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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Having experienced the energy, festivities and celebration of 300 years of the coming together of the London Lodges on 24 June 1717 and commencing the birth of worldwide Freemasonry, the honour of representing the Grand Lodge of Victoria is not lost on me. I appreciate the support of Mya, our Deputy Grand Master, Keith and Fiona.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, HRH the Duke of Kent, hoped that all who attended the tercentenary of the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England would return to their homes with happy memories of an historic occasion.

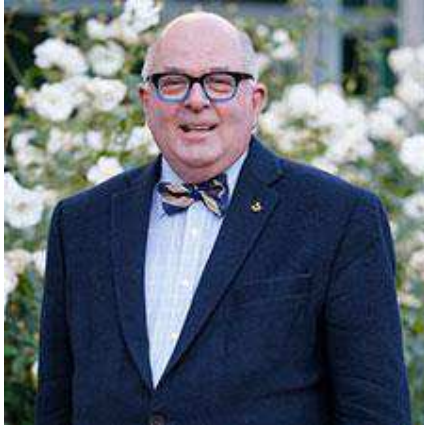


To be in the Grand Temple of Freemasons Hall with approximately 340 Grand Masters from Constitutions around the world and to witness the spectacle at Albert Hall, I can assure that we were amazed. I will bring to you a more comprehensive account of our time at the celebrations over the next few weeks – stay tuned. See images [HERE](#).

Grand Master's Movements

I arrived home early on Tuesday 14 November from the UGLE Celebrations and after a rest day I installed WBro Ramon Yodgee into the chair of Warrawee Park Lodge No 863 on Wednesday morning. It was a great pleasure on that morning to present a 60 year jewel to Wor. Bro. Stan Nelson. I then attended the Grand Mark Communications on that evening at Preston. Read more [HERE](#).

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



Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

Dear Brethren

Prestonian Lecture

What a great occasion we enjoyed on Wednesday evening with The Prestonian Lecture '*Foundations: new light on the formation and early years of the Grand Lodge of England*' delivered by Bro Ric Berman, AQC. Dr Ric is an author of some outstanding recent books on Freemasonry, such as *The Foundations of Modern Freemasonry* and *Schism - The Battle that Forged Freemasonry*.

The lecture, streamed live to Facebook and now online for you [HERE](#), was enabled in partnership with the United Grand Lodge of England, Combermere Lodge EC and with the support of our FMV team, including The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary. Dr Ric's recent work re-evaluates the very date of 1717 as the foundation date of the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster. A most interesting read!

Membership Survey

I encourage your participation in the Membership Survey below to help Freemasons Victoria in its journey ahead.

Attention Lodge Secretaries, if your members without email would like to participate in the survey let us know [HERE](#) and we will send it out by post.

Education Program

As I have previously reminded you, having reviewed the education portal, I encourage you to do likewise. See Introduction to Freemasonry for your prospects [HERE](#), and MAP 1 [HERE](#) with MAP 2 coming soon.

Member Ready Lodges

The Member Ready Lodges and Engagement Officers schedule can be seen [HERE](#).

Lodge Flyer

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

Lodge Plan

Lodge Plans are due next month. See [HERE](#) or alternatively [HERE](#). Please send your completed Lodge Plan to [HERE](#) so others can learn.

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie

Grand Secretary

Brethren

Last week, I reported on an article by WBro Edward Lord, OBE, the outgoing Chair of Universities Scheme for the United Grand Lodge of England. This has an important message for all Freemasons, particularly those charged with governance in the Lodge. I would urge others to read and to circulate. Read the article [HERE](#).



At the last Quarterly Communication at Morwell, a forum on '**Compassion**' was held. At that forum I spoke on the relief from Capitation Fees and how this can assist Brethren who due to unforeseen circumstances get into financial difficulties. Please consider the options under Rule 120 when any Brother gets into financial difficulty.

Further Freemasons Foundation Victoria has processes for relief for Brethren or their spouse, child or dependant. I would urge any Lodge who has a member or the spouse, child or dependent who is in serious financial difficulty and where financial assistance is required, to utilise the Freemasons Foundation Victoria. If you have any questions, please contact Bro Neil Cripps, Executive Officer on 9411 0139, who will be delighted to provide information and guidance as necessary.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge - Wednesday 13 December 2017

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday 13 December 2017 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. As usual the Quarterly will be streamed live to the internet and you can attend one of the designated Masonic Centres to enjoy the event and the fellowship.

The event is now fully booked. Bookings will be checked at the door on the night but there is no requirement to bring your tickets. Further parking details will be provided next week. A light supper will be held after the Quarterly Communication.

Dedication of Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre

On Saturday 10 February 2018, the MW Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master will be in the Latrobe Valley to Dedicate the new Masonic Centre in Traralgon. Freemasonry has a rich history in the Latrobe Valley and a new Masonic Centre has been created to foster growth into the future in this region. The Centre will be known as 'The Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre'.



The Board of General Purposes will also hold a meeting on this day at the Centre commencing at 12.00 noon with an Open Invitation to the membership from 2pm – 3pm. This will give our members an opportunity to meet our President, CEO and Board Members and ask questions in an Open Forum.

The Dedication Ceremony will commence at 4pm with supper to follow. Please place Saturday 10 February 2018 in your diary as we dedicate our newest building in Victoria.

Reminder from last week

Grand Secretary's Bulletin – No 144

The next edition of the Grand Secretary's Bulletin is now available [HERE](#).

Information on Lodge Workings

The 2017 print of the Book of Lodge Workings is available in soft copy. If you would like a copy emailed to you please email [HERE](#). Hard copies have now been received by FMV. Please call Jillian on 9411 0111 (option 1) to obtain your copy. I have also attached [HERE](#) a list of the amendments between the 2014 and 2017 editions. This will assist in understanding the amendments.

Book of Constitutions

A copy of the recent amendments to the Book of Constitutions is available [HERE](#) and may be downloaded and included with your current copies 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 hard copy format early 2018.



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Dear Members

Membership Survey

You may recall this time last year completing an independently managed anonymous survey to help us to understand your views with respect to membership of Freemasons Victoria. Your feedback is critical in our planning and the findings provide us with valuable insights. Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey [HERE](#).

Vintage Cars Cheer Up Young Patients

Young patients at the Monash Children's Hospital had a special treat on Wednesday morning when Vintage Cars and drivers from the Masonic Unique Vehicles Group visited for a photo and information session on the restored vehicles. The vehicles, ranged from 102 year old Model T Ford Touring Car to a 1956 Humber Hawke. View the event [HERE](#). Read the Herald Sun article [HERE](#).



Northern District Coordinator

Expressions of interest are called for three new District Coordinators:

1. Goulburn District to commence immediately
2. Northern District Coordinator to commence in April 2018
3. North East Victoria to commence in the New Year

For further information contact Ben Quick, Manager Masonic Services and forward your application to [HERE](#).

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.

Freemason achieves North East first with 75 years of service

Max Norris' 75 years of service to the Freemasons, a first for North East Victoria, was honoured on Monday at the Huon Daylight Masonic Lodge in Wodonga. Read more [HERE](#).

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](#).

FMV Engage Newsletter 155

This week's **FMV Engage Newsletter 155** contains a number of interesting stories including: The November Message; From Melbourne to Bulgaria; RWBro. Geoffrey Davey Travels to England and Drouin HRA Chapter No 105 and WBro. Dale Potter Awarded OAM.

Other articles include WBro. Dale Potter Awarded OAM; Freemasons Victoria 2018 Grand Installation and Women in our Community.



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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

- **Macedon Ranges Lodge No. 97** presents the First Annual Picnic at the Lancefield Showgrounds 12.00 noon Sunday 26 November 2017. See [HERE](#) for further information.
- **Freemasons Foundation Victoria Annual General Meeting** - 5.00pm Wednesday 29 November 2017 at Inner East Masonic Centre, 1013 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Please RSVP by Wednesday 15 November 2017 on (03) 9411 0124 or email Neil Cripps [HERE](#).
- **Sunshine Wisdom Lodge 2017 Christmas Party** - 6.00pm Friday 1 December 2017 at Williamstown Town Hall. Bookings essential. See [HERE](#) for more details.
- **SEAVic Christmas Party** - 6:30pm Friday 15 December 2017 - 1920's Great Gatsby Style - Read more [HERE](#).
- **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.
- **Dedication of Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre** - Saturday 10 February 2018. View further details [HERE](#).

Media Highlights

Monash Children's Hospital

Vintage Cars Cheer Up Young Patients

23 November 2017 [Herald Sun](#) "Fine Vintage for Harrison"

Freemasons Scholarships

10 November 2017 [Maryborough Advertiser](#) "Masons looking for VCE applicants"

Officer Specialist School

20 November 2017 [Star Community](#) "School senses the generosity"

22 November 2017 [Pakenham Gazette](#) "School senses the generosity around"

Portland District Health

20 November 2017 [Portland Observer](#) "New heart monitors for PDH thanks to Freemasons"

Humbled, Happy Content - Max Norris

21 November 2017 [Border Mail - Albury Wodonga](#) "Max still treasures his lodge"

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