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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Christmas Greetings

Mya and I wish that your Christmas is enjoyable and the Festive Season is one which is safe and happy. We also extend our thanks to FMV Managers and Staff, our Volunteers and all Members of this wonderful organisation, especially the Members and their Ladies and Lodges for welcoming us so warmly.

We look forward to enjoying your company in 2018 and along with RWBro. Keith Murray DGM and Fiona, welcoming you to the Grand Installation festivities in April 2018.

Grand Master's Movements

Mya and I wish to thank Peter and Maike Shellie and their team, for a great night at SEAVIC Lodge last Friday. An interesting Lodge meeting preceded the Christmas function in the Great Gatsby style. Read more [HERE](#).

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





Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington President of the Board of General Purposes

Dear Brethren

Your Board met on 14 December, and in the interests of transparency, I direct your attention to the report on the outcomes [HERE](#).

Reminders:

- **Education Program**

Do have a look at our new Online Education Portal. You can share the Introduction to Freemasonry with your prospects immediately by clicking [HERE](#), or get access using your Salesforce account [HERE](#). MAP 2 releasing soon.

- **Member Ready Lodges**

Keep up the good work 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

The next Quarterly Communication will be held on Saturday 17 March 2018 at the Bayside Masonic Centre. On the same day each of the three rooms at the new Bayside Masonic Centre will be dedicated to Freemasonry. Further details will follow in the New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Seasons Greetings to all Members and I trust that you will each take time for a break and find an opportunity to spend time with family and friends.



PBGP Selection

I am delighted to announce that the Board has recommended, to the Grand Master-Elect, the appointment of Bro. Justin Stark as President, Board of General Purposes, for the year commencing 7 April 2018.

Brethren will be aware that since the Constitutional change in December 2016, the selection of the PBGP now rests with the Board. A sub-committee conducted a rigorous search and preliminary assessment of a large number of potential candidates and the full Board conducted final interviews on Monday 18 December 2017.

We are very pleased with the quality of the candidates and the decision facing the Board was a difficult one.

Bro Justin was selected on the basis on his extensive business experience together with his longstanding

involvement in various Grand Lodge Committees and experience in Strategic Management and Planning.

Reminders:

- **Information on Lodge Workings**

Can be accessed [HERE](#). Printed copies can be purchased by calling Jillian on 9411 0111.

- **Book of Constitutions**

Find the recent amendments to the Book of Constitutions [HERE](#) and download to include with your current copy of the 40th Edition. The pdf copy on the website, has now been amended with these changes - edition 40A. For ease of use the recent changes are in red. The new edition incorporating all the changes approved by Grand Lodge during 2017 will be released in printed format in early 2018.

- **Excluded Brethren**

You can see [HERE](#) recent exclusions and lifted exclusions. Please assist these individuals, please do so where possible.



Message from Bro. Andrew Power Head of Membership and Marketing

Dear Brethren

As we move into that time of the year where we celebrate and reflect on the past, present, and future, I would like to thank you for contributing to a most productive year in Freemasonry.

Over the past twelve months, we have seen developments with Lodge engagement, a reduction in financial exclusions, increase in compassion, and more Members are leaving Lodge with a smile.

In the upcoming year, we have the Dedication of the Bayside Masonic Centre in March, the Grand Installation in April, and two new Lodges on the horizon that will encourage international attention.

I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday period. Please note the next Newsletter will be issued on Friday 5 January 2018.

Masonic Guide

After much revision to the previous Masonic Guide, as an early Christmas present, please find the new completely redesigned edition downloadable [HERE](#). The Guide will be printed in due course and made available through the office for the New Year.

Scholarships Awards Night

A number of Scholarship Awards were presented to students of the Fairhills High School in Knoxfield. Read more [HERE](#).

Printable Newsletter

A printable form of the Newsletter is available [HERE](#).

Freemasons Victoria Mobile App

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

FMV Engage Newsletter 157

This week's **FMV Engage Newsletter 157** contains many interesting stories including:

New Heart Monitors for Portland District Health - Thanks to Freemasons; Freemasons achieves North East first with 75 Years Service; A Shock to the System and A Night to Remember.

Other articles include MWBro Bruce Bartrop and VWBro David Pratt receive 60 Year Jewels; the Freemasons Victoria 2018 Grand Installation and the Freemasons Victoria Summer Journal.



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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
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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

- **Wakanyana's 101st Meeting** - 12.00 noon Thursday 28 December 2017 at the Bellarine Masonic Centre, Learmonth Street, Queenscliff. Since its inception in 1916, Wakanyana's has raised in excess of \$175,000 for the Cottage By The Sea. This year whilst still supporting the Cottage By The Sea, all funds raised will be used to fund under-privileged children to have a holiday at the seaside. See [HERE](#) for further details.
- **Lodge of St Mark No 591 - Moonlight Movie** - 7.00pm Saturday 20 January 2018 - Western Masonic Centre, 121 Callaway Boulevard, Sunshine West. See [HERE](#) for details.
- **Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence - Robbie Burns Night** - 7.00pm Thursday 25 January 2018. A Scottish night to commemorate the immortal Robbie Burns. Contact Bro David Webb on email [HERE](#).
- **Dedication of Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre at Traralgon** - Saturday 10 February 2018. View further details [HERE](#).

Media Highlights

Sandringham Masonic Centre

19 December 2017 [Bayside Leader](#) "Masons gather in hallowed hall"

Freemasons Rosebank Lodge, Beac

12 December 2018 [Camperdown Chronicle](#) "Bird's-eye fire spotting"

All Nations Lodge Clunes

14 December 2017 [Golden Plains Miner](#) "Clunes Footy Club juniors to get new jumpers"

Marnoo Masonic Lodge

15 December 2017 [Stawell Times News](#) "Freemasons present cash to students"

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