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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

September Quarterly Communication

Have you registered for the Quarterly Communication and for the preceding Forum on Compassion? This Forum is set to enable an enlightening insight on the work undertaken across our State to compassionately contribute to our community. Please make sure you come along to hear me, the Deputy, the President, the Foundation, Lodges and many more sharing their insights and furthering our great capacity for compassion through our pocket, heart and hand.



Grand Master's Movements

Last Friday night, I installed Bro Fritz Gunewardene into the chair at Lodge of Rapport at the Oakleigh Masonic Centre, ably assisted by RWBro Jack Simpson, PDGM and RWBro John Rodrigo, PJGW. It was also delightful to be in the company of MWBro Carl Stewart, PGM and his wife Pat. It was good to recant the involvement of MWBro Carl and me in the consecration of the Lodge in 1997.

On Monday, I attended Garibaldi Lodge to witness a third degree of Bro. Jayden Manno, where MWBro Hillel Benedykt assisted in the ceremony. As always, a great night at Garibaldi. Read on [HERE](#).

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



Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

Dear Brethren

Lodge Self Determination Roadshow

It been great to hear about the work of our Engagement Officers already making a difference both within and beyond. I trust your Lodge Plan is developing with the support of your District Coordinator.

Member Ready Lodges

Great progress continues with Member Ready Lodges with now 67 Lodges compliant and ready to receive new members and we now have 88 Lodges with Engagement Officers in place. 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 you may prefer this template [HERE](#). Please send your completed Lodge Plan to [HERE](#) to enable sharing with others.

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie

Grand Secretary

Brethren

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

This week with respect to the proposed Constitutional amendments, click [HERE](#) to read an article that Freemasons NSW recently published on the subject of police checks for their new members. An interesting read!



Designated Masonic Centres for the Quarterly Communication

The Quarterly Communication will be live streamed to 17 Masonic Centres at which if you attend you will be able to vote on the proposed Constitutional changes. For the complete list click [HERE](#).

Constitutional Voting Distribution

As previously explained, the voting process will be split into four sections. Each vote would cover all the changes proposed in that section. I have attached [HERE](#) the explanatory document that outlines in some detail the changes and their rationale.

Bookings are essential for the Quarterly Communication [HERE](#) and the Forum [HERE](#).



Message from Bro. Andrew Power Head of Membership

Dear Brethren

Become an Exemplar

We are moving into an exciting time where our beloved Craft is redefining how it demonstrates excellence. Naturally, this can be unsettling for some members who may be overtly negative in their views. While differing opinions are always welcomed, do not stand for someone telling you how you should vote. I encourage all to participate in the upcoming changes and vote according to your own views. We are an organisation of good men, supporting each other, our families and the community. It is time to take a stance toward being the exemplars within our membership.

Historical Masonic Hall on Freemasons Lane

The Dandenong Journal takes a closer look at the Masonic Lodge that dates back to 1923, and its ties to the community, social and architectural significance and strong links to Dandenong's history. See [HERE](#) to find out more about the history of the Masonic Hall and what the plans are for it now.

Freemasons Foundation Scholarships

Each year the Freemasons Foundation Victoria Limited grants over \$400,000 in Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, for academic excellence or for students requiring financial support to complete their studies. There are 45 Scholarships and Awards on offer with the value varying from \$3,000 to \$10,000 which is open to Tertiary, Secondary and Mature-Age students. You can learn more [HERE](#).

Interested in obtaining support for your Lodge?

The Freemasons Foundation are also offering two free 2-hour workshops on **Seeking Philanthropic Funding on Wednesday 15 November** - bookings [HERE](#), and **Writing Effective Grant Applications on Wednesday 22 November** - bookings [HERE](#).

Freemasons Victoria Mobile App

Over the past week, we have had a flood of members downloading and accessing the FMV Mobile Phone Application. The app allows you to see what Lodges are meeting, Events that are coming up, and even access to EDMs and more. It is great to receive such positive feedback as the APP continues to evolve. Get your free access [HERE](#).

Education Program

Great to see your uptake with the new Freemasons Victoria Online Education Portal now featuring 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!](#)

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and insurance that have been made available via **Freemasons Victoria's Member Benefits Program**.

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	Email
Grand Secretary	grandsec@fmv.org.au
Membership	membership@fmv.org.au
Marketing	marketing@fmv.org.au
Corporate	corporate@fmv.org.au
Property and Maintenance	property@fmv.org.au
Library and Museum	library@fmv.org.au

Alternatively, you can visit [support](#) and submit your enquiries via our Helpdesk system directly.

Upcoming Events

- **Open Day at the old Canterbury Masonic Centre** - 12.00 noon - 3.00pm Sunday 10 September 2017. The Masonic Centre at 3 Rochester Road, Canterbury has now been fully restored and members of the public are invited to attend the Open Day. View [HERE](#).
- **Masonic Mysticism and Symbolism and Memoirs of a Grand Master** – 2.00pm Saturday 23 September 2017 - Ballarat Library. See [HERE](#). To secure your booking click [HERE](#).
- **Bayside Church Service** – 10.00am Sunday 1 October 2017 – Join the Grand Master at this special service to be held at St Peter's Anglican Church, 77 Were Street, Brighton.
- **Northern Health and Freemasons Victoria** - On Saturday 7 October 2017 a Fundraising Dinner at Melrose Reception Tullamarine. In partnership with Northern Health, please join Freemasons Victoria at a Fundraising Dinner to support critical community work. See [HERE](#).
- **Motorcyclists United Lodge to the Blessing of the Bikes** event to be held on Saturday 14 October from 9.00am – 3.00pm at San Remo, Phillip Island. Expressions of interest to Engagement Officer for the Motorcyclists United Lodge No 939, David Cash [HERE](#).
- **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.

- **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) and Preparation for Masters Course** – Saturday 18 November 2017 – Hamilton Masonic Centre. For more information please contact Peter Barrand [HERE.](#)

Media Highlights

Freemasons Lane Dandenong

4 September 2017 [Journal News Melbourne](#) "Chipping away at Freemason history"

4 September 2017 [Greater Dandenong Weekly](#) "Chipping away at Freemasons history"

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