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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER

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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Reflections from United Grand Lodge of England Tercentenary Celebrations

I appreciate your patience waiting for my reflections of the celebrations of the Tercentenary of the United Grand Lodge of England. I have been concerned that the enormity and spectacle of the occasion would dull over before I got to reflect – it has not.

I have said on numerous occasions that the honour of representing the Victorian Constitution, having Mya accompany me and being supported by RWBro Keith Murray DGM and Fiona, is not lost on me.



The 24 June 1717 dawned as just another Monday in the bitterly divided Britain. For two centuries, Britain had been torn apart by religious and political violence, leaving a society nursing deep and bitter division. Mid-morning on that symbolic date, an armed escort accompanied the Earl of Oxford from the Tower of London to Westminster Hall. There, before an audience of both Houses of Parliament, the legendary statesman knelt, and was formally charged with high treason. Read more and see the images [HERE](#).

Grand Master's Movements

The Consecration of The Bank Place Lodge No 942 was truly a memorable day last Saturday. Being held at the Savage Club in Bank Place created some logistical issues for the Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Team which were all overcome. The installation of RWBro John Molnar that followed and dining on a six-course meal, which had partially been taken from the original Savage Lodge Consecration in London, set the night off. Read on [HERE](#).

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



Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

Brethren

Expressions of Interest Board Sub Committees

The Board is required to appoint a number of important Committees to assist in the Governance of Freemasonry. We are seeking suitably qualified members to serve on the following Committees for the next Masonic year commencing April 2018.

- **Complaints Committee**

This Committee investigates and adjudicates on Complaints made under Rule 343 of the Book of Constitutions or matters referred by the Board of General Purposes for adjudication.

- **Complaints Review Committee**

This Committee investigates and adjudicates on appeals to matters determined by the Complaints Committee.

- **Legal and Constitutional Committee**

The Legal and Constitutional Committee provides assistance and guidance to the Grand Registrar on Constitutional matters including Constitutional review and change.

If you are interested in being considered for selection please contact the Grand Secretary by 15 December 2017 for further information.

Reminders:

- **Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge - Wednesday 13 December 2017**

Sandringham Masonic Centre.

- **Grand Secretary's Bulletin – No 144**

Can be seen [HERE](#).

- **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 hard copy format early 2018.

Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke Chief Executive Officer

Dear Members

Membership Survey

Thanks to all who have already completed the Survey which is now closed. We look forward to advising on the results.

Bayside Masonic Centre

Wonderful for the Grand Master - Don Reynolds, Deputy Grand Master- Keith Murray and Grand Superintendent of Works – Peter Shellie, along with members of the Works VAT to show members of Freemasons various Boards the almost completed Centre last week, see [HERE](#)! Thank you Mya for



your great photography!



Monash Children's Hospital

Click [HERE](#) to see the video of the joy the Masonic Unique Vehicles Group brought to children at Monash Children's Hospital recently! Thank you all for making this possible and thanks to Freemasons Foundation Victoria for your support.

Ionic Coaching Support

We are asking any Members that can assist to support the work that Ionic Coaching has done over the years to please express their interest [HERE](#) and read the related report [HERE](#).

Reminders:

- **Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre at Traralgon**

All is on track for the Dedication on Saturday 10 February 2018! See [HERE](#) for progress!

- **Masonic Events**

Before setting a date for your Masonic event please contact Natasha [HERE](#) to ensure clashes are avoided and Members are able to attend all our wonderful events.

- **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 156

This week's **FMV Engage Newsletter 156** contains a number of interesting stories including: the Grand Master's remarks on the celebrations of the Tercentenary of the UGLE; Chiltern Mo Ride 2017 . . . whiskers and all!; Christmas with the Luke Batty Foundation and the Dimboola Masonic Lodge Armistice Day Eve.

Other articles include the Quarterly Communication on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at the Sandringham Masonic Centre; the 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

- **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.
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Media Highlights

Central Goldfields Masonic Group

1 December 2017 [Maryborough Advertiser](#) "Christmas lights entries encouraged as competition nears"

Sturt-Buninyong United Lodge

5 December 2017 [Ballarat Courier](#) "Fruit sale boost to help fight cancer"

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