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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Quarterly Communication, Wednesday 13 December 2017

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday 13 December at the Sandringham Masonic Centre, as a farewell to this Grand Old Lady who has served our Craft for many years. The members of the Sandringham Centre as well as the Brighton and Moorabbin Centres will transfer into the new Bayside Masonic Centre in the New Year. The event will be by booking only and is limited to 200. A light supper will be held after the December Communication.



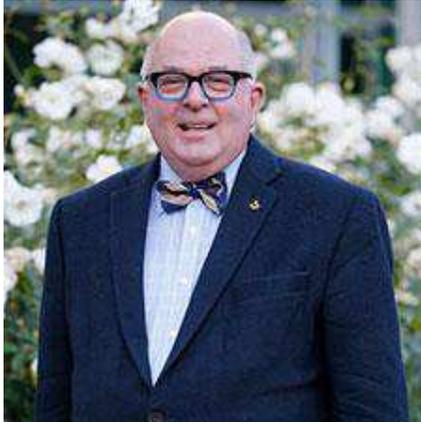
Ample parking will be available on the Shorefront with buses to transfer the Brethren to the Centre. Brethren can book via try booking [HERE](#). The event will be webcast into our Masonic Centres throughout Victoria, and given we had over 800 at the various Centres in September, I again look forward to a large turnout for our December Communication.

Ladies are invited to attend a dinner hosted by Mya, please see [HERE](#). Further details are available upon request and all bookings are to be made by the RSVP date.

Grand Master's Movements

Last Saturday, Mya and I were in Nagambie with the Senior Grand Warden to install WBro Trevor Hibbert, PJGD into the chair at Nagambie Lodge. The ladies enjoyed a wonderful riverboat cruise along the Goulburn River while the men were at the Installation. Read more [HERE](#).

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



Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

Dear Brethren

Board Meeting

Your Board met on 12 October 2017 with the following outcomes:

1. Recent Constitutional Amendment Processes

The Board examined both the content of the proposed amendments and the processes employed to encourage support.

The vote certainly was a chastening experience for the Board. The Board was disappointed but clearly our membership was unconvinced, in an environment where our fraternity is in a period of significant change, on the need for the changes, lacked clarity on 'what was actually being changed' and 'why the changes were necessary' and lacked an explanation of how these changes fitted into the bigger picture of the need for overall constitutional reframing and rewrite.

We concluded that in any future constitutional amendment process of this magnitude, we needed to:

- Give more time for our members to get their heads around the changes
- Allow more time for discussion to take place as opposed to the Board 'talking at' our members
- Carefully consider our approach to the whole issue of significant constitutional reframing and rewrite including involvement of members at early stage.

Read the further Board outcomes [HERE](#).

Member Ready Lodges

Great work continues on Member Ready Lodges and Engagement Officers. Check your Lodge's progress [HERE](#).

Lodge Flyer

Don't forget your own promotional flyer for your Lodge. See [HERE](#).

Lodge Plan

Remember the Lodge Plan template can be found [HERE](#) or alternatively [HERE](#). Please send your completed Lodge Plan to [HERE](#) so others can learn.

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie

Grand Secretary

Brethren

New Year's Resolutions

Brethren, we all make New Year's Resolutions. We would like to hear from you on your Resolutions on what you can do for Freemasonry, to move to a future to which we all aspire. Send your ideas [HERE](#) on how you want to commit to improvement in 2018. The best ideas will be featured in our Summer Journal. The deadline is 3 November 2017. We are seeking ideas that we can share. They may be personal, they may be for a Lodge or group, but if they will improve our fraternity let's hear them.



Prestonian Lecture

On 22 November 2017, at the Inner East Masonic Centre at Box Hill, Freemasons Victoria in conjunction with Combemere Lodge No.752 E.C. are hosting a talk by Dr Richard Berman, the 2016 Prestonian Lecturer from the United Grand Lodge of England. This will be an event not to be missed. See [HERE](#) for further details.

Information on Lodge Workings

The 2017 print of the Book of Lodge Workings, that is currently available in hard copy from the FMV

office, is also now available in soft copy. If you would like a copy emailed to you please email [HERE](#) for the link.

Book of Constitutions

The next addition of the Book of Constitutions will be released in early 2018. Pending this update, a list of changes that were approved from the Quarterly Communication 20 September 2017 are available [HERE](#). A copy of these changes will be issued with every copy of the **current** Book of Constitutions pending the new version.



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Dear Members

Membership Survey: Openness, Altruism, Trust and Warmth

Freemasons Victoria is an organisation made possible by the good men supporting it. The lifeblood of keeping Freemasonry a distinguished and proud organisation, is to attract members most closely representing our values, traditions and purpose. Therefore, when considering new members, it's important we discover and accept those who fundamentally align, and are predictably going to take Freemasonry to a new generation.

The recent member survey identified relationships between attributes defining 'good men', and the correlation of those results to keeping the values of Freemasonry alive. In a matter of less than three days, 838 (almost 10%) members had completed the survey (only valid results included, any duplicates removed). The survey was developed through a scientific process and results have shown that overwhelmingly, FMV members are highest in their **Openness, Altruism, Trust and Warmth**. Using questions derived from these characteristics, we are now developing a new questionnaire 'The Good Man Test' to engage potential new members who closely align to your results including predictors for active involvement, worthiness of time spent, inclusiveness of others, and pride in telling others. This questionnaire will be served to Victorian men on Facebook of similar attributes with a view to encouraging their discovery of Freemasonry, the aim here being to ensure our organisation continues with good men at its core. Thank you for your participation and assistance with this piece.

Albert Street East Melbourne

See [HERE](#) for current progress.

No Barriers to Mirvac and Freemasons Victoria's Commitment to Promoting Breast Cancer Awareness

The normally dull grey concrete safety barriers in Albert Street East Melbourne have turned bright pink. But it is all in a good cause to promote awareness of breast cancer and the work of the Think Pink Foundation Living Centre. Read on [HERE](#).

Staffing – Joint Secretariat of Grand Mark and Supreme Grand Chapter

The position of 'Administration Officer' will shortly become available with the Joint Secretariat of Grand Mark and Supreme Grand Chapter (Chamar Pty Ltd). This is a full time position dealing with all aspects of the Administration of Grand Mark and Supreme Grand Chapter under the direction of the GSE/GSec. See [HERE](#) for more information and [HERE](#) for the Job Description.

Freemasons Victoria Mobile App

Thanks to all those testing the FMV Mobile Phone Application which enables you to see what Lodges are meeting, upcoming events, and this weekly e-newsletter and more. Get involved [HERE](#).

Education Program

The Freemasons Victoria Online Education Portal continues to engage those with MAP 0 and MAP 1. Does your Lodge have propositions? You can share the MAP 0 (Introduction to Freemasonry) with them (and the general public) immediately [HERE](#), and all others can request access for MAP 1 [HERE!](#)

Freemasons Motorcycle Lodge on the Recruitment Road

The Freemasons Motorcyclists United Lodge 939 has commenced a recruitment campaign with an appearance at the annual 'Blessing of the Bikes' at Phillip Island last weekend attended by thousands of motorcycle riders. Read more [HERE](#).



Interchange Siblings Program Receives Freemasons Funding Boost

Interchange East, which runs group based recreation programs offering leisure and social opportunities to young people with disabilities, aged between 5 and 17, met with Freemasons from local Lodges on Thursday and announced another major funding grant. Read more [HERE](#).

Freemasons Victoria October Member Benefits

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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

- **Grand Mark Festival at Traralgon** - Friday 20 October to Sunday 22 October 2017. Join the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria for a weekend of fun and festivities. See [HERE](#) for further information.
 - **Defence Seminar** - 11.00am Saturday 21 October 2017 - The Auditorium, Shrine of Remembrance. View [HERE](#).
 - **Navy Defence Ball** - 7.00pm Saturday 21 October 2017 - Melbourne Town Hall. Further details [HERE](#).
 - **Lodge of St. Mark No. 591 Halloween Fundraiser** - 6.00pm Saturday 21 October 2017. Raising funds for Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Research Foundation. To be held at Grand Star Receptions, 499 Grieve Parade, Altona North. See [HERE](#) for Bookings.
 - **Seafarers Church Service** at 10.30am Sunday 22 October at St Paul's Cathedral, Cnr Flinders and Swanston Street, Melbourne.
 - **Royal Freemasons 38th Annual Masonic Charity Golf Day** - Monday 23 October 2017 at Huntingdale Gold Club. See [HERE](#) for further information.
 - **Victoria Blue Ribbon 2017 Golf Day To Remember** - 8.00am Friday 3 November 2017 at Settlers Run Golf and Country Club. See [HERE](#) for more details.
 - **Grand Organ Recital** in aid of the [We Care Appeal 2017](#) - 2.00pm Sunday 5 November 2017 at Brighton Masonic Hall in aid of the Royal Children's Hospital. See [HERE](#) for further details.
 - **Facebook Education night** - Monday 6 November 2017 - Commonwealth Lodge is hosting a Facebook Education night for all Brethren. More information [HERE](#).
 - **Lodge Fraternal 603 Ladies in The South Dinner Dance** - 7.00pm Saturday 18 November 2017 to be held at Milanos Tavern, Brighton. Celebrating Lodge Fraternal's 70th Year. Bookings Essential. More details [HERE](#).
 - **FMV Lodge Engagement Conference** – 10.30am Saturday 18 November 2017 – Open to all Lodge Engagement Officers, this is the perfect event to share and seed ideas, as well as pick up valuable skills at improving the level of engagement within your Lodge. You can reserve your place at the Conference [HERE](#)!
 - **RIMS (Recently Installed Masters) Course** – Saturday 18 November 2017 – Hamilton Masonic Centre. For more information please contact Peter Barrand [HERE](#).
 - **Preparation for Masters Course** – Saturday 18 November 2017 – Hamilton Masonic Centre. For more information please contact Peter Barrand [HERE](#).
 - **Prestonian Lecture** - 6.30pm Wednesday 22 November 2017. Freemasons Victoria in conjunction with Combemere Lodge No.752 E.C. are hosting a talk by Dr Richard Berman, the 2016 Prestonian Lecturer from the United Grand Lodge of England. This will be held at the Inner Eastern Masonic Centre Box Hill. See [HERE](#) for details.
 - **Sunshine Wisdom Lodge 2017 Christmas Party** - 6.00pm Friday 1 December 2017 at Williamstown Town Hall. Bookings essential. See [HERE](#) for more details.
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