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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

30 Second Elevator Speech

It was terrific to have you at the Grand Banquet tell me, in unison that Freemasons Victoria is an organisation of good men supporting each other and their community! In my address, I introduced the sequel to our opening statements for your tool box when asked for more information. I am pleased to share these with you:

- *We are an organisation of good men, supporting each other, their families and the community.*
- *Freemasonry is a well-established and honourable fraternity.*
- *Members share a strong set of values and principles, which encourage social, philanthropic, intellectual and moral guidance for each other and our families.*
- *Through Lodges or groups, ceremonies or presentations reinforce these values, stimulate thinking and develop self-awareness.*
- *Our Lodges enable fellowship, networking, counselling, mentoring, friendship, tolerance and philanthropy to community.*

Please wear your Square and Compasses, be equipped with our opening statement and when asked for more, be ready with our 30 second elevator speech.

With these three key tools, we are all well equipped to attract new member interest as we go about our everyday business.

The Governor and The Eastbourne

What a great moment with our partners Mirvac taken live to Facebook last Friday, the 50th Anniversary of the laying of the original Foundation stone with The Honourable Linda Dessau and Mr Anthony Howard reflecting on the past and imagining the future as we plan for our new city based Masonic Centre. Take a look at the [project unfolding](#) and the [event](#) noting the wonderful comments made by our Governor about Freemasons historically and our significance and role for future generations.

Monash Children's Hospital

Last week I brought news of the grant by Freemasons Foundation to the Monash Children's Hospital. We were heartened by comments in official speeches from Andrew Stripp, Chief Executive of Monash Health and Minister for Health, The Hon Jill Hennessy. Please enjoy their words [HERE](#).



The Grand Installation presented by KPMG

What a wonderful occasion we enjoyed and at last I invite you to visit the [Gallery of images](#) capturing the joy of the evening!



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

My Brethren

Strategic Plan

Work continues cascading the plan into business and operational tactics and preparing a budget for the year ahead. We are pleased that already many of the priorities that you identified are rolling out!

In Conversation with the Grand Master

As part of our Conversations with Leaders series I am delighted this week to invite you join me with our Grand Master Don Reynolds as we continue our reflections on our strategic planning journey! Please see [HERE](#).

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

Quarterly Communication

The next Quarterly Communications will be held on Wednesday 21st June 2017, at 7.30pm at the Inner East Masonic Centre.

All members of Freemasons Victoria are invited to attend one of the designated Masonic Centres across the State. For the purposes of the Quarterly, Brethren may attend the Inner East Masonic Centre, however as numbers will be strictly controlled advance booking will be essential. Further details will be communicated in coming weeks.

Nominations Deputy Grand Master

The Book of Constitutions provides for nominations to the position of Deputy Grand Master to be received by the Grand Secretary before the fall of the gavel to formally open the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in June 2017. Nominees should check the Book of Constitutions to ensure that they are eligible. Brethren proposing or seconding a candidate for election as Deputy Grand Master must, at the time of nominating, be entitled at least to the appellation of "Very Worshipful". Nominations will be accepted only on the prescribed form, which will be provided on request.





Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

FMV Member Benefits Program

Freemasons Victoria Member Benefits hub is now live and ready for you as a benefit of your membership of Freemasons Victoria. A range of benefits are available to you including commercial pricing at selected retailers, discounted offers, privileged access to services! Please use your FMV membership number against your name to validate you are a member. The hub can be found [HERE](#). Please share this link if you have a significant woman in your life and encourage her to support you to take advantage on your behalf of the benefits of your membership!

Community Gallery

Our Gallery is looking terrific – so many vibrant Freemasons telling their stories about why they are proud to be members. Do take a look at how our community is shining! Very soon we will be asking you to share your photo and story! View [HERE](#).

12-18 June 2017 Men's Health Week – Healthy Body Healthy Mind!

Mark your calendars! How could your Lodge participate? Consider some of the ideas [HERE](#).

Media Highlights

Geelong Grand Installation

17 March 2017 [Geelong Independent](#)

Dallas Brooks Hall

17 March 2017 **ABC Radio Melbourne Breakfast with Red Symons**

Interview with Don Reynolds, Grand Master of Freemasonry in Victoria. The Dallas Brooks Masonic Centre is celebrating 50th anniversary of the laying of the Foundation stone. Symons notes that the Dallas Brooks Hall is being developed.

Bayside Masonic Centre at Gardenvale

18 March 2017 [news.com.au](#) "Gardenvale's Tiny Town car dealership refuses to budge"

18 March 2017 [realestate.com.au](#) "Gardenvale's Tiny Town car dealership refuses to budge"

Freemasons Cycling Club

16 March 2017 [Waranga News](#) "Freemasons Cycling Club members ride for youth mental health"

Ballarat Guiding Star Lodge

16 March 2017 [The Border Mail](#) "Hospice donation to make a huge difference"

16 March 2017 [The Ballarat Courier](#) "Hospice donation to make a huge difference"

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