreneurship, leadership and innovation. This Lodge will meet at the campuses of number of Australian Universities with special events to be hosted at renowned Melbourne based clubs. Please express interest by filling out the non-binding expression of interest form [HERE](#) and sending to [HERE](#).



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

Shining Star

This week we would like to shine a light on The Brighton District Lodge's Engagement Officer, Bro. Len D'Agostino who through his continual efforts was instrumental in attracting Peter Sommers (President of the St Kilda Football team and CEO of AV Jennings) as a guest speaker for the recent Brighton District Masquerade Ball.

While the event was successful due to the involvement of many, Len has demonstrated time and again how engaging with the community can bring great results for a Lodge.

Masonic Education Developments

Several Volunteer Action Teams (VATs) are reviewing, enhancing and refreshing the various elements of our Masonic education experience. Currently the teams are working to see how we can increase on-line content that compliments and supports any face to face contact sessions and over the coming weeks there will be staged releases of on-line and in Lodge content. The face to face contact sessions, such as the Preparation for Master program, will be revised and redeveloped to align and synchronise with the developing on-line content. The hope is to enhance and deliver current content in a contemporary fashion making use of the opportunities presented through the use of digital mediums. Read on [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!

Freemason Victoria APP

Have you registered to trial the new APP? Please do so [HERE](#).

Royal Freemasons Homes Open Day in Sale

Don't forget the Open Day for the new Royal Freemasons Homes facilities in Sale 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.

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](#).

FMV Engage Newsletter

This week's Engage 148 Newsletter contains a number of interesting stories including: the Commonwealth Lodge and Duke of Connaught Lodge Bowls Night; WWRBLSC Clay Target Shooting; Working Together with Sale Lions Club and RWBro. Charles Newall Receives 75 Year Jewel.

Other articles include the Grand Craft & Royal Arch Chapter 2018 Grand Installation; the Think Pink Foundation 5 Cent Piece Initiative and the Freemasons Victoria September Quarterly Booking.



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Freemasons Victoria August Member Benefits



Freemasons Members Helpdesk

Following the tremendous support and feedback received by our Lodge Secretaries and as part of our ongoing responsiveness, we have upgraded our FMV Helpdesk system to now handle all areas of membership enquiries and needs. The FMV Members Helpdesk System will receive your emails and provide you immediate notifications as we work to deliver swift responses. Please note the changes to the following email addresses and update your contacts accordingly:

Department

Grand Secretary
Membership
Marketing
Corporate
Property and Maintenance
Library and Museum

Email

grandsec@fmv.org.au
membership@fmv.org.au
marketing@fmv.org.au
corporate@fmv.org.au
property@fmv.org.au
library@fmv.org.au

Alternatively, you can visit [support](#) and submit your enquiries via our Helpdesk system directly.

Upcoming Events

- **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.

- **The Lodge of the Golden Fleece Installation** – 3:00pm Saturday 9 September 2017. Don't miss out on FMV's Premiere Dining Lodge as they bring entertainment and excellence to their upcoming Installation to be held at The Athenaeum Club. Bookings numbers are limited so don't miss out - Bookings [HERE](#).
- **Bellarine Otway District Freemasons & Hope Bereavement Care** are presenting a Charity Lunch for Support After Suicide Geelong - 12.00 noon Tuesday 12 September 2017 at The Dome, Geelong Library and Heritage Centre, 51 Little Malop Street, Geelong. View [HERE](#) for further information. Bookings [HERE](#).
- **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](#).

Media Highlights

Bellarine Otway District Freemasons

16 August 2017 **Media Release**

Australia Post Incoming CEO Keynote Speaker at Support After Suicide Geelong Fundraiser
Read [HERE](#).

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